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FALL 2023

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



We're already approaching the halfway mark of the first year of a three-year celebration and commemoration of the 250th anniversary of Hampden-Sydney's founding that will culminate during the 2025-26 academic year. Our anniversary festivities were launched by a stirring keynote address at Opening Convocation on the topic, "The Liberal Arts Are the Skills of Freedom," by Justice John Charles Thomas, who has had a distinguished career as a lawyer at Hunton & Williams (now Hunton Andrews Kurth), and was the youngest and also the first Black justice appointed to the Virginia Supreme Court.

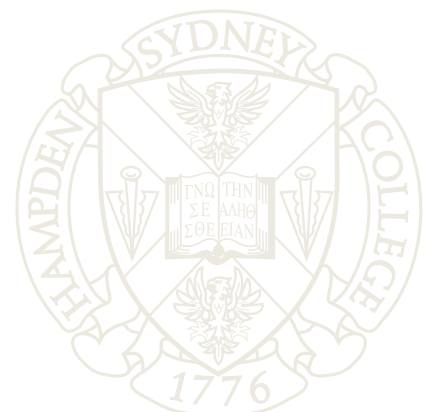
Justice Thomas reminded the audience that the "liberal" in the liberal arts has the same Latin root as "liberate" and "liberty," meaning "free" or "freedom." A "liberal arts education" originally meant "an education suitable for free men." And that is precisely the education we offer the young men who enroll at Hampden-Sydney. It's an education rooted in the "trivium" of logic, grammar, and rhetoric, and it cultivates disciplined thought rather than baseless speculation or blind acceptance of another person's dogma. It's an education that encourages our students to go where curiosity and inquiry take them, and it encourages humility because it is always demonstrating that there's something more to learn, a new idea to consider, and another insight to be gleaned.

Given that we are approaching the College's 250th anniversary, it is fitting that this issue profiles several alumni who have made the preservation and sharing of history their life's work. Many alumni who are now working in public history got the impetus for their careers as students here at Hampden-Sydney, by being imbued in the history of the College and our historic campus or by working in the Esther Atkinson Museum.

You'll also see an article celebrating the completion in 2022 of the Carpenter challenge grant that required the College to raise at least \$16 million in order to access a challenge grant of \$4 million from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. The income we are earning from this more than \$20 million in new need-based scholarship endowment is already having an impact, allowing the College to meet more of the financial need of talented young men who want to attend the College but who would not be able to do so without financial aid.

This issue also celebrates our fall sports teams, the individual and team Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, and the career of the College's all-time winningest football coach, Marty Favret. I am grateful to Marty for making Hampden-Sydney and our mission the focus of his professional career and for being such a caring and generous mentor to generations of Hampden-Sydney football players. In congratulating and thanking Marty, we also pay tribute to the countless individuals who, over the course of 248 years, have made Hampden-Sydney College the great center of learning that it is today. And, we pay tribute to the alumni, parents, and friends who so generously support our mission of forming good men and good citizens, a mission I consider the most important project in higher education.

Dr. Larry Stimpert
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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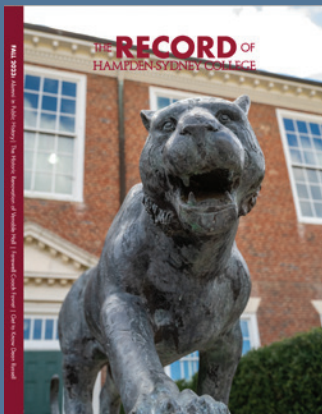
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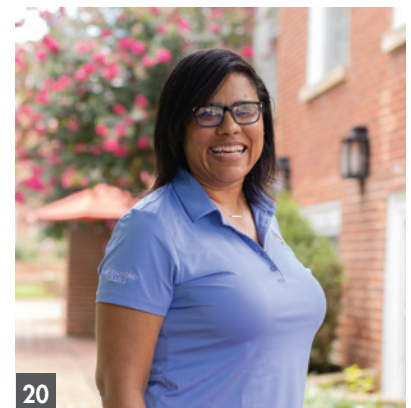
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COACH'S LEGACY ...BY THE METRICS

