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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Over the past nine years as your president, I've used this space primarily to focus our College community on Hampden-Sydney's distinctive mission and the remarkable educational experience we offer young men. I've rarely written about fundraising or stewardship, but with the public phase of our "It's Time, Good Men" campaign now underway, I'd like to share a few thoughts on this essential part of our work. Because we receive no public support, fundraising is vital to the success of any private college. And, while Hampden-Sydney is fortunate to have a strong financial foundation, our fundraising success will determine how much the College will thrive during our next 250 years.

To begin, I want to highlight the remarkable progress we've made. For many years, our annual fundraising hovered around \$10 million. Five years ago, we raised \$25 million, and for each of the past four years, we've reached \$30 million annually. This year, we're on pace to exceed that lofty number. We're deeply grateful not only for the generous gifts that have fueled that success but also for the pledges and commitments fulfilled over time—and for the growing number of alumni who have included Hampden-Sydney in their estate plans, a powerful and lasting expression of belief in the College's important mission and confidence in its future.

To put our fundraising success in perspective, many private colleges would be thrilled to raise even half of what we are now raising each year. But we do not aspire to be just any liberal arts college.

Last fall, *The Wall Street Journal* ranked Hampden-Sydney as the third-best liberal arts college in the South, alongside Davidson and Washington and Lee. Each of these peer institutions raises between \$40 and \$60 million annually—providing aspirational benchmarks as we work to elevate Hampden-Sydney further.

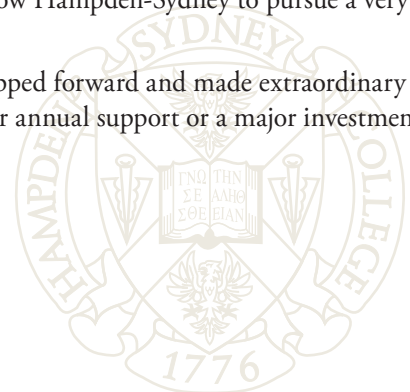
Under the leadership of **Heather Krajewski** and now **Hugh Haskins '01**, our Advancement team has made tremendous strides in alumni engagement. Each year, we now connect with 800 or more alumni through personal visits and events, and we're aiming to reach at least 1,000 annually—roughly one-tenth of our alumni base. Many alumni have never been asked to make a major investment in the College. We are now asking—and the response has been inspiring. We are committed to keeping our alumni informed, engaged, and connected to the extraordinary things happening at Hampden-Sydney.

As a private college that receives no public funding, we rely on tuition, fees, and room and board to support our day-to-day operations, but every new initiative—every enhancement to our academic and residential experience, every renovation or capital project—depends on the generosity of our alumni and friends. Philanthropy also fuels our ability to grow scholarship resources to meet students' financial needs. One of the campaign's most important goals is to ensure that any talented young man who wants to attend Hampden-Sydney can do so, regardless of his family's financial circumstances.

Our comprehensive campaign, "It's Time, Good Men," is well on its way to reaching its ambitious \$250 million goal, with strong momentum carrying us toward the finish line in April 2026. This is the most ambitious campaign in the College's history—a bold investment in our people, our programs, our campus, and, above all, our mission. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our alumni, parents, and friends, we've already secured significant support for scholarships, faculty excellence, and campus improvements. As we move into the final stretch, we remain focused on broadening participation and deepening the culture of philanthropy that will allow Hampden-Sydney to pursue a very ambitious future.

We've accomplished so much in recent years because so many people have stepped forward and made extraordinary investments. I invite all of you who have not yet participated, either through your annual support or a major investment or commitment, to join our campaign effort. **It's Time, Good Men!**

Dr. Larry Stimpert
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

April 8, 2025

These are my last few weeks with USAID, the U.S.' primary foreign aid agency and the largest in the world. USAID administers foreign aid around the globe, and with the agency shutting down this summer, my position, along with about 12,000 of my colleagues' positions, will be eliminated. Over more than 15 years of service, I strived to represent the United States with honor and loyalty—qualities that were fostered in me at Hampden-Sydney. As I reflect on my time at USAID and consider what comes next, I want to share with fellow alumni and students the common values of the two institutions that had so much impact on me.

A few years after graduating from Hampden-Sydney, I joined USAID as a foreign service officer. Like a cross between the military and the civil service, this meant I lived most of the last 20 years in places like Kenya and Egypt. I was one of the handful of Americans working with local staff in each of these countries, ensuring U.S. contracts and grants were spent properly and achieved their goals. These programs addressed everything from preventing newborn deaths in hospitals that don't have reliable electricity to providing first-loss capital to local banks so they can take risks on micro businesses. Much of this money is actually spent in the U.S., including to universities like Virginia Tech, which implemented grants for many years to improve agricultural pest management around the world.

As an economist, my focus was typically on helping governments improve their processes, systems, and capacity. My counterparts at a Central Bank or Ministry of Finance made requests for technical training for their staff or for software to better track tax revenue. I would then ensure requests complied with U.S. laws and regulations, and then track the results over time. Not sexy stuff, but essential for these countries to be able to replace foreign aid with their own tax revenue and provide quality services to their citizens. In Zimbabwe, for example, we used global benchmarking to help the local government in the capital eliminate so much red tape that the number of days to register a new business dropped from 54 days to 3 days. The same year, the number of days to get a construction permit was reduced by 70 percent. One enthusiastic partner at the city registrar's office would boast to anyone listening that registering with Zimbabwe's social security office used to take 14 days, and now takes 14 minutes. Sometimes the requests were more colorful. A trade association board member in one country asked me to recommend policies that would trigger a bank run and cause a recession as a means to combat high inflation (we politely declined that request). While not every idea was a winner, helping governments cut red tape and empowering entrepreneurs to access capital isn't just aid, it unleashes free-market solutions where they're needed most.



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While the day-to-day work could be dull, I could feel the appreciation and sense of ownership every time I met with one of our partners. In the most frustrating of moments, like late on a Friday while navigating approvals for a U.S. Congressional requirement or negotiating a poorly-conceived request from a high-ranking local government official, I reminded myself that all of the drudgery helped real people trying to make a living in places with the lowest living standards in the world. And, it was a reminder to me that American leadership earns real allies, leaving our counterparts with a favorable view of America and Americans. Every computer or report delivered came with the same “From the American People” logo you’ve seen on bags of food delivered abroad during typhoons and earthquakes in order to reinforce where the money came from and what America stands for.

Living overseas brought incredible rewards for me, like seeing new places and learning new cultures firsthand. But there were sacrifices I foisted on my family. My children didn’t always have access to the same education or health care that they have in the U.S., as my daughter experienced when her appendix ruptured after waiting 16 hours for the surgeon to arrive at the one private hospital. We had to come up with our own individual education plans for my two children with hearing loss with no promises that the school would actually implement them. My wife put her career goals on hold. And we all missed holidays, birthdays, weddings, and funerals of those important to us.

And while I certainly could have pursued a more lucrative profession, the experiences and fulfillment I felt serving my country as well as the poorest people in the world more than made up for any loss of income. I felt every bit as committed to representing the U.S. through USAID as if I had served in our military. Indeed, I often worked closely with U.S. military counterparts, and foreign aid has long been tied to U.S. national security by fostering goodwill and opening new markets for international trade. My work was, in essence, an investment in America’s future. And my desire to aid those who need a hand to support themselves started in Hampden-Sydney’s classrooms, dormitories, and Fulton Field.

I know my contribution to USAID’s work made Americans safer in ways we’ll never know—detering attacks that never happened, halting outbreaks of disease or violence that never reached us, and fostering trade ties to the countries projected to experience growth the fastest over the next 50 years. While foreign aid as self-interest can feel too abstract to many Americans, my work showed me that, at its best, aid grows the pie for all of us. And my understanding of this lesson started with H-SC’s economics department, its Honor Code, and the loyalty to each other we shared as students and now alumni. I saw that theory validated every time I inspected a USAID-supported agricultural demonstration plot or elementary school and people spontaneously greeted our arrival with: “Mer-i-cah!, Mer-i-cah!”

Through USAID, the United States offered friendship and hope to communities around the world that, in turn, viewed America as something to celebrate. I was there, doing my little part of that work. If that isn’t being a good man and a good citizen, I don’t know what is.

Tom DiVincenzo ‘03 graduated with a degree in economics after four years on the varsity lacrosse team. He worked for USAID as a foreign service officer, diplomat, and economist promoting cost-efficiency in USAID programming from 2008 to 2025. He served in Central America, Africa, and the Middle East to support government capacity and further U.S. foreign policy. The views expressed are his own and do not necessarily represent the views of USAID or Hampden-Sydney College.



Hampden-Sydney Celebrates

Campus has been buzzing with activity in celebration of the second year of the College's three-year 250th anniversary commemoration. Each course, speaker, event, and program has been thoughtfully curated to pay proper tribute to the ideals upon which our college was founded. Take a look.

250-HOUR SERVICE CHALLENGE

More than 200 students took on the 250-Hour Service Challenge sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs. Participants and groups endeavored to complete 250 hours of community service in the 2024-25 schoolyear. Collectively, Hampden-Sydney students contributed over 5,500 hours and \$252,000 of economic impact to Hampden-Sydney and surrounding communities. Good men and good citizens in action!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Thanks to all who participated in the 250th Anniversary Oral History Project! Your stories and memories beautifully highlight the transformational nature of the Hampden-Sydney experience. Additional copies of *Tiger Tales* will be available in the Campus Store this fall.



Old College Excavation



March to Williamsburg

SPEAKERS

Special events in the 2024-25 schoolyear included lectures such as *The Pursuit of Happiness* by Jeffrey Rosen, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center; *Civil Discourse and the American Civic Order* by Dr. Robert George, McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University; and *Guns, Glory and the Hampden-Sydney Man* by Dr. **Angus Kirk McClellan '05**, former editor of the *Record*. Recordings of these lectures and more can be viewed from the 250th Anniversary webpage.



Jeffrey Rosen

Oral History Project



250 Hour Service Challenge

SPECIAL TOPICS COURSES

One of the signature events for the 250th anniversary is an archeological excavation on campus in connection with the special topics course History of Hampden-Sydney College (HIST 285). This project—currently underway on the site of the original campus—aims to unearth portions of the academic building, Steward's Hall, and President's House. Learn more about the dig on page 8.

Other special topics courses included a research seminar examining the biographies of the Hampden-Sydney students and faculty who served in Prince Edward County's Revolutionary militia. The first weekend of April, Hampden-Sydney students, faculty, and staff undertook a relay march from Hampden-Sydney to Williamsburg, reenacting the 1777 march undertaken by the Hampden-Sydney students who were a part of the Prince Edward County militia in response to a call for assistance from Virginia Governor and H-SC Trustee Patrick Henry. Read more about the march on hsc.edu and look forward to additional coverage in the summer 2025 issue of the *Record*.

Unlocking the History of Hampden-Sydney College

BY CHARLES PEARSON

Uncovered foundation of the Academy House



On March 19, 2025, students from the Compass class titled History of Hampden-Sydney College (HIST 285) began excavating at the site of the first classroom building constructed at the school. The class, taught jointly by Elliott Professor of History **Caroline Emmons** and archaeologist **Charles Pearson**, is designed to teach the history of Hampden-Sydney College specifically for the 250th anniversary of the school. Completed in 1776, this three-story brick building, known originally as the Academy House and later simply as “the College,” stood until about 1830, when it was demolished. The exact location of the Academy House, as well as all the other 18th-century buildings at the school, was lost until rediscovered by ground penetrating radar surveys conducted in 2017 and 2020. Within one day

of beginning their excavations, the students reached the buried, but still intact, foundation of the Academy House. The bricks in this foundation were almost certainly laid in the summer or fall of 1775, almost exactly 250 years ago. Over the next several weeks, the students expanded their excavations, uncovering more of the building’s foundation. The discovery of these foundations provides us with tangible evidence of the history of Hampden-Sydney College. The importance of this kind of physical evidence is greatly enhanced, because, as the students learned, almost all written records produced during the school’s first century of existence have been lost. Not only were the brick foundations of the Academy House discovered, but in the area immediately outside of the foundations, students recovered hundreds of artifacts that had been

The lock in the location it was unearthed.