All-time winningest football coach in school history (151-90)

Most ODAC wins in school history (99-54)

Six NCAA Division III Playoff appearances

Five ODAC Championships

Five-time ODAC Coach of the Year (2003, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013)

16 winning seasons and 19 seasons at .500 or better

10 eight-win seasons, including one 10-win season, and three nine-win seasons

His 151 career wins tie for 12th among active Division III head coaches (first among ODAC head coaches)

His 99 career ODAC wins are the most among active ODAC head coaches

Coached 26 All-America selections, including five two-time All-Americans

Coached four Academic All-America® selections, including one two-time Academic All-America® selection

Coached one William V. Campbell Trophy® finalist

Coached nine William V. Campbell Trophy® semifinalists

Coached nine Gammon Cup winners

Coached 117 First Team All-ODAC selections (2-four-time, 7-three-time, 16-two-time)

Coached five ODAC Offensive Players of the Year

Coached three ODAC Defensive Players of the Year

Coached five ODAC Rookies of the Year

Coached three ODAC Football Scholar-Athletes of the Year

Coached one ODAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year



On November 4, 24-year Head Football Coach **Marty Favret's** final home game ended in classic Martyball fashion: a one-point, blocked PAT overtime thriller against Shenandoah University that sent droves of students cascading onto Fulton Field to hoist a triumphant Coach high in the air.

Nail-biting has become synonymous with Marty Favret's tenure—a tenure that began in 2000 when Favret arrived on the Hill after six years as offensive coordinator at his alma mater Catholic University. The Tigers went 1-9 in 1999, finishing last in the ODAC and averaging just 9.8 points a game. In his first season at the helm, Favret led H-SC Football to a 4-6 record, equaling the win total of the previous three seasons combined. That was just the beginning.

Over the next 23 years, Favret became the winningest coach in College history amassing 151 wins, five ODAC championships, and six NCAA DIII playoff appearances. He coached this year as the longest-tenured coach in Virginia.

At the retirement celebration immediately following his final home game, a choked-up Coach Favret summed up 24 years as head coach in just 2 minutes and 40 seconds. And that's all he needed to move many to tears. After thanking the friends, family, and H-SC community members who traveled from all across the country to cheer on the Tigers and join the celebration held in Snyder Hall, Coach Favret reminisced on a conversation he had with General Sam Wilson shortly after Favret arrived on the Hill.



THE END OF AN ERA

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS

“He called me up to his office after I was hired,” Favret recalled, “and he said, ‘Marty I want to ask you to do something. I want you to bring smiles back to Hampden-Sydney on Saturdays in the fall. And I hope I’ve been able to do that.’”

In addition to the smiles, Coach Favret leaves behind two legacies: One is made of trophies, titles, accolades, pennants, and championship rings. The other is intangible, yet arguably more enduring, and that’s the impact he’s had on the thousands of men he’s coached across more than two decades.

“What makes small liberal arts schools so special are the people who come here and make them their lives’ work,” President **Larry Stimpert** noted at the retirement ceremony. “Today, we honor someone who truly made this place his life’s work. I’ve watched Marty at recruiting events, and while it’s clear he’s all about having a winning football team, what he’s truly most proud of is the success of our students and the way they’re prepared over their four years for life after Hampden-Sydney.”

Congratulations on two-and-a-half decades of success on the field and many more decades of lasting impact off the field, Coach. And from the Hampden-Sydney family yesterday, today, and always: Roll, Tigers!

...BY THE MEMORIES

Marty’s record speaks for itself. More importantly his players enjoyed playing for him and respected his passion for H-SC and H-SC football. Many of his former players have stayed in touch with him years after they have graduated. A good number of his former players have become very successful coaches both on the high school and college level. His coaching tree is very impressive. His offensive philosophy was ahead of the times. He will be greatly missed by the H-SC community.

-Joe Bush, H-SC Athletic Director who hired Coach Favret

If it weren’t for Marty Favret, I would have never stepped foot on Hampden Sydney’s campus. Coach Favret made a larger impact in my life than he probably knows. He pushed our football team to be great and etch our name in the history books for the College. He was the best friend I made on campus, and I’ll never forget the wins we shared together. I could write a short novel about all of the countless memories that I will tell my kids and grandkids about Coach Favret and my time at Hampden Sydney. Coach Marty Favret is Hampden Sydney Football. You don’t bring one up without the other. Love you always Coach!

-Nash Nance '14, Quarterback

Coach Favret is Hampden-Sydney football. He has poured his heart and soul into so many young men that have come thru his program. I am where I am today because of Marty Favret!

-Ryan Silverfield '03, University of Memphis Head Football Coach

THE KEEPERS

H-SC ALUMNI DEVOTE LIVES TO PUBLIC HISTORY



Set in what **Caroline Emmons**, director of the Center for Public History, calls a “laboratory of history,” Hampden-Sydney has always drawn historophiles. Emmons credits this to a number of factors, including the position of the College—both geographically and temporally in our nation’s history—and the strength of the Hampden-Sydney History Department.

“Over the past 10 years, Hampden-Sydney College has graduated more history majors as a share of students than any other college or university in the nation. According to The American Historical Association, approximately 1.2 percent of undergraduates nationally majored in history between 2012 and 2022. Hampden-Sydney’s average across those ten years is 13.6 percent,” reports Elliott Associate Professor of History **James Frusetta**.

With a steady stream of students eager to learn about history and the ever-growing need for transparency in historical interpretation, the establishment of the Center for Public History in 2019 was a natural progression for the history department. The Center focuses on oral history, historic preservation, museum studies, archaeology, and archives and digitization, essentially merging the academic study of history with practical ways that H-SC graduates

can apply their degrees after they leave the Hill.

“We are very well positioned to explore the continuing relevance of history and the challenges in interpreting history for a diverse public,” Emmons says. “Teaching students about the production and interpretation of history for a public audience is a perfect complement to the Rhetoric program and to Compass, the College’s experiential learning program. In other words, all the pieces were already here and it’s been exciting putting them together into a program.”

Read on to discover how eight Hampden-Sydney history majors across five decades have dedicated their professional lives to the preservation, interpretation, and conservation of American history.

While volunteering as a docent at Jamestown Settlement in high school, **Nathan Ryalls ’11** discovered that he really enjoyed making history exciting and relevant to the general public. Ryalls was encouraged by Jamestown curator **Daniel Hawks ’61** to consider Hampden-Sydney despite there being no formal public history or museum studies program at the time. Emmons actually credits Ryalls with the idea for establishing the Center for Public History.



“Nathan rightly pointed out that H-SC is well situated for the study of history given its physical and intellectual location at the crossroads of many important moments in American history, from the nation’s founding to the Civil War to the civil rights movement,” Emmons says.

At Hawks’ suggestion, Ryalls began working with Director-Curator of the Atkinson Museum **Angie Way** from the moment he stepped on campus and continued all four years, going on to serve on the board of the Museum after graduating.

After completing his master’s degree in history at James Madison University, Ryalls has made a career out of just what called him to public history in the first place: making history exciting to the public. As guest experience and design manager at Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Ryalls works to streamline the guest experience at Colonial Williamsburg, liaising with various guest-facing departments such as the tradespeople, museum theater actors, and nation builder characters to create programming and schedules that create a cohesive narrative experience for the guests.

Once bringing in over a million visitors a year, Colonial Williamsburg has experienced a drastic drop in guests coming through the park, which Ryalls laments. Though, he relishes the challenge of keeping a premier destination. To do this, Ryalls and his team are taking age old topics like democracy, freedom, revolution, ingenuity, and community and inviting visitors to create links between the circumstances surrounding these topics in 18th

century Colonial America and their places in today’s world. “Interpretation is, at its core, provocation. We want our guests to find relevant ties to their own lives and then to be active participants in their community,” Ryalls explains. “That goes beyond just voting; it’s being active in the PTA and your church and the farmers’ market. Trying to improve community life.”