Back of 6-by-9-inch wrought iron door lock from Academy House excavations. Note brass night latch on the side.

lost or discarded during the 54-year life of the building. Among these objects were many personal items, including numerous pieces of clay smoking pipes (according to students obviously used by **Patrick Henry** who attended many trustee meetings at the school), metal buttons from jackets and waistcoats (according to students obviously lost from the clothing of the young **William Henry Harrison**, class of 1791 when he attended class in the building), metal cufflinks, pieces of wine bottles and drinking glasses, fragments of pottery plates, cups and bowls, and even a few pieces of animal bones. Also recovered were numerous pieces of writing slate and slate pencils, which students used in class because paper was prohibitively expensive. Most of the objects recovered can be reliably dated to the years between about 1790 and 1820. Also discovered was a large, rectangular wrought iron object measuring six inches wide, nine inches long, and two inches thick. This object is an early door lock, and it was found alongside the foundation in the exact position where the main entrance to the Academy House would have been. There seems no doubt that this lock was on the original front door of the building, and it is truly emblematic of the work the students are doing to “unlock” the poorly known early history of Hampden-Sydney College.



Common Ground

Piecing Together the Future of Our Shared World



Conservation can often involve balancing competing interests of the people who inhabit the land or use it recreationally and the species who rely on the land for their survival, an ever-moving target as species and populations migrate and science progresses. Meet seven alumni doing the hard work to responsibly steward the landscapes we inhabit and protect the plants and animals that are our neighbors. They inspire and remind us that we are interconnected with all creatures who call Earth home.



GOOD NEIGHBOR

CHRISTOPHER HAWK '16

Apex Clean Energy

“The best conservation practices create an ecological benefit and a public benefit,” says **Christopher Hawk '16**, senior development manager with Apex Clean Energy in Charlottesville, Virginia. At Apex, conservation doesn't happen in a vacuum. It happens alongside economic development opportunities and energy innovation. Most importantly, though, it happens within the communities of the people, plants, and animals that live in an Apex project zone.

From implementing mitigation strategies to avoiding sensitive resources while helping landowners generate new income streams, creating new tax revenues for localities, and providing clean energy, Hawk says finding ways to be a good community member is one of his favorite parts of the job. Before electricity is ever produced by solar panels or wind turbines, Apex invests in the community by providing grants to local organizations that focus on creating safe and healthy communities, economic development, environmental sustainability, and promoting education. “Seeing a previously dilapidated park, to use an example from a current solar project in development, get fixed up and bring the joy of the outdoors to local kids is pretty fun

stuff,” he says. “To be able to support initiatives like that and to show that we're here to be long-term partners in the community is special.”

After graduating with a biology degree from H-SC, Hawk spent three years as an environmental consultant and then three years in land use and conservation before finding his “perfect fit” as a renewable energy developer. “We don't live in a one energy kind of world,” Hawk says. “We need all energy forms, and I enjoy helping diversify America's energy use portfolio by creating homegrown energy for local communities.”

An avid outdoorsman, Hawk is sensitive to maintaining aesthetic, functional, and accessible public lands and sightlines while producing clean energy. “The beauty of conservation is when protection of resources aligns with the public being able to use those resources for their enjoyment,” Hawk explains. “It's not just about having Yellowstone National Park that tourists flock to. It's also about having a local pocket park or a nearby trail that you can literally walk to from your house. When conservation meets public use near where you live. That's a pretty incredible thing.”



SOIL AND WATER

MIKE SHELTON '86

Huntsville Botanical Garden

After 17 years as the natural resources planner at the Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Fairhope, Alabama, **Mike Shelton '86** has planted his feet firmly back on the ground as the natural areas supervisor for the Huntsville Botanical Garden in Huntsville, Alabama.

A far cry from the path as an attorney he envisioned when he matriculated at Hampden-Sydney, Shelton's start in environmental sciences came while working at an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lab, where he participated in groundbreaking work in bioremediation of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Shelton and his colleagues used fertilizers to enhance the growth of indigenous microorganisms that in turn used the hydrocarbons in the oil for food, thus removing it from the landscape.

"What I like to think that I have done with my career is maximize the finite resources that we have on our planet," Shelton says. "Nothing goes on forever, but we all benefit from a healthy environment, and we're all negatively affected when the environment is degraded."

From cleaning up devastating oil spills to providing healthy habitats for the small, but mighty bumblebee, the conservation of planetary resources remains Shelton's north star and his advice for budding conservationists.

"Working in the environmental sciences offers some really big successes, a bunch of little successes, and of course some disappointing failures," Shelton says. "If you hold tight to the goal of saving one tiny fraction of the world, though, you won't be disappointed for long."

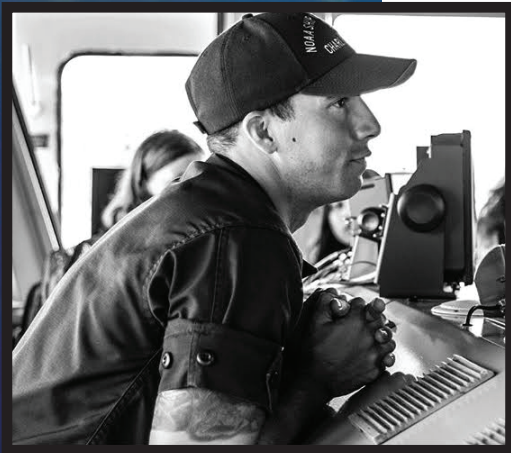
Crediting legendary Professor of Biology Ed Crawford with inspiring his shift in interest from law to science, Shelton remembers Dr. Crawford saying, in a History of Biology class, that the giants of biological sciences were "able to see what they were looking at." "I knew I wanted to be able to see what I was looking at also," Shelton reminisces. After nearly 40 years in the field, Shelton has cultivated that same clarity of vision in others, from participating in groundbreaking microbiology to educating citizens on how to help pollinators by planting native species. Rooted in a passion sparked decades ago, Shelton continues to inspire and protect—one pollinator, one plant, and one piece of the planet at a time.







DeProspero (right) dives among a kelp forest off the Channel Islands in California.



DRIVER FOR SEA CHANGE

NICK DEPROSPERO '13

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association

“We’re basically a magic school bus,” laughs **Nick DeProspero '13** of his role as operations officer with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) aboard *Pisces*. Instead of teaching his passengers about science, though, DeProspero and his crewmates ferry scientists to their underwater laboratories, where they map the seafloor, monitor oceanographic and atmospheric conditions, and support fisheries research.

Much more than just a chauffeur, DeProspero is on the front lines of climate action, public safety, and even national defense. NOAA’s data informs accurate weather forecasting, saving lives and protecting infrastructure during major weather events. Its research drives fisheries policymaking, sustaining coastal economics and ensuring global food supply. Its global monitoring systems provide intelligence that helps policymakers navigate the security threats posed by a warming, changing planet.

DeProspero is a scientist at heart and once had dreams of opening a sea turtle rehabilitation center. After developing a prototype tracking tag for hatchlings and working as a marine educator with Georgia Sea Grant, his path shifted when funding ran dry. A serendipitous encounter with a NOAA officer on a walk in the woods opened DeProspero’s eyes to the possibilities of government service. NOAA’s mission to understand and predict climate and environmental changes and conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems hit home with DeProspero, and he accepted his first assignment in 2017 as a junior officer aboard the *Nancy Foster* out of Charleston, South Carolina.

Although he spends most of his days adjacent to science, DeProspero still finds ways to get his hands dirty as a NOAA diver. When he’s underway, DeProspero says his diving time typically just addresses scrubbing the hull and removing debris from the propellers. During land assignments, though, he gets to tackle more scientific diving, switching out instruments, taking samples, and tagging species.

“Being a conservationist is the reason I joined NOAA,” DeProspero says. “I’m contributing directly by assisting our nation’s scientists and even international scientists who participate in these projects. The ocean touches every border of every continent. It might sound a little romantic, but if we do our job here, it’s going to help the rest of the world.”

At the time of publication, DeProspero now serves as flag secretary for the NOAA Executive Affairs Division of Office of Marine and Aviation Operations.



APEX PROTECTOR

HAYNES SHELTON '15
North American Whitetail

Haynes Shelton '15 may not be a scientist, but as editor of *North American Whitetail*, the first publication devoted solely to the whitetail deer, he is a leader among conservationists. Through the content that he sources, edits, creates, and approves, Shelton has the ability to shape public opinion and promote ethical hunting practices—a responsibility he takes seriously.

“Hunters, as a fraternity of guys and gals, are extremely conservation-minded at large, and they truly care for the animals,” Shelton says. “Whitetail are a resource that we have to respect and manage appropriately to protect the animals that provide so much for us.”

Shelton seeks to educate the hunting community on threats to whitetail populations such as habitat loss, diseases, and overpopulation by partnering with wildlife biologists, game agencies, and nonprofit organizations. Articles often address issues such as land management, food plot strategies, and the restoration of native vegetation—

all crucial topics to maintaining healthy deer populations. By educating readers on these issues, Shelton and his team foster a community that understands the value of conserving the environment for not just hunters interested in filling their tags but also the overall health of North American ecosystems.

“We have strong affiliations with clubs like the Boone and Crockett Club and the Pope and Young Club, which have years and years of data to support that wildlife populations are much better off because of hunting and the conservation dollars that are generated through government directives like the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act, which returns taxes collected on all sales of firearms, handguns, and ammunition to conservation efforts,” Shelton explains.

While the cover photo of each issue of *North American Whitetail* may be a trophy deer, the content between the covers is reverential to the species its readers pursue. This messaging sends a powerful signal: true hunters must act more as protector than predator.

“I like to think that for every shopping center or parking lot that gets put in, maybe there’s somebody out there putting in a food plot for wildlife, or stocking a pond, or doing something to leave the land a little bit better than they found it,” Shelton says. “If I can inspire people to do that where they can through the content we put out, I’ve done my job.”



NOT JUST FOR SPORT

ALLEN LUCK '12

American Sportfishing Association

A hunter growing up, **Allen Luck '12** was first introduced to fishing as a freshman at Hampden-Sydney. Dormmate **Charlie Parrish '12** invited him to cast a line in Tadpole Pond. After catching his first campus catfish and grilling it up outside the dorm, Luck was hooked. He spent the whole next summer fishing, learning from YouTube videos and experimenting with different techniques and bait. The following year, Luck and Parrish started the Anglers Club on campus. The team of Luck, Parrish, and **Dylan Bishop '13** went on to win more than \$25,000 in tournament prizes for Hampden-Sydney.

"When I get into something, it becomes obsession," Luck says. That obsession has turned into a profession, as Luck now serves as assistant director of communications, digital media, and creative content for the American Sportfishing Association (ASA). A biology major at Hampden-Sydney, Luck is passionate about conserving the resources that he and ASA members rely on for both sport and income.

Beyond its social and health benefits, fishing plays a vital role in conservation efforts. Through fishing license sales and excise taxes on equipment and donations, America's 57.7 million anglers contribute \$2 billion annually to conservation efforts nationwide. Anglers can also sound the alarm to habitat changes and engage the appropriate people to help. Collaborating with researchers, state and federal agencies, regional councils, conservation partners and more, ASA champions science-based, commonsense policies and sustainable fishing practices that protect fish populations and aquatic ecosystems—while ensuring the continued vitality of the sportfishing industry. From tackle manufacturers and recreational anglers to the fish and waterways that make the industry possible, Luck and his colleagues at ASA have a heavy load balancing the many stakeholders they represent.

At the end of the day, the species that call our waterways home are Luck's and his colleagues' top priority. "A lot of the work that we do is to ensure clean water, abundant fisheries, and access to both," Luck says. "Without them, we couldn't do what we do."



Parrish (l) and Luck (r) at a tournament in the fall of 2009.



CONSERVATION COWBOY

MIKE DUNCAN '02

Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

With increased tourism and development trying to tame the wild West, Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks Region 3 Fisheries Manager **Mike Duncan '02** finds himself at the crossroads of conservation and compromise. Tasked with wrangling the competing priorities of government officials, commercial interests, local residents, and the fisheries themselves, Duncan's work is nothing short of environmental diplomacy.

A honey hole for trout fishing, Region 3 is located in the southwest corner of the state and encompasses approximately 18,000 square miles, more than 12 percent of the total land area of Montana. The area has exploded in growth since 2010, with nature lovers, adventure seekers, and city escapers flocking to the area. The increased competition for resources has led to habitat fragmentation, waterway pollution, and introduction of invasive species.

"It's a changing habitat," Duncan says, "and everyone starts with a different baseline. The family who moved here last year has a different perspective than the rancher whose family has been here four generations." To clear that hurdle, Duncan and his colleagues work hard to gain the trust of the public,

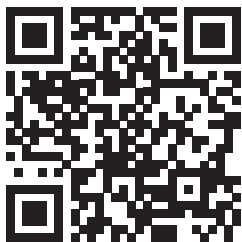
translating science into relatable information so the public gains an appreciation for how the changing landscape is impacting wildlife and other natural resources that make Montana such a special destination—and how they can help mitigate the damage.

At the heart of Duncan's strategy is trust—earned through empathy, transparency, and listening. "Most folks are trying to do their best by the land while also trying to make a living," he says. "A lot of the time we're getting fed tidbits from the media that make it seem like there's a huge divide. I've found that when you sit down with someone, you're actually a lot closer to middle ground than you thought."

Duncan will be mentoring **Bowen Charlebois '26** this summer as Bowen tackles a comprehensive survey of the fish population vitalities in an assortment of mountain lakes and streams in the greater Bozeman area. Bowen's goal for the surveys is to give Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks a look into the status of the fisheries and native westslope cutthroat trout populations as well as informing decisions about angling pressure in these areas.

In a time when public land, biodiversity, and resource use are increasingly politicized, Duncan's work is proof that collaborative conservation is not only possible—it's essential.

Read more about Duncan's career in this year's issue of *Journal of the Sciences*



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Duncan (l) listens to conservation advocate Jim Posewitz (r) on the set of *The Dam That Never Was: A Conservation Story of the Yellowstone River*.



Duncan collects a genetic sample from an Arctic grayling.



WATERMELON CALL

SHAUN SWARTZ '10

Manatee County, Florida

Not many love stories start with a blue ribbon in a watermelon-eating contest, but for **Shaun Swartz '10** and marine science, that's exactly what happened. First-place prize for the contest, which was held during his study abroad trip to Australia, was an introductory scuba diving course. Building on a lifelong love for the ocean and the natural world born from countless hours in the woods growing up as a Boy Scout, Shaun says he could think of nothing else but being underwater and finding a way to work in the marine sciences after his first dive. Luckily, the rest of his program showed him just how to make that happen.

"The courses I took when I was studying abroad really showed me the career paths available for people who are interested in environmental science," Swartz says. "Courses like Conservation of Marine Wildlife and Rainforest Ecosystems that combined high-level science instruction and field work were really impactful for me."

Since then, Swartz has traveled the world teaching marine science and working as a habitat restoration practitioner before landing on the coast of the Gulf of Mexico as the ecological resources coordinator for the Natural Resources Department of Manatee County, Florida, Government. Manatee County's Natural Resources Department manages more than 26,000 acres of conservation land, and Swartz's work spans the full lifecycle of that land from the initial purchase to restoration and long-term land management.

Boasting the third largest barrier reef ecosystem in the world, the greatest concentration of freshwater springs globally, and hundreds of rare plants that can't be found anywhere else on the planet, Florida is at a critical turning point for environmental

Also a nature photographer, Swartz snapped this shot of a reddish egret.



Swartz (in yellow) with a group of volunteers.

conservation efforts. “Important parts of the conservation process such as policy-making and project funding opportunities often happen at the state and federal level,” Swartz says, “but local government is where the rubber meets the road. Agencies provide the funding through grant awards and other financial pathways, and we execute the large-scale restoration work necessary to move the needle for local conservation needs.

Living by the motto “think globally, act locally,” Swartz says the future of conservation will be determined by how local communities work to protect their corners of the earth. Engaging citizens in conservation and restoration efforts has been pivotal for Swartz throughout his 14 years as an environmental scientist. He says that collaboration between local government and citizens is critical to making conservation efforts successful.

“The natural world doesn’t adhere to the borders humans have drawn on a map,” he concludes. “The decisions communities make ripple out to affect every corner of the planet.”

Real change doesn’t have to mean transforming the entire world—it can be as simple as caring for your own backyard.



Swartz applying prescribed fire.





TIGER STRIDES

Hampden-Sydney is making strides to do its part in conserving the special piece of the planet that Tigers call home.

In 2023, Hampden-Sydney entered into a power purchase agreement with Madison Energy Investments, placing solar panels on the roof of the Facilities building. This arrangement lowers the utility bills paid by the College while adding clean, renewable energy directly to the electric grid.

Facilities Management also supports the local ecosystem through active lake management strategies including monthly monitoring and water treatment, stocking fish, limiting the use of gas-powered equipment used for landscaping by employing alternative strategies such as partnering with Goat Busters to naturally reduce vegetation, and annual inspections and maintenance of the dams and spillways. Similarly, Facilities Management is exploring more environmentally friendly weed management options, with a goal of using pesticides as a last resort.

Hampden-Sydney has been a partner in the Heat Watch Program since 2021. The citizen-science project aims to identify areas of extreme heat absorption and retention by collecting temperature and humidity data from around Farmville. Data collected has been used to implement several tree-planting and -giveaway projects around town to combat the elevated temperatures and reduce the impact of extreme heat-related events.

The wildflower meadow and apiary established in 2022 on the south end of campus just outside the gates has blossomed into a hive of research and exploration for students, faculty, and staff alike. Currently housing two hives of European honeybees, the apiary provides both an essential community of pollinators and an opportunity for environmental science students to study how these humble powerhouses live.

Student organizations like Ducks Unlimited and Tigers Serve are also getting in on the action. Ducks Unlimited raised funds and awareness for the protection of waterfowl habitats this year. Through Tigers Serve, groups across campus participated in several highway clean ups, clearing litter and debris from more than 50 miles of roadways around the College.

Serving with Heart

How One Tiger Is Changing Lives On and Off the Court



At Hampden-Sydney College, service and leadership are deeply woven into the student experience—and nowhere is that more evident than through the Tigers Serve program. Offering a variety of volunteer opportunities, including new student orientation, food bank assistance, and a unique mentorship initiative with Prince Edward Elementary School, Tigers Serve empowers students to give back to the community while growing personally and professionally. One standout participant, **Dillon McReynolds '26**, exemplifies the spirit of the program through his compassion, consistency, and drive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

"Dillon embodies the spirit of the H-SC Tigers Serve program through his dedication as both a mentor in our local elementary school and an orientation leader," says Director of Student Affairs Operations, Orientation, and Civic Engagement **Sandy Cooke**. *"His commitment to guiding and supporting both fellow students and children in the local community reflects our mission of service, leadership, and community engagement. Through his efforts, he not only strengthens the bonds within our campus but also inspires others to give back and make a difference."*

Dillon, now in his second year as a mentor with Tigers Serve, had a special calling to getting involved with the program.

"When I was growing up, I had a very close family friend who I considered my big brother. He passed away in a car accident the night before he was supposed to graduate," Dillon says. *"Knowing how special he was to me helped me realize just how important that kind of role model is to shaping who you're going to become. Freshman year at Hampden-Sydney when I was looking for some different opportunities to get involved, Tigers Serve really stood out to me because I saw that chance to pay forward the influence my 'big brother' had in my life."*

As a pre-med biology major, though, Dillon is gaining more than just good karma from his involvement as a mentor. Dillon first learned about the organization when his advisor, Trinkle Professor of Biology **Kristian Hargadon '01**, suggested he get involved with Tigers Serve to give him skills he will need as he pursues a career in medicine.

"Dillon is such an outstanding young man and role model—as a student, as an athlete, as an overall person—that he quickly stood out to me as a perfect fit for the Tigers Serve mentor program as I came to know him early during his time at Hampden-Sydney. Having participated in an earlier iteration of the program myself, I found the program so rewarding, and I knew that Dillon would be such a great support system for his mentee," Hargadon says. *"Dillon's ongoing commitment to this program speaks volumes about his service-*



oriented nature, and that is something that, as an aspiring physician, honestly just comes naturally to him. Dillon will no doubt continue to serve those in need throughout his career, and I think his service record to date demonstrates exactly why he will become the kind of doctor who is going to make a real difference for his future patients and community for years to come."

Dillon says his experience working in the community surrounding the College has been eye-opening, helping him to understand the real challenges that some of the local citizens face. Coming from a different background, Dillon says he has a new appreciation for the opportunities he's been afforded both before and during his time at Hampden-Sydney, lending him a new perspective that will be crucial when treating patients from varying circumstances.

"It's helped me to learn how to relate to people better and to really listen to them and not try to assert my opinion before I really hear them out," Dillon says. "My father, who is also a physician, always says 'People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.'"

H-SC students meet with their mentees one to two times a week during the schoolyear, taking time to talk with them, help them with schoolwork, and play with them and their friends. Students are paired up at equivalent school years: first graders with freshmen, second graders with sophomores, and so on. This way,

students meet with the same mentees over several years and end up graduating from college and elementary school together.

"I've really seen my mentee's confidence improve as we've built a relationship. He knows I'm going to be coming back. It's one of the highlights of my week now," Dillon says, smiling. "Seeing the look of pure joy on their face when you get there, you can tell how much it means for them to have that kind of big brother in their life. It really makes you feel good to know you're making a difference in somebody's life."

When he's not serving the community, Dillon can be found serving aces on the tennis court. In his third year on the Tiger Tennis team, Dillon is a second-year team captain and a member of the ODAC All-Academic Team and the College Sports Communicators Academic All-District Men's Tennis Team.

Dillon's journey with Tigers Serve highlights the powerful impact of mentorship on mentee and mentor alike. Through his dedication to service, both in the classroom and beyond, he has become a role model for what it means to lead with empathy, purpose, and humility. As he prepares for a future in medicine, Dillon carries forward the lessons learned through service—lessons that will continue to shape the kind of physician, leader, and person he aspires to be.

What's in a Named Professorship?

Thompson Professor of Philosophy.
Patterson Professor of Biology. Elliott
Professor of Economics and Business.
Squires Professor of History. These are
a few of the named professorships that
Hampden-Sydney faculty members
aspire to hold.

But what is a named professorship?
And how do they empower the College
to attract the best and brightest
professors who in turn instruct the best
and brightest students?

A named professorship is an endowed
position that benefits the professor who
holds the position, the students that
professor instructs, and the College as
a whole. By investing the principal of
a donor gift, the College can provide
stipends for scholarly activities or
equipment purchases, enhance a
professor's salary, or fund a salary in
its entirety. In turn, the donor has the
opportunity to leave their own legacy
in the naming of the professorship or
honor an important and influential
figure from their life and pay forward
the lessons and experiences of those
mentors to the next generation of
Hampden-Sydney students.

Read on to learn more about how the gracious gifts that endow professorships benefit...

...the professor

Endowed positions recognize outstanding faculty members who are performing original scholarly research in addition to providing exceptional instruction to students. Named professorships come with research stipends, salary bumps, and departmental awards to support the professor's scholarly work.

"There's no higher honor than holding an endowed professorship," says Provost and Dean of the Faculty **Tim Diette**. "It's a way to reward the best professors who've proven themselves to be exceptional in the areas of research, teaching, and service to the College."

Typically named for distinguished donors or scholars, endowed professorships are an excellent way to honor active professors' contributions to their field of expertise and their commitment to the College. The prestige of a named professorship can also lead to opportunities for research collaborations, speaking engagements, and grant funding.

As Hampden-Sydney is first and foremost a teaching college, regular performance evaluation is based on teaching first, then scholarship and service to the College. When deciding on the award of an endowed position, scholarship gets weighted more heavily, but not at the expense of teaching explains Trinkle Professor of Biology **Kristian Hargadon '01**, who chairs Hampden-Sydney's Promotions and Tenure Committee.

Hampden-Sydney has several types of endowed professorships that open up opportunities for faculty members at various stages in their careers. Positions like the Trinkle and Squires professorships are held by established members of the faculty. Elliott professorships can be held in either three- or six-year terms and are excellent for promoting career development for more junior faculty members. Positions such as the Johns professorship are awarded to more senior, distinguished members of the faculty and are held until retirement.