“History is not done and dusted,” Ryalls says. “It’s an evolving field with new questions and new stories emerging and new ways we can learn from the past.”

Echoing Ryalls’ sentiments, Dr. **Carter Hudgins ’00**, president and CEO of Drayton Hall Preservation Trust in Charleston, South Carolina, says: “The beauty and the challenge of what we do is that you come to the table with two questions, but the answers to those two questions lead to four more questions. It’s all part of an evolution.”

Holding both master’s and doctorate degrees in history and material culture from the University of London, Hudgins expands on some of the new questions his team is trying to answer about life at Drayton Hall—an 18th-century plantation in the South Carolina low country—a property that he started working at in high school, when he was a member of the grounds crew. “Archaeology at Drayton Hall has been reactive up to the present—meaning that we would only conduct an excavation ahead of any projects that could disrupt the archaeological record,” he explains. “But we now have a fully funded archaeology department, and we’re able to create a



research strategy and set about finding answers. One of our priorities is to find the community where the enslaved people lived both in the main house and out across the landscape. We want to be as accurate and authentic as possible. Archaeology holds you to that because what you find is what happened.”

“There’s so much to learn from old properties like Drayton Hall,” Hudgins says. “For instance, Drayton Hall is the first fully executed example of Palladian architecture in the U.S. It is ground zero in the U.S. for classical design, and people are still coming to the site and examining what was built in the 1740s and why.”

“You can think of these properties almost like a grandparent.” Hudgins continues. “They’re living and breathing, maybe retired and slower, but the impact they have on us today is extremely powerful. They can provide wisdom and warning as to what was good and bad respectively, teach us what to do and what not to do, and help us move forward.”

“We need to understand where the nation came from and what impact that has on the country today,” agrees **Clayton James ’91**. “Doing so can govern how we react today and what we should and should not do. It’s important to honestly represent the past and fairly tell the whole story.” James, who is managing director of Jamestowne Investments, volunteered as president of The Rosewell Foundation in Gloucester, Virginia, from 2017



until the summer of 2023 when The Rosewell Foundation merged with The Fairfield Foundation. James is still actively involved in the management of Rosewell and currently consults for The Fairfield Foundation.

Once the nucleus of the colonial economy, Rosewell was built in 1725 by the affluent Page family. James points out, though, that Rosewell’s legacy does not begin or end with the Page family. Built on Pamunkey native land at the location of Pocahontas’ alleged birthplace and constructed and run by enslaved Africans, Rosewell is a pinpoint on the timeline of Virginia and American history.

“Without the contributions of the enslaved Africans, Rosewell wouldn’t have existed,” James explains. And without Rosewell, the future of the budding nation might have looked very different. Despite the shame surrounding the history of enslavement at Rosewell, the Foundation has made it a point not to shy away from that aspect of the home’s history. James notes that it does no one a fair service to shy away from that dark corner of the home’s history. “By using it to educate the public, we hope to bring long overdue recognition and perhaps a sense of pride to the descendants of that community,” he says.

That is a sentiment that **Jeffrey Harris ’90** can appreciate. Holding a master’s degree in history from Clemson University, Harris spent six years at the National Trust for Historic Preservation as director of diversity before becoming an independent historian and historic preservation consultant. Harris also served on the Virginia Board of Historic Resources—including as vice chair for a time—from 2019 until January 2023. Harris has expertise in diversity issues in historic preservation and historic interpretations; and audience and board development with historic sites, non-profit organizations, and academic institutions. In an article written for the National Park Service (NPS) titled “*Where We Could Be Ourselves: African American LGBTQ Historic Places and Why They Matter*,” he recalls a trip to Montpelier—the home of James and Dolley Madison—and a docent who spoke of the praise that the Madisons received for the beauty of their home and grounds:

“I understood that the praise...needed to be directed toward those who actually did the work to make Montpelier beautiful. I began to swell with pride at THEIR work...I realized, for myself, that there was no



need to feel shame over slavery, something that many people do feel (along with anger and sadness). Instead, I offered congratulations, silently, to those spirits who did that work, and did it well. If no one in their lives offered genuine thanks for THEIR work, I wanted to do it those many years later, and I did.”