"An endowed professorship is perhaps the highest way to honor individuals that have made an indelible and transformative influence on one's life. Josiah and Diana Bunting modeled leadership in such a way that challenged you to want to do and be better in all aspects of your life. Their impact was felt across the entirety of campus life, including the student body, faculty, administration, and the community at large."

- John E. Corey '80, who established the Josiah Bunting III and Diana Bunting Endowed Professorship in 2024 in honor of former College President Josiah "Si" Bunting III and his wife, Diana.



SARAH HARDY

Johns Professor of English

"...exceptional contributions to either their campus or broader community..." This criterion, which earned Johns Professor of English **Sarah Hardy** the coveted 2024 Faculty & Staff Regional Service Award from the Sullivan Foundation, sums up the impact of Dr. Hardy's work at Hampden-Sydney: exceptional. Dr. Hardy's work with Hampden-Sydney's experiential learning program, Compass, earned her the Sullivan Foundation honor, with the awards program noting that the Compass program *"deepens student understanding and fosters a more nuanced grasp of the world around them."* As then assistant dean of the faculty, Dr. Hardy captained the Compass Program from its inception in 2019 to 2023.

Compass is also just one of the many exceptional contributions to the Hampden-Sydney community that Dr. Hardy has made, which earned her the distinction of Johns professor.

"I felt humbled and honored and a bit sheepish to receive this distinction," Hardy says. "The faculty and staff at Hampden-Sydney are all in and often working at 110 percent of their jobs. So many of my colleagues are in their offices, doing that extra work on committees and with students. Having chairs that recognize that energy and devotion to the institution in addition to the writing of books and the scholarship is really important. I'm delighted to hold one of these positions, but I'm certainly not the only one."



...the student

Endowed professors are often leaders in their academic discipline, giving our students the advantage of learning from premier academicians. Additionally, endowed funds empower faculty members to further pursue ground-breaking research. And at Hampden-Sydney, where professors regularly engage their students in their research endeavors, this means our students also have the amazing opportunity to engage with cutting edge research and often publish in industry journals before they even graduate with their bachelor's degrees.

"The funding for endowed positions enables our amazing faculty to not only pursue exciting research but also engage students in that research," says Dean Diette.

The culture of undergraduate research at Hampden-Sydney is vibrant. More than 50 percent of students engage in research before they graduate, with 20 to 25 percent of students pursuing honors, departmental distinction, or independent research projects. These experiences help them connect their classroom instruction more tangibly with real-world situations, distinguish them from their peers when pursuing graduate programs, and allow them to delve deeper into an area of study that excites them.

KRISTIAN HARGADON '01

Trinkle Professor of Biology

One of Hampden-Sydney's most tireless champions of undergraduate research is Trinkle Professor of Biology **Kristian Hargadon '01**. A giant in cancer research in his own right, Dr. Hargadon is also a well-respected mentor who has brought along scores of students in his research endeavors.

As a student, Dr. Hargadon was the College's first Goldwater Scholar—the preeminent award for undergraduate students interested in pursuing research careers in the sciences, engineering, and mathematics. As a member of the faculty, he has mentored 36 students—including three other Goldwater Scholars—co-authoring 33 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters with 31 of his students. Over 90 percent of Dr. Hargadon's mentees have gone on to pursue advanced degrees in science and medicine.

"The prestige that an endowed professorship portrays has been a useful indirect benefit for me in terms of external recognition when applying for grant funding or other awards," Hargadon says. "The professional development funds that accompany the position have been a direct benefit in supporting the scholarly work that I and my departmental colleagues pursue."

High-level impact like this is characteristic of our faculty members, endowed or not, but the value of endowed funds, which support Hampden-Sydney's exceptional faculty mentors, cannot be overstated. These funds support equipment purchases, conference travel, and professional development, allowing our faculty members to advance their scholarship and enhance their teaching in ways that might not otherwise be possible.

...and the College

In addition to the benefits they provide to faculty members and students, endowed professorships provide budget relief, allowing the College to reallocate operating funds that would have gone to pay for faculty salaries to other critical needs. The College's current portfolio of endowed professorships provides for \$6 million of operating budget relief annually.

"The budget relief we see from endowed professorships allows us to devote more dollars to supporting student outcomes, which we put at the center of everything we do," Dean Diette says. "This extra money goes towards internship opportunities, undergraduate research experiences, student life support, study abroad programming, and more as well as enabling the College to maintain our low student-to-faculty ratio."

Furthermore, as a private institution, Hampden-Sydney receives no funding from government sources, meaning that any initiative the College wants to take on must be self-funded. Endowment revenue helps make Hampden-Sydney more agile by freeing up operational capital to pursue exciting ideas and initiatives that arise. The stable source of funding earned from these endowments supports the College's ability to maintain its academic mission while planning for the future and continuing to enhance our offerings.

"Endowed professorships are vital to private institutions, providing lasting support for academic excellence, innovative research, and high-quality teaching," says Vice President for College Advancement **Hugh Haskins '01**. "They help attract and retain distinguished faculty members, enhance the College's reputation, and strengthen academic disciplines. These prestigious positions are both an honor to the named holder of the appointment and an enduring tribute to the donor who establishes them, reflecting a shared commitment to advancing knowledge and shaping future generations."

"Having a tool like endowed professorships helps us recruit strong, dedicated faculty members that are really engaged in their fields, because scholarship is such a critical part of those awards," Dr. Hargadon adds, "but because we also have this big emphasis on the teacher-scholar model, we're also getting faculty members that are very dedicated teachers, who are going to involve students in the work that they're doing."

Maintaining a strong portfolio of endowed positions gives Hampden-Sydney an edge when recruiting and retaining top-notch professors, expanding academic offerings thus making the College more attractive to prospective students. It is a virtuous and reciprocal cycle that benefits our entire community.



SCOTT STARR

Hansen Professor of Environmental Science

Hansen Professor of Environmental Science **Scott Starr** is having a tremendous impact on Hampden-Sydney College and on his students and faculty colleagues. His position, and thus his impact, was made possible by an endowed professorship

"Dr. Starr's position and the expansion of our environmental science program was thanks to a generous anonymous gift for this endowed position," says Dean Diette. "Dr. Starr has made a huge impact in just the four years that he's been here, and he wouldn't be here without the Hansen endowed professorship."

In addition to creating new courses and experiences for students, Dr. Starr has taken charge of orchestrating the College's apiary and beekeeping program, through which he is currently pursuing a Bee Friendly Campus designation for Hampden-Sydney College; leading local efforts in combatting high heat indexes through the Heat Watch Program; leading the Outdoors and Environmental Appreciation Living and Learning Community; and mentoring both area- and Hampden-Sydney students on our local biodiversity through Wilson Trail wildlife surveys.

"I'm solely here because of this professorship, which allowed them to hire an environmental scientist," Starr affirms. "This was a brand-new professorship that the department didn't have before, and it has allowed the College to greatly expand its environmental science offerings."

Read more about the College's environmental science programming and sustainability initiatives and about some of the alumni who have gone on to lead conservation efforts around the world on page 10.

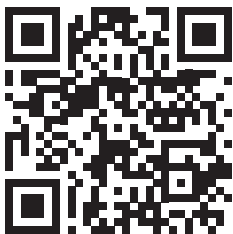
With ripple effects that touch every member of the Hampden-Sydney community, endowed professorships are so much more than a name.

Every Name a Story. Every Gift a Step Forward.

The future of Gilmer Hall takes shape.

Thanks to an incredible \$20 million investment by Endeavour Legacy Foundation, the renovation of Gilmer Hall began in February of 2025. On April 17, College community members were invited to an open house to view the progress. Attendees were invited to sign a door that will remain in the building, a symbolic tribute to the legacies of those who once walked Gilmer's halls and an opening of the door to Gilmer's future.

Slated for completion in mid-2026, the renovated Gilmer Hall will be a state-of-the-art home for the departments of Government and Foreign Affairs and Economics and Business; the Marketing and Communications Office Suite; and student services such as the Tiger Fund Trading Room, the Global Education and Study Abroad Program Office, the Courtroom, the Flemming Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and the Career Center.



Do you recall the name of a professor,
staff member, or classmate who
inspired you?

Tell us your story here.
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Ayman McGowan '25



Nick Shryock '25



Payton Zeitler '25



BASKETBALL

The big question on everyone's minds ahead of this basketball season was how would the 2024-25 squad follow last season's storybook National Runner-Up campaign? This year's Tigers answered that question quickly, winning eight of their first nine games, including five wins against preseason Top 10 or schools receiving votes in the national poll. The fast start propelled the Garnet & Grey toward a final overall record of 23-6 and their third-straight season with 20-plus wins—the first time since 1996-99 that H-SC has accomplished three consecutive 20-win campaigns. The Tigers also made their third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the eighth time.

"This season was a reflection of what happens when talent meets relentless effort, and a team that buys into something bigger than themselves," says sixth-year head coach **Caleb Kimbrough**.

The Garnet & Grey finished 14-2 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) for the third-straight season, earning the two seed for the ODAC Tournament. Although H-SC was upset in the quarterfinals by the University of Lynchburg 72-66, the Tigers received an at-large invitation to the 2025 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship, and H-SC was chosen as one of sixteen sites hosting first- and second-round competition on March 7-8. The homecourt advantage proved beneficial as the Tigers defeated Bryn Athyn College (PA) 102-66 on March 7, and the University of Pittsburgh Bradford (PA) 81-75 on March 8 to advance to the Sectionals and Sweet 16 at New York University in New York City, where the Garnet & Grey fell to No. 15 the University of Redlands (CA) 83-72 on March 14.

"Winning 20 games for the third-straight year and earning another NCAA Tournament berth are huge accomplishments and speaks volumes about the direction of our program," Kimbrough says. *"With that said, what I'm most proud of is the character of our guys and how they represented Hampden-Sydney every day. This group was special."*

Junior **Shane Fernald** (13.5 points, 7.3 rebounds, 57% FG) earned All-ODAC First Team honors and Coach Kimbrough was named the D3hoops.com Region 6 Coach of the Year. Kimbrough earned his 100th win at H-SC with a 75-44 road win at Eastern Mennonite University on Feb. 1.

"With a strong core returning and a culture now firmly built, we are not a team simply contending for ODAC and National Championships, we are the standard of excellence in D3 basketball," Kimbrough says. *"The future is bright in Fleet Gymnasium."*

The program could return as many as 17 lettermen for 2025-26, while saying goodbye to **Adam Brazil**, **Ayman McGowan**, **Nick Shryock**, and student manager **Payton Zeitler**.

"Adam Brazil has been the ultimate leader," says Kimbrough. *"He's matured into the best guard in the country and embraced every challenge we threw at him. His work ethic, competitiveness, and love for this program have set a powerful example."*

CAREER STATS

122 Games (Top 5)
1,586 Points (9th)
390 Assists (5th)
151 Steals (10th)
240 Three Pointers (2nd)

ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III

ALL-AMERICA FIRST TEAM

D3hoops

(First Tiger to earn First Team honors from both organizations since D3hoops began in 1998.)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NABC District 6

DIVISION III ALL-STAR

NABC

#24
 ADAM
 BRAZIL

5'10"



2024-25 HONORS

- » D3hoops.com Region 6 Player of the Year
- » All-Region 6 First Team
- » 2024-25 ODAC Men's Basketball Kurt Axe Player of the Year
- » ODAC/Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- » Trevor Hudgins Award Top 15 Watch List
- » Bevo Francis Top 25 Watch List
- » United States Basketball Writers Association Division III National Player of the Week (1)
- » D3hoops.com Team of the Week (2)
- » ODAC Offensive Player of the Week (4)
- » All-Tournament Team (Tip-Off Tournament and the Charlie Cobb Classic)
- » Academic All-District® Team
- » 2024-25 Academic All-America® Men's Basketball First Team

Cody Carnes '25



Quinlan Ragsdale '28



SWIMMING

Hampden-Sydney Swimming enjoyed a 2024-25 campaign that saw them take victories over Gallaudet University (D.C.), Southern Virginia, Virginia Wesleyan University, and Greensboro College (NC). This season, for the third straight year, an individual record was broken, along with two relay records. In the ODAC Swimming Championships, the Tigers placed seventh, accumulating 135 points over four days.

Team members this season included team captain **Matt Brooks '25**, team captain **Cody Carnes '25**, **Trey Craft '25**, **Quinn Hardimon '25**, **Brandon Hyde '25**, **Carson Mann '25**, **Cole Renfrow '25**, **Jackson Piazza '26**, **Owen Renfrow '27**, **Ronan Self '27**, **Peter Gonzalez '27**, **Ben Gerber '27**, **Mason Brooking '27**, **Roger Adams '27**, **Jordan Chorbaji '28**, **Quest Hennings '28**, **Quinlan Ragsdale '28**, and **Samuel Schley '28**.

Carnes, Hardimon, and Ragsdale were top performers in the pool for the Tigers this season. Ragsdale, in his first season in the pool, broke the 100 Yard Backstroke record by .2 seconds. Brooks, Carnes, Owen Renfrow, and Ragsdale broke the 200 Yard Medley Relay record by .89 seconds. Brooks, Carnes, Hardimon, and Ragsdale broke the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay by 1.33 seconds.

Hyde was named to the 2024-25 College Sports Communicators (CSC) 2024-25 Academic All-District Team® Men's Swimming & Diving Team for his performances in the pool as well as in the classroom.



Waters Cup Awarded to Richmond Alumni Club

When **Ryan Schilling '06** was a newly graduated alumnus, he dove in headfirst to involvement with the Richmond Alumni Club. As he received more feedback and encouragement and thanks from other club members, Schilling says he started to think that maybe one day he would be tapped to serve as president.

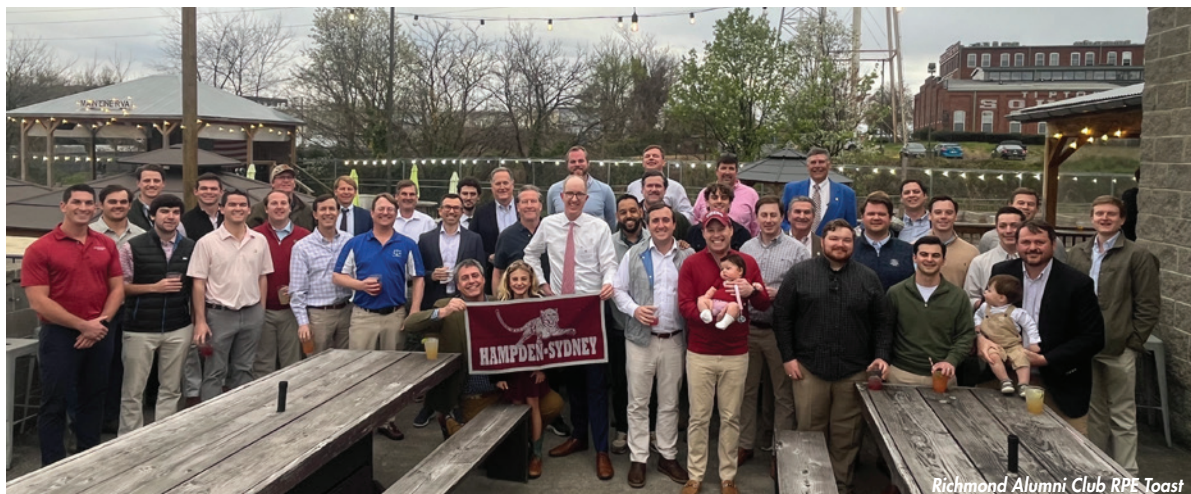
This past September, that dream came true. Now, just seven months later, he has led the Richmond Alumni Club to claim the 2025 John H. Waters Memorial Cup, an honor presented to the regional alumni club that has the greatest impact in a single year in the areas of engagement, recruitment, philanthropy, and mentorship.

“We are thrilled to award this year’s Waters Cup to the Richmond Alumni Club for their unwavering commitment to the H-SC alumni community,” says Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement **Liz Crowder**. “Through Ryan’s thoughtful leadership and passion for connection, the Club has created many meaningful opportunities for Richmond-area alumni to engage with one another and the College. Their enthusiasm and genuine love for Hampden-Sydney have made a lasting impact—and we’re proud to celebrate their outstanding work.”

The club has put on an impressive selection of luncheons with College leadership including College President **Larry Stimpert**, Provost and Dean of the Faculty **Tim Diette**, and Associate Dean of

Students for Student Conduct & Character and Director of Greek Life **Dwayne Bowyer '92**. The return of the holiday party after its COVID-induced hiatus and focus on engaging young alumni has also been a hallmark of the club’s latest programming endeavors.

“We have a great group of very involved alumni,” Schilling says. “We have a great time together, and the passion for Hampden-Sydney is evident every time we get together. It’s always a great day to be a Tiger.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 13

Football Home Opener
vs Washington and Jefferson (PA)

SEPTEMBER 18–20

**10th Annual H-SC Bar Association
CLE Conference**



go.hsc.edu/BarAssociation2025

OCTOBER 4

Friends and Family Weekend

OCTOBER 25

Homecoming
**The all alumni reunion will take place during
Homecoming 2025*



go.hsc.edu/HomeReunion25



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The Ferguson Career Center wishes to partner with alumni to help the next generation of Hampden-Sydney men with their career aspirations. By offering your support, you can provide students with valuable insights, career advice, mentorship, networking, and access to internships and full-time employment. Together, we can pave the way for their success!

For more information, visit our website,
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From left, Summers, Gillespy, Durlacher, and Artigliere at the 2024 Burr & Forman Firm Retreat in Orlando, Florida.

Four Tigers, One Firm Hampden-Sydney Men Thriving at Burr & Forman

KATHRYN WHITAKER, BURR & FORMAN CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER

In August of 1991, **Adam Artigliere '95** was apprehensive as he crossed the state line and entered Virginia for the first time in his life. He had been recruited to play football at Hampden-Sydney College. That same year, **Gerald Gillespy '88** was also apprehensive about his new adventure as he was prepared to enter the practice of law at Burr & Forman in his hometown of Birmingham, Alabama.

Back on the Hill, **Erich Durlacher '93** was entering his junior year that fall, having driven a similar road as Adam and starting at the College without ever before having stepped foot on campus. **Ellsworth Summers '94** had entered the College just the year before, after graduating from the esteemed Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

Little did these men know when they each entered the

Hampden-Sydney gates how their paths would converge years later as they would each go on to become partners at one of the Southeast's revered business law firms Burr & Forman.

While Summers, Durlacher, and Gillespy all started law school fairly shortly after graduating from Hampden-Sydney, Artigliere took a more circuitous route. He bartended in St. Pete Beach, Florida—just down the street from Stetson College of Law where Summers was studying; Auburn, Alabama; and Charleston, South Carolina, where he also used his history degree as a tour guide. Eight years after graduation, he returned to the Sunshine State to attend law school.

Today, these four Hampden-Sydney alumni are based in different offices with different legal specialties. Artigliere is based in Greenville, South Carolina, practicing commercial

real estate and local government law, while Gillespy practices commercial litigation in Birmingham, Alabama. Summers and Durlacher are based in Jacksonville, Florida, and Atlanta, Georgia, respectively, both practicing financial restructuring and bankruptcy. All four credit their time at Hampden-Sydney for setting them up for success. Despite their geographic distance and disparate professional areas, these Tigers speak to each other weekly and gather monthly at partner meetings.

“There is a spirit of brotherhood among all alumni of the College, based on a common education, experience, and love of the school that we all share and appreciate, regardless of which years were spent on the Hill,” says Gillespy.

Durlacher agrees, recalling it was Gillespy who took him to lunch after his first interview at Burr & Forman. “It was nice to have someone with whom I had a shared connection and could reminisce about our different times on the Hill. There was a level of comfort and trust there based on our time at the College, even though we matriculated in different decades.”

He added, “I have seen this same dynamic play out time and again as I interact with Hampden-Sydney alumni in my work, from meeting a new client contact to hiring a newly-minted associate, to working with my fellow partners in different offices. Each time, I know I am engaging with a well-rounded man, who has a good head on his shoulders and can communicate and speak effectively on a variety of topics—while also enjoying an occasional glass of bourbon. I am always left a little richer by the experience.”

These legal eagles also share an appreciation for the liberal arts education they received at the College, reflecting on professors who instilled a love of learning and a healthy curiosity while building a firm foundation for understanding arguments and the value of honest debate—instrumental assets for a lawyer.

“The beauty of attending a place like Hampden-Sydney was the opportunity and ability to personally interact with professors,” said Gillespy. “I enjoyed all of my classes and getting to know all of my professors, especially Dr. Donald Ortner and Dr. Robert Herdegan. As an example of the meaningful relationships formed with faculty members, Dr. Herdegan even attended my wedding in Alabama in 1992.”

The mission of the College “to form good men and good citizens” continues to inspire these alumni years after they

left the Hill as well, and they live it out in their respective communities.

While at the College, both Artigliere and Durlacher tutored middle school students. “I was supposed to teach them social studies, but I quickly realized that these eighth graders could not read. My focus went from teaching civics to teaching reading. This experience has carried forward to my involvement as a founding board member of Lakes and Bridges Charter School, one of the first free public schools in the southeast United States that is primarily dedicated to teaching students with dyslexia,” says Artigliere.

Durlacher adds, “Hampden-Sydney impressed upon all of us that we have a duty to be active contributors in all areas of our lives. For me, it meant getting involved in leadership at Burr & Forman as well as with various non-profits and philanthropic organizations. The school’s emphasis on clear thinking and communication places us at a distinct advantage to lead and make a positive impact on our communities.”

The roads that Hampden-Sydney men travel before the College are different, and the journeys they take after their time on the Hill may not be the same, but the support and bond between Hampden-Sydney men is priceless. A rigorous liberal arts education and a purposeful mission connect these men. Hampden-Sydney’s alumni network may be number three in the nation, but the support and camaraderie it provides is second to none.

1960s

JAMES P. COUNCELL III '67 was a 2024 inductee to the Franklin Community Wall of Excellence according to a December 9, 2024, article in *The Tidewater News*.

1980s

College Trustee **RICK WYATT '80** has retired from Huntington Ingalls Industries, Inc. after more than 40 years reported a September 20, 2024, company press release. Wyatt retired as corporate vice president and treasurer.

VINCENT GRAVES "VINCE" THOMAS II '80 joined IBN Financial Services as a financial adviser with VGT Enterprises Inc. according to an October 3, 2024, article on *The DI Wire*

S. BARRON SEGAR III '84, World Food Program USA president and CEO, has been recognized on *The NonProfit Times* Power & Influence Top 50 list for the fourth consecutive year, according to an August 1, 2024, World Food Program USA press release.

CHARLIE ROEST '84, of St. Petersburg, Florida, retired as an analyst from GE and Allstate insurance company after 34 years of service in 2023, commencing in Virginia in 1989. Charlie has been easing into this leisurely trek as a co-owner of a camping resort community in Florida, and is active in other recreations inclusive of wellness, golfing, uplifting others, and maintaining the family farm in South Hill, Virginia, with his spouse.

GARTH KILBURN '88 was named executive vice president at Bank OZK in Nashville according to an October 29, 2024, article in *Nashville Business Journal*.

1990s

Dr. **JONATHAN E. MARSTON '91** has joined Centra Virginia Health Services according to an October 8, 2024, article in *The Crewe-Burkeville Journal*.

PATRICK MULQUIN '91 joined The Standard as the vice president in retirement plans in the greater Los Angeles area reported an October 29, 2024, article on *Business Wire*.

DAVID STEWART '91 was promoted to major general in fall 2024 and serves as the director of the Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems Office and director of fires for the U.S. Army. Following the second inauguration



ceremony of President Donald Trump on January 20, 2025, General Stewart gave President Trump the Army's first salute.

2000s

Capt. **MARTIN N. FENTRESS, JR. '00** assumed major command of CVW-7, commonly referred to as Team Freedom, at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on September 18, 2024.



FRANK HORNE '77, JEFF ADAMS '75 and JUDD MCADAMS '77 enjoyed a Rhine River cruise with their wives this past fall during which they visited the Duomo in Milan, Italy.

IAN EDWARD BROWN '23 has joined Carolina One Real Estate in Daniel Island, South Carolina, per an August 31, 2024, article in *The Post and Courier*.