Harris says that the epiphany he had while contemplating the manicured grounds and well-preserved home could only have happened while standing in the place itself. “There’s something powerful about being able to look squarely at one’s past exactly where it happened, see it for what it was, and then learn from it,” he expounds.

Harris finds significance in engaging history through place, saying that it is one thing to read about history in a book but another thing entirely to experience the physical location where something important happened. In the NPS article, Harris goes on to talk about the sense of pride he felt when he moved into the Logan Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C., and visited the former homes of prominent African American LGBTQ residents:

“I recognized the deep need for the African American LGBTQ community not only to know where our predecessors made their history, but also to identify places that are still available for us to visit, even if that visit constitutes standing outside of a door, or driving by a building where something incredible happened.”

Harris explains that all too often historic places associated with LGBTQ individuals are located in areas slated for revitalization and in danger of being torn down

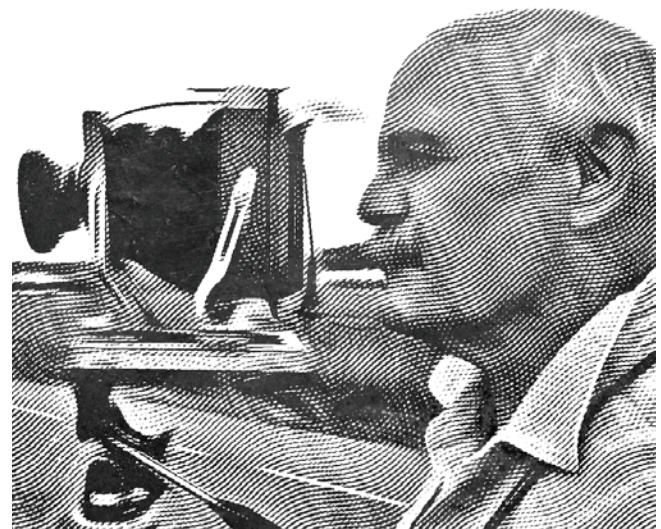
or altered significantly. The places that are most likely to remain are those with previously unknown LGBTQ ties.

Knowing how quickly places of significance can be destroyed and the associated history lost to the public and the communities to whom it was important, Harris often wonders if important contemporary historic figures think about their legacy from a preservation perspective. “I want to know if there’s a place important to those people’s history that should be preserved for future generations to learn from,” he says. “Where would their National Register of Historic Places plaque be hung?”

Brian Grogan ’73 has also dedicated much of his professional career to preserving places of significance, but his medium is photography. A history major who developed his first roll of film in a dark room on the top floor of Winston Hall, now Brinkley Hall, 21-year-old Grogan never imagined his two interests would dovetail so uniquely.

For more than 30 years, Grogan has produced photographic documentation of the built history of the United States, with more than 10,000 photographs in the Library of Congress collections of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS)—the NPS’s Heritage Documentation Programs.

This fall Grogan has returned to campus as lecturer in the Fine Arts Department to teach a class titled Recording Historic Structures. The course will introduce Hampden-Sydney students to the history, legacy, and process of historic documentation in the United States, including hands-on



field work such as researching and documenting historic structures on campus. He will also be photographing the college architecture and landscape to update an extensive study he did of the College in the mid-1990s. A collection of 45 fine art photographic prints from that earlier study are archived in Bortz Library Special Collections. A selection of those prints are now on display in Pannill Commons.

In addition to his preservation photography work, Grogan has also been deeply engaged for 25 years as a historian and documentary film maker in the Civil Rights era public school crisis in Prince Edward County. He has served as a citizen member and consultant to sub-committees of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Commission of the Virginia General Assembly; researched and edited an anthology of historical writings titled *A Little Child Shall Lead Them: A Documentary Account of the Struggle for School Desegregation in Prince Edward County, Virginia*; and done extensive research and production work on the documentary film *They Closed Our Schools* for which he is now raising completion funding.