Dr. **JUSTIN R. NORBO '06** has been named president of The Virginia Dental Association board for 2024-2025, reported a September 19, 2024, article in *The Patriot*.



GORDON MCLAIN MACGILL '94 received the Tennis Creates Award for Coach of the Year presented by USTA Mid-Atlantic Foundation reported a November 14, 2024, USTA article. According to the article, Gordon left the corporate world in 2019 and "found a new passion working with children and adults on the autism spectrum. His path crossed with Love Serving Autism (LSA), a non-profit that combines therapeutic racquet sports instruction with social and emotional development. Gordon saw an opportunity to blend his love of tennis with his desire to serve others, and in 2021, he launched the Richmond chapter of LSA, holding clinics on a private red clay court."



Several Sigma Alpha Epsilon brothers and their wives journeyed to Il Cellesse Winery in Tuscany, Italy, in November 2024. Alumni pictured left to right are **MARK CONGER '85**, **SCOTT BANNING '85**, **ED MCMULLEN '86**, **BILL TAVENNER '86**, **JAY MITCHELL '85**, **HOWARD BOYD '84**, and **EDDIE GAMBLE '86**.

JASON LINDNER '06 is now the co-founder and COO of Campus Private Wealth in Arlington, Virginia.

ANDREW "DREW" COMSTOCK '08 was appointed by Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin to the Board for Contractors.

CRAIG MORCOM '08 has been named VP/commercial relationship manager at F&M Bank in Winchester, Virginia, according to an October 4, 2024, bank press release.

ASHLEIGH KIMMONS '09 has been



reelected to the Strasburg, Virginia, Town Council for another four-year term. Through his seat on the council, he also serves as a commissioner on the Northern Shenandoah Regional

Commission. Kimmons previously was appointed and won special election to an unexpired term on the town council. He had also served seven years on the town's Architectural Review Board, as chair for five years, helping to preserve the town's historic district. Kimmons has lived in Strasburg with his wife, Jessica, and two sons for 11 years.

2010s

MATT BROWN '10 was named a member of the 2024 40 Under 40 class by the American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC). Per the organization's website, "The AAPC is dedicated to fostering the next generation of political professionals and is proud to recognize leaders and innovators in the political business community (including media, advertising, polling, and public affairs) who are making a mark in their organizations and their professions and whose conduct has been consistent with the Professional Code of Ethics of the AAPC."



MICHAEL AIDE '96, **PATRICK MCMANAMY '96**, **MICHAEL PALMORE '97**, **JAMIE RANKIN '99**, **BILL WAINSCOTT '96** and friends enjoyed dinner with pro golfer Zach Johnson on their annual golf trip.

CLASS NOTES



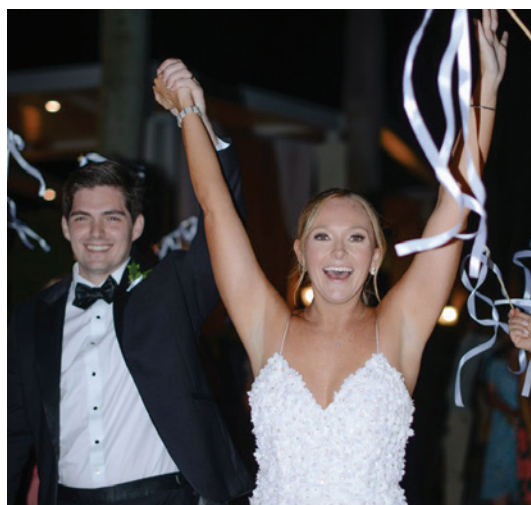
TIMBERLAKE-HAGHIGHI WEDDING



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CAMERON MARSHALL '12 FAMILY



WITHAM-CHRISTIE WEDDING



ANDREW DONELSON '21 and **JOHN DONELSON '86** helped ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange. John is a senior vice president at Centrus Energy Corporation.

HILL TIMBERLAKE '10 married **ROXONNA HAGHIGHI** on September 7, 2024, at The Mill at Rock Creek in Boone, North Carolina. Pictured left to right is **Alex Tzavellas '10**, **Martin Hunt '10**, **Hill Timberlake '10**, **Dusty Carpenter '10**, and **C.J. Bauman '10**.

JARROD FICKLIN '11 married **BREENA MURRAY** on November 23, 2024. The couple currently resides in Hoboken, New Jersey.

CAMERON '12 and **SARA MARSHALL** welcomed a baby girl, Maren Chesshire Marshall, on December 14, 2024, at The Women's Hospital at Henrico Doctors in Richmond, Virginia. Their dogs, Lulabelle and Moose, are overjoyed to have a little sister.

BEN ROGERS '12 has released a new leadership book, *Thursday Fire*. Ben is a coach and founder of BUILD Coaching Company. He is also a realtor at Hometown Realty.

DYLAN DONALD BISHOP '13 joined Willcox Savage to launch the firm's first presence in the Richmond market, per a December 2, 2024, Richmond *BizSense* article.

ADAM WITHAM '16 married **SARAH CHRISTIE** on June 15, 2024 in Newport, Rhode Island. In attendance were **Alexander Cartwright '13**, **Nathaniel Oliver '16**, **Maxwell Maurer '16**, **Cameron Tilley '16**, and **Matthew McKay '18**.

PATRICK LUWIS '17 has made his debut in Netflix's *Cobra Kai*. He has appeared in supporting roles in recent shows and movies including a role in the 2023 blockbuster *Barbie*. Luwis was bitten by the acting bug in a Hampden-Sydney class that he only signed up for "to fill a fine arts requirement," reports a November 17, 2024, profile on *The Direct*.

2020s

ZAC ALDRIDGE '20 married **SYDNEY SOMMER** (Longwood '21) in Charleston, South Carolina, on October 12, 2024.

ZANDER REILLY (formerly Theoharis) '20 married **MALORIE WOOD** at Quail Valley Country Club in Vero Beach, Florida. In attendance were best man **Miles Lowman '21**, groomsman **Luke Carter '21**, and **Harrison Wells '20**.

JOE AMBROSI '24 will join The Household & Commercial Products Association in January 2025 as manager of government relations and public policy per a November 27, 2024, organization press release.



On November 16, 2024 several Hampden-Sydney Football alumni completed the Novant Health Charlotte Half Marathon and Marathon. Pictured left to right: **JABRIL LEWIS '24**, **LANDON PORTER '23**, **DAVID BYLER '23**, **RIGGS JORDAN '21**, **CULLEN LYONS '23**.

1940s

Dr. **FRANK E. TAYLOR '43** died on



December 6, 2024. He graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree from Hampden-Sydney College. While there, he was in Chi Phi

fraternity, was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, and was awarded the Gammon Cup. Just two months before graduating, he was called to serve in World War II. He rose to the rank of sergeant, positioned in Headquarters Battery, 358 field artillery Battalion, 95th Infantry Division under General Patton's 3rd army. He was recognized with a certificate of merit from the battalion commander for his contributions in the Artillery Command Center. As one of the Iron Men of Metz, he and his troop successfully battled to take back and secure the city of Metz from German occupation. In 2013, he was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his service and sacrifice on behalf of the French citizens. After the war, Frank attended the University of Virginia Medical School and then interned at UVA Hospital and was granted a fellowship in internal medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. Subsequently, he served in a variety of positions at the University of Virginia Hospital, which included senior resident of internal medicine and instructor of neurology. From 1955 to 1961, he practiced medicine in Roanoke, Virginia. In 1961, he returned to Charlottesville, Virginia, to join an internal medicine private practice at Martha Jefferson Hospital. During his years in practice, he was appointed chief of staff at Martha Jefferson Hospital and Clinical Professor of Medicine at the UVA Health Sciences Center. After retiring at age 70, he continued to work part-time as a physician for hospital employees and the Charlottesville Free Clinic. He was a charter member of the Albemarle County Rotary Club, and a deacon and elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church. He was a life member of the Mayflower Society and Sons of the Revolution. During his last years, Frank enjoyed the lessons and camaraderie of his weekly faith group meetings. Beyond these and other accomplishments, he was quick to smile and laugh at himself. He was a caring physician, who would hold a

patient's hand and really listen. He thrived on social connection and could deliver engaging stories. Not to mention, he was able to sink a two-handed set shot in basketball at 80 years old and gently hold his great grandchildren in his arms until 101 years of age. He is survived by his three children, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren

WILLIAM R. L. SMITH III '45 died on



November 2, 2024. At Hampden-Sydney College, he was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, and later, he attended the University of Virginia. A Navy veteran of

WWII, Bill then went on to a 40-year career as a realtor. He was a member of River Road Presbyterian Church and the Country Club of Virginia, where he enjoyed golf and tennis until he was in his late 80's. He is survived by his two children and four grandchildren.

WESLEY GREY ANDREWS JR. '49



died on November 7, 2024. He pursued his education with vigor, attending Virginia Tech before the war, graduating from Hampden-Sydney College in 1949, and

furthering his studies at the University of Virginia. While at Hampden-Sydney, Wesley was a member of the *Kaleidoscope* staff and a brother of Chi Phi. A proud World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps, Wesley served as a bombardier on B-17s and B-29s, embodying bravery and dedication during a pivotal time in history. Wesley enjoyed a distinguished career as vice president at Bank of America, in Hopewell, Virginia, where his leadership extended beyond banking. He was actively involved in civic life, serving as president of the Jaycees, the Kiwanis Club, and the Hopewell United Fund. His commitment to community service was evident in his role as treasurer for numerous organizations, including First Presbyterian Church, where he also served on the board of elders and the board of deacons. Wesley made lasting contributions to local education during his eight years on the Hopewell School

Board, including four years as chairman. After retiring to Surfside Beach, South Carolina, he remained committed to giving back, volunteering his time to teach literacy, assist the police department, and prepare income taxes for seniors. Upon relocating to Colonial Heights, Virginia, he continued his volunteer work, supporting tax preparation efforts, and serving his homeowners association and church. Wesley is survived by his beloved wife of 24 years, Ethel; three children; two stepchildren; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1950s

Dr. **R. CECIL CHAPMAN '50** died on



December 24, 2024. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1950 and a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1954 from the Medical College

of Virginia. He then completed his internal medicine internship and residency at the Medical College of Virginia and was thereafter honored by receiving a commission as captain in the Army Medical Corps, where he served two years as assistant chief and chief of the medical service of the Fort Eustis Army Hospital. Thereafter, he completed his fellowship in hematology at the University of Virginia Medical School, preparing him for his lifelong career practicing hematology and oncology in private practice at the Norfolk Diagnostic Clinic (NDC) until his retirement in 1993. Dr. Chapman was one of a small group of physicians and surgeons who founded the NDC (now known as the Sentara Medical Group) and was instrumental in developing a premier hospice program at Norfolk General Hospital, for which he served as their first medical director in the early 1980s. Cecil saved and touched thousands of lives throughout his career and beyond and will always be remembered in the hearts of surviving families for his decades of work in oncology. Following his retirement, Cecil became very active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and became a coxswain, instructor, vessel examiner, a flotilla commander, and ran the Norfolk flotilla's

safe boating courses for 12 years. In addition to boating, he played tennis and swam nearly every day well into his eighties at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club, of which he was a long-standing member. Cecil also remained very involved in his children's, grandchildren's, and great-grandchildren's lives, providing countless memories for the family to cherish always. Cecil lived a long, rich, and rewarding life, known to his family, friends, and the community to be a man of great character, generosity, humor and compassion. He is survived by his devoted second wife of over 20 years, Loretta; two sons; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN EDWIN STANFIELD '53 died on October 5, 2024. He received his Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from Hampden-Sydney and then earned a Master of Theology from Union Theological Seminary, before becoming an ordained Presbyterian minister. In the sixties, he worked for Southern Regional Council in Atlanta, a civil rights organization. There he worked with Vernon Jordan and a young John Lewis. Justice for all people was his mantra throughout his life. Acting was his second passion. Moving to Little Rock, Arkansas, about the time the Arkansas Rep was in its early stages, he was fortunate to act in several of their productions. For relaxation, he enjoyed jogging/running. The London Marathon was his favorite race to have run. Ed is survived by his wife of 45 years, Mary Lois; two children; six stepchildren; and 12 grandchildren.

ROBERT FRANCIS ROSENBAUM '54 died on November 4, 2024. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney, Bob became a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps. In 1963, he opened the Washington, D.C., office of Roanoke Engineering Sales representing various manufacturers of architectural building materials. In addition to professional construction organizations such as Associated General Contractors and Construction Specifications Institute, Bob was active in the Rotary Club of McLean for over 50 years, McLean Youth Inc., McLean Citizens Foundation, and

Friends of McLean Community Center. He coached boys and girls basketball, played Santa, and was known as Mr. Pockets the Clown at his kids' elementary school. In 2001, Bob was named McLean Business Citizen of the Year, and in 2009, he was honored as a Fairfax County Community Champion. Bob had the gift of music, playing piano by ear. He would play for patriotic ceremonies, parades, community events, and the Lewinsville Senior Center every Tuesday for 30 years. He was also known to patrons of the McLean Family Restaurant for playing his harmonica. Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Judy; two children—**John Rosenbaum '96**; and three grandchildren.

HENRY ANDREW PRILLAMAN JR. '58 died on November 29, 2024. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Hampden-Sydney before earning his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia. Following graduation, he served an internship and one year of residency in internal medicine at the University of Vermont in Burlington. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at The University of Virginia in 1970 and moved with his family to Newport News, Virginia, where he joined Peninsula Orthopedic Associates. He practiced orthopedic surgery for over 25 years and took great pride in the care he delivered. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Andy enjoyed traveling, and his passion for skiing, which developed while living in Vermont, was a lifelong pleasure that took him to Europe and the American West. Andy enthusiastically included his children and grandchildren in annual ski vacations to Vail, Colorado. He was also an avid tennis player enjoying the sport for most of his life with his wife, family, and friends. In his retirement, Andy became an enthusiastic woodworker, enrolling in woodworking schools all over the country to develop and hone specific skills and techniques. He had an extensive workshop in his garage and crafted exquisite pieces, largely 18th-century reproductions, that demonstrated exceptional joinery and intricate inlay. His many creations are

works of art and are cherished by his children. Andy's pursuit of knowledge and ability to retain and recall details were remarkable. The family frequently came to him with questions on a variety of topics and were never disappointed with his thorough, accurate, and colorful answers. His storytelling and sense of humor will be missed by family and friends. Andy is survived by his wife, Joanne; two children; and four grandchildren.

RONALD W. DAVIS '59 died on August 23, 2024. Ronnie graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and obtained a master's degree from University of Richmond. At Hampden-Sydney, Ronnie was on the *Tiger* staff, a member of the Union-Philanthropic Literary Society, president of the Glee Club, and a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha. In addition to his career as a chemist, he was an internationally accomplished musician, playing organ, harpsichord, and piano. Ronnie is survived by his partner of 36 years, Jesus Palacios.

CHARLES FRENCH LUCAS '59 died on December 10, 2024. He attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he graduated with honors in 1959. After his college graduation, he became a sales representative for Kimberly-Clark Corporation. After 17 years Chuck and Carolyn decided to return to their hometown, and Chuck joined his father, Roy, and his brother Roy, Jr. in their family firm Lucas General Tire. Chuck and Carolyn happily shared their time, talents and generosity with their community which included the Beckley Presbyterian Church, the salvation Army, the Raleigh County Library and others. He is survived by his son, **Chris Lucas '97**.



JOHN NUTTAL MEADOWS JR. '59 died on October 18, 2024.



He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1960 with degrees in Latin and French and went to work at Buckroe Junior High School in

Hampton, Virginia, as the head of the Latin department and an English teacher. In 1962, Johnny started working at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock, now known as Huntington Ingalls Shipyard. He retired in 2023 after having earned the distinction of master shipbuilder. Johnny's professional focus at the shipyard was on the Sea Wolf Submarine project. He was widely recognized as a subject matter expert and was known as "Mr. Submarine" for his problem-solving expertise related to the program. Johnny was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, digging clams on the Poquoson Flats in the lower Chesapeake Bay, and crabbing. Johnny's love for the outdoors was passed down to his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; two sons; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

THOMAS BUCHANAN PORTERFIELD



II '59 died on August 22, 2024. He attended and graduated cum laude from Hampden-Sydney. After one year at the University of Virginia for

graduate studies, he enlisted in the Army. He received a direct commission as an officer and served his country for four years, being released from service as a first lieutenant in 1964. After Tom left the Army, he worked for Exxon Mobile in various senior marketing and finance positions for 30 years. After retirement from Exxon, he continued his work in the petroleum industry with local Richmond company Woodfin Oil. Tom had a great affinity for all things Scottish, the Baltimore Orioles, the Boston Red Sox, the Washington Commanders, the UVA Cavaliers, a good cigar, and a great book. He had big eyes and a bigger heart. If you ever sent Tom a card or a letter, he probably saved it. He was

secretly sentimental and, in his last few months, wore his heart on his sleeve. While he struggled with clear speech after his stroke, he never struggled to let those around him know how much he loved and appreciated them. Tom's greatest passion was the family that he built. He is survived by two daughters, two stepchildren, and seven grandchildren.

1960s

EARL LEIGHTON ABBOTT JR. '60



died on December 30, 2024. He was born in the mountains of Bath/Allegheny County in the small town of Clifton Forge, Virginia, and was raised as a loving

southern gentleman. At Hampden-Sydney, Leighton was a brother of Chi Phi before graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree. He is survived by the love of his life, Susan; one daughter; one step-son; and three grandchildren.

ROBERT GRAHAM "BOBBY" JONES



SR. '60 died on September 24, 2024. Bobby was a gregarious storyteller and enjoyed sharing his experiences growing up in Richmond and

Deltaville, Virginia. He spent many fond summers at Camp Virginia. His lifelong passion for vehicles extended beyond cars to boats and airplanes. Bobby was president of J. P. Jones Furniture Co., Inc, and a member of the Hull Street Merchants Association and the Manchester Club. He was a director and president of the furniture division of the Retail Merchants Association. Bobby retired from Volvo of Richmond, where he loved selling cars for over 30 years. Bobby is survived by five children and four grandchildren.

LARRY WAYNE HAMMER '61 died on December 24, 2024.



At Hampden-Sydney College, Larry played basketball, and baseball and ran track. He earned his bachelor's degree and began his career as

assistant basketball coach and history teacher in Colonial Heights, Virginia, in the early '60s. He then became head basketball coach and a history teacher at Dinwiddie County High School then assistant principal and basketball coach at New Kent County High School. In the mid-'70s, he decided to switch careers, and accepted a position at VEPCO (Dominion) until 1980. He then moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and worked for B & K Distributing. Upon moving back to Virginia in 1986, he became an inspector for VDOT, from which he retired in 2006. Larry excelled in and loved all sports. He was also an outdoorsman that loved and respected nature. Being a natural at photography, Larry captured beautiful scenery with his camera, that he carried with him at all times. He used this experience and knowledge to patiently teach his children and grandchildren how to play any sport and to appreciate the outdoors. He always had fun outdoor activities planned during every visit. We will miss him sorely, but have great memories of our times together! He is survived by two daughters and two grandsons.

Col. DUDLEY A. RAINE JR. '62



died on November 7, 2024. He graduated Hampden-Sydney College and University of Maryland Medical School. After serving in the Army for 34 years, he retired to

Amherst, Virginia, where he practiced family medicine until 2008. He continued to serve in community and civic organizations including Lynchburg Free Clinic, Amherst Rotary, Clinton Masonic Lodge #73, Mount Pleasant Masonic Lodge #84, and at his beloved church, St Andrew Presbyterian. Dudley led with a compassionate heart and a discerning mind. He will be remembered for his unassuming kindness, unwavering devotion to the people and causes he

championed, his twinkling eyes, the pranks he pulled, and for making everyone feel important. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; two children; and five grandchildren.

JAMES LUTTRELL PATTON '63 died on October 20, 2024. He received his bachelor's from Hampden-Sydney, where he was a brother of Sigma Chi, and received his master's from and did his doctoral work at the University of Maryland. Jim had success in multiple careers throughout his lifetime. He began his career with the telephone company in Charleston. He was a stockbroker at Charles Schwab in Maryland and a professor of accounting at Loyola University and the University of Maryland. He established and ran the Hobby Works store in Laurel, Maryland, for 10 years, later selling to his longtime manager. After retiring in 1993, he found a second career working with and advocating for the residents of continuing care retirement centers in Maryland. Jim was an avid tennis player and animal lover. His hobbies included collecting antiques, vintage toys and dolls, and trains as a member of the Train Collectors of America (TCA). His earliest entrepreneurial ventures started as a promoter of rock and roll acts in Virginia in the late 1950s. He also promoted singles parties in the '60s. Jim was an extremely generous contributor to his favored charities. He always said that he wanted five careers in his life, and he put that into practice: eventually using that experience as an entrepreneur. Jim is survived by his sister and two nephews.

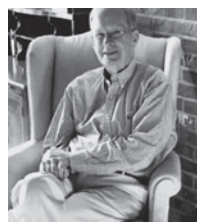
MICHAEL GRAHAM HAYNIE '67 died on June 17, 2024. Mike enrolled in Hampden-Sydney College but interrupted his studies to enlist in the U.S. Army. He served most of his active duty in the Army Honor Guard, where his job included serving as sentry at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and working at various White House ceremonial functions. At the time of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, he was assigned as an Army sentry at the catafalque when the president's body was lying in state at the Capitol Rotunda. After completing his active duty, he finished his service in the Reserves, while returning to Hampden-Sydney to complete his degree. Mike's employment after college was with IBM

in Roanoke, but he once joked that my career was careers. After IBM he tried his hand at multiple ventures, including a fiber optics installation firm. He worked as a bluegrass DJ on public radio as Your Bluegrass Buddy. His love of bluegrass led to another partnership in recording and production under two well-known labels, Leather Records and Ambush Records. He worked as a stockbroker; a loan officer; and an auto finder for those who needed cars but weren't skilled at finding a suitable, reliable vehicle at a decent price. He worked in outdoor recreation helping others get involved in paddling kayaks and canoes, hiking, camping, climbing activities that he loved so much. He also loved to cook and appreciated fine food and drink. He loved animals, particularly dogs. He was besotted with the vast expanses of the American West and all that was included: horses, rodeos, cowboy hats, cowboy poetry gatherings and music, Western movies and *Guns* and *Smoke*. Mike is survived by his wife Margaret; five children—**Harris Haynie '91**; and two grandchildren.

RAYMOND G. DODSON '69 died on December 4, 2024. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney, where he was an All-American and team captain for both the football and wrestling teams. He then went on to graduate from West Virginia University Law School in 1973 before becoming a practicing attorney in Charleston, West Virginia, for over 50 years. Ray is survived by his wife, Nancy; two children; and two grandchildren.



WILLIAM "RANDY" ROBINSON '69 died on September 27, 2024. Randy attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he made several lifelong friends. Following college, he started his career with C&P Telephone (later Verizon) in Suffolk, Virginia. They soon moved to the Western Branch area of Chesapeake, where they raised their children. In the almost 50 years that they lived in Western Branch, Randy and Lynne formed many



close friendships and enjoyed being active members of the community. Following his retirement from Verizon, Randy and Lynne enjoyed travelling the world with friends and spoiling their grandchildren. Randy was a long-time member of Churchland Baptist Church, where he taught Sunday School, served on several committees with community missions as his primary focus, and enjoyed volunteering in the children's nursery on a regular basis for 17 years. Randy will be remembered for his love of all things Petersburg, his quick wit, and his caring spirit. He is survived by his wife, Lynne; two children—**Will Robinson '98**; and four grandchildren.

1970s

GREGORY GLEN REYNOLDS '73



died on December 7, 2024. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College and the Medical College of Virginia Pharmacy School, Mr. Reynolds

became a pharmacist and hospital administrator. He loved his cat, Lola, and music, playing the guitar and the drums. Gregory is survived by his daughter and grandson.