Echoing Harris's sentiments, Grogan says, "My appreciation of history is to get out of the history book or the classroom and stand where something of significance happened, not even necessarily something of great historical importance, but all things that contribute to the built history of the U.S. like one-room schoolhouses." His photographs are a piece of the documentation that the NPS includes for each of the historic locations they document and archive in the Library of Congress. Other materials include architectural drawings and a written history of the building, structure, or landmark.

Grogan is contemplative as he relays what it's like to stand in the middle of history in the making. "Oftentimes I'm taking the last photograph of a place that will ever be taken as the building or site is scheduled for demolition," Grogan says. "Walking through an abandoned building or site—it's like walking with ghosts."

And while it might be tempting to romanticize these abandoned buildings, Grogan remains focused on the task at hand. "The difference between architectural and commercial photography is that commercial photography is designed to make a place look great," he explains. "I walk into a place and photograph it just as it is, warts and all."

Ed Ayres '66 is also committed to presenting history warts and all. "Understanding how complex and twisted history can be is something I would like every American to understand," he says. After completing a master's degree at the University of Virginia, Ayres began his career as a historian in the 1970s working with archaeologists at the College of William and Mary. In 1988, he joined the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation as a public historian and was part of the team that created a new museum on the American Revolution at Yorktown.

Ayres' foray into history was unexpected but nonetheless fulfilling. A patriotic man, Ayres came to Hampden-Sydney during the height of the Cold War with the goal of becoming a scientist and doing his part to protect the country and defeat communism. That is, until organic chemistry got in his way. After changing his major to history though, Ayres discovered another way to live out his patriotism: presenting the full and complete history of



the nation he loves to its citizens, despite the ugly truths that history may reveal.

This path has, at times, forced Ayres to confront some of his own long-held beliefs, like when he "devoured" the Pentagon Papers and his eyes were opened to the complexity of history and politics.

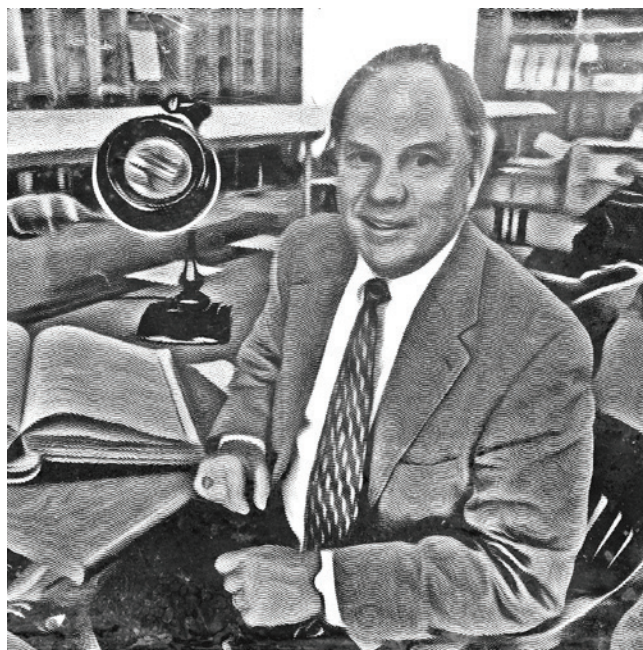
“As a historian there are so many events that even I didn’t know happened until more recently, like the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921,” Ayres admits. As he strives to broaden his knowledge of American history outside of his professional expertise in the colonial era, Ayres hopes to achieve a realistic understanding of where the nation is in achieving the American dream of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all its citizens.

Ayres explains that in order to make an informed opinion, it is important for each American citizen to learn as much as possible about our nation’s history. It is a task he believes every generation should and does undertake in its own way, leading to new understanding about America’s collective history and that history’s place in the modern world. “Every generation understands the past from their own perspective,” he says. “It doesn’t mean