AUBREY STRODE LEE '74



died on November 16, 2024. Aubrey attended Hampden-Sydney and then received his master's degree in social work. Aubrey spent most of his career as a social

worker with Families First, where he counseled married couples and facilitated seminars for co-parenting. While Aubrey was passionate about his work, he was even more passionate about his role as a father. His three children would greet him at night with the chorus of "Daddy's home, hurray!" Aubrey carried his playful spirit from childhood with him into adulthood, and loved playing with his children and later his grandchildren: playing hide in the seek in the dark, building tree houses, inventing new games, going camping, telling epic stories of the land of Guchi Gami, playing board games, and so much more.

As his children grew, Aubrey continued to show his love in tangible ways, going on father/son camping trips, attending their sports events, taking them out on coffee dates, and watching his oldest daughter's grandchildren as often as he could. Aubrey's family and friends alike benefited from his playful spirit, his encouraging words, his deep thinking, and his love for connection to others. In 2016, Aubrey had a massive stroke that left him paralyzed on his left side and cognitively impaired. While the stroke made it impossible for him to "play" in the same way, he continued to be a bright light to anyone he encountered through his thoughtful, encouraging words, his authentic portrayal of emotions, his continued enjoyment of deep conversations, and his continued love for God. One of Aubrey's favorite things to do was to sit on the back deck of his middle daughter's house, taking in God's nature, listening to his grandchildren play, and having good conversation. He also loved attending church weekly, and every week as the music brought him to tears, he would say, "These are tears of joy, not tears of sadness." Aubrey is survived by his three children and seven grandchildren.

Former Trustee **THADDEUS RUBEL "THAD" SHELLEY III '75** died on



September 8, 2024. Thad graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and then began his teaching

and coaching career. He then earned his MBA in finance from the Mason School of Business at The College of William & Mary in 1984. His passion for the institution was unwavering, and he subsequently dedicated 27 years to serving on the board of the Business School Foundation. After earning his MBA, Thad began his career in wealth management at Goldman Sachs and spent the following years in leading roles at other notable financial institutions including Legg Mason, Bessemer Trust, Lazard, and Tiedemann Advisors. Thad's career took the family many places along the east coast: Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and Florida. His favorite place of all was their home on the Rappahannock River in Deltaville, Virginia, where you could find Thad

enjoying a fine cigar on the porch after hours on the water with family and friends every summer. He was a family man and thoroughly enjoyed time spent with his loved ones. When Thad wasn't working or enjoying the river, he was out on the links perfecting his golf game. Thad was a distinguished athlete throughout high school and college, and was recently inducted to the Hampton Roads Athletic Hall of Fame to recognize his accomplishments and unyielding dedication to many sports. Thad was also known for his exceptional leadership and dedication, and served as a role model during his time as a coach. Thad dedicated over 25 years serving on various advisory boards including The College of William & Mary Business School, Johns Hopkins University Heart and Vascular Institute, Hampden-Sydney College, and Hampton Roads Academy. Thad is survived by his wife of 42 years, Totty; four children—**Jay Shelly '11**; two grandchildren; and brother—**Bill Shelly '82**.

DONNY COUNOW '76 died on November 27, 2024.



Donny was a 1976 graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, where he played quarterback and was a proud member of Kappa

Alpha Order. He was retired from Massey Builders' Supply. He is survived by two brothers and their families.

RONALD LEE MOORE '76 died on November 20, 2024.



Ron graduated from Hampden-Sydney, where he majored in psychology and was an active member of Sigma Nu fraternity. In Ron's early

professional career, he founded Fidia Advisors. As a business strategist, he specialized in mergers and acquisitions, opportunity identification, and strategic development. In 2000, after caring for his own parents, he created the largest online national caregivers' library as a free resource for families and caregivers. He was a part of Richmond Search & Rescue, served on the board of Virginia Blood Services, and was a founding board member of The Venture Forum. In his

personal life, Ron loved staying active and helping others. He served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Bon Air Baptist Church. As an avid hiker and walker, Ron completed his goal of 900 consecutive days of walking on November 12, 2024. Above all, Ron was a family man. He loved his girls with all his heart and made sure everyone knew it. In recent years, his greatest joy was being Poppy to his six grandchildren. Ron was honest, caring, funny, optimistic, and never met a stranger. He will always be remembered for his smile, puns, and wide array of dad jokes. Ron is survived by his wife, of 45 years, Peggy; three daughters; six grandchildren; and brother—**Ernest Moore '66**.

1980s

EDWIN PERRY PERNELL III '89



died on September 27, 2024. Perry graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1989 with a bachelor's degree in political science.

He was a proud member of Chi Phi fraternity. Perry's passion was always music. He could play any instrument but enjoyed playing bass the most. He loved Kenston Forest High School football, and he helped coach there for many years. He was a devoted Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and he loved all animals. He is survived by his wife, Mary; and three sons.

PHILIP THOMAS THURMOND III '89



died on September 20, 2024. At Hampden-Sydney, Tom was a member of the baseball team and student government before graduating magna cum laude.

Tom had a gift for bringing people together. He lived to see his loved ones happy and having fun, always wanting to create fun experiences at concerts, golf tournaments, and baseball games. When Tom retired just after his 51st birthday, he and his friends began working on his golf handicap, resulting in a very respectable single-digit number. Tom's golf trips with his buddies over the years were so special to him, giving him an opportunity to bring together friends from different

parts of his life. Nothing made him happier than a round of golf with his son, Davis. As a father, Tom was unwaveringly supportive. He showed up for every game, performance, and milestone, instilling in Davis and Olivia a sense of independence and confidence. Music was the soundtrack of Tom's life. A car ride with him meant an education in '90s grunge rock, with Cheap Trick and Foo Fighters on heavy rotation. His love for music was another way he connected with others, always eager to share a favorite song or plan the next concert outing. Tom approached life with passion, generosity, and humor. He loved to make your day by reaching out to let you know he appreciated you, whether it was his oldest friend or the stranger in line at the store next to him. He felt deeply, forgave quickly, and would move mountains to ease others' pain. In recent years, he found great joy in reconnecting with old friends and making new memories, treating these relationships as extensions of his family. Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Annah; and two children.

1990s

Former Trustee **ANDREW W. FREITAS**



'92 died on September 18, 2024. While at Hampden-Sydney, Andy was a member of Student Senate before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in

psychology. He went on to become the president of Colonel's Limited. He co-owned and operated 98 Papa John's restaurants across Maryland and Virginia. He served on the Papa John's Franchise Advisory Committee and mentored hundreds of franchisees across the nation. Beyond his business acumen, Andy was a devoted member of St. Mark Catholic Church in Vienna, Virginia. Andy is survived by two children.

2000s

CASEY OWEN SWEENEY '00 died on August 1, 2024. Casey had a smile for every occasion, always willing to help with any request or favor. He played soccer and lacrosse and was fascinated with cars and motors forever. After college, Casey settled in North Carolina and spent his career in the auto repair industry around Lake Norman, helping others. A loving and supportive father of two young ladies, he will be remembered as a giving person, expecting little in return. A giver, not a taker, who will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He leaves us too soon; there was so much more to live for. Casey is survived by two daughters.

BENJAMIN CAREY HUTTO '06 died on



December 31, 2024. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, Ben started Northridge Construction and built a successful business building and

renovating homes in the Roanoke area. Ben is most known for his charismatic, effervescent personality. He had a quick wit, stealthy humor, and an easygoing nature that made everyone gravitate toward him. He had a strong love for his family, many friends, and his best girl, Susie. Ben is survived by his wife and daughter.

2020s

JUSTIN FREDERICK PECK '20 died on August 22, 2024.



Justin attended Hampden-Sydney and James Madison University before beginning a career as an operations specialist at Morgan

Stanley in Boston, Massachusetts, where his diligence and work ethic were highly valued. A gentle giant with a beautiful smile, Justin was a beacon of kindness. He cherished his family deeply, especially his sisters, and enjoyed spending quality time with them. His love for sports—all Boston sports teams, Sox, Patriots, Celtics, and Bruins—was only matched by his passion for playing golf with his father and friends, and mowing with the Kubota tractor at his parent's farm in Barboursville, Virginia. Justin is survived by his parents and sisters.

The House on the Hill of Time

ALEXANDRA EVANS

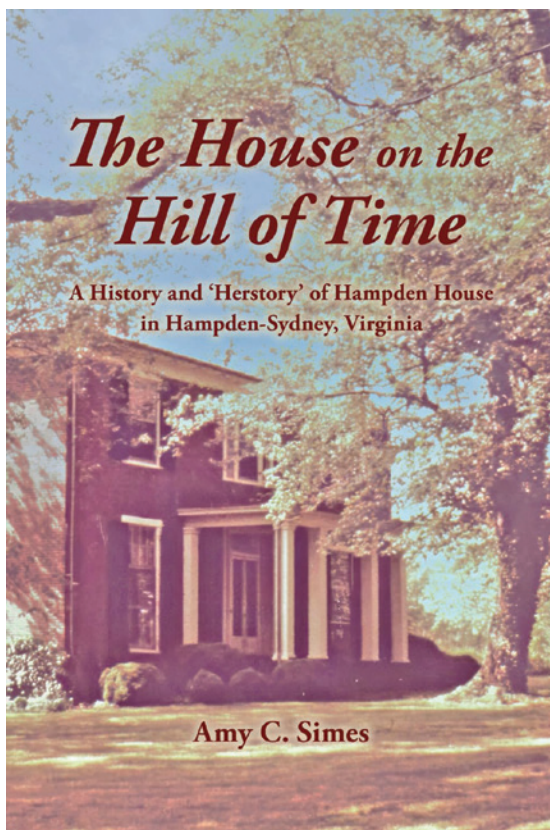
The history of Hampden-Sydney is inextricably linked to the personal histories of the people who founded, built, attended, and lived at the College. **Amy Simes** has put her unique history down in print with the publication of her memoir, *The House on the Hill of Time*. Simes lived in Hampden House as a child for eight years before it became the alumni house. Her father was the late **Frank J. Simes**, former academic dean and administrative vice president and professor emeritus, and her mother was the late **Mary Alice Simes**, who worked with the College in 1967 to renovate and redecorate Hampden House.

"As I've been receiving feedback from those who've already read the book, one of the things I keep hearing is how that period I write about between the mid-1960s and mid-1970s was one of the most unique periods in the College's history," Simes says. "A number of people have said to me that they almost don't recognize the place I wrote about, it's so different from today's campus. Fifty years can make quite a difference!"



"Hampden House forever changed me and continues to dwell inside of me as a symbol of something much deeper and more profound than just a former home. It is my link to times past, present and future, and to those things which matter the most in my life. My old home continues to live inside of me, just as I once lived in it."

-A House on the Hill of Time (p. xxiii)



FROM THE BOOK JACKET:

"Hampden House...is named for the original estate in England that belongs to the descendants of John Hampden, the English Civil War patriot. In this memoir, Amy C. Simes reviews both the history of the original house, as well as her own 'herstory' growing up in the Virginia namesake. She covers the seventeenth century highlights of the lives of John Hampden and Algernon Sidney...and their struggles with Charles I and II – as both men fought to establish more democratic principles in Britain. She then reviews the origins of Hampden-Sydney College... [and] also takes a closer look at the histories and mysteries surrounding the origins of the Virginia Hampden House, the home where she lived as she came of age in the 1960s and 1970s. Simes spends the bulk of her memoir recounting...the years she lived in Hampden House as a young girl and teenager growing up on an all-male college campus during the second wave of feminism in the Sixties and Seventies when the College was briefly considering going coed..."

TIGER FOR LIFE

KEITH LEWIS '78



As a long-serving board member (2009-2013 and 2019-current), **Keith Lewis '78** understands the crucial role that a strong endowment and the ability to provide scholarships will play in Hampden-Sydney's future to continue producing good men and good citizens.

To support the College's ability to enroll any qualified young man regardless of his family's financial status, Lewis and his wife, Kim, have established the Mr. and Mrs. James A. Lewis Endowed Scholarship, named for his parents.

"My mother and father made financial sacrifices for me to attend Hampden-Sydney. Since I committed late in the recruiting cycle, the scholarship pool was running dry. My parents were nevertheless supportive of my attending Hampden-Sydney, but the net result was they invested more in my college education than originally intended" shares Lewis. "This scholarship is our way of honoring them."

If you are interested in leaving a legacy gift to Hampden-Sydney or if you have already included the College in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can thank you and honor you for your generosity.

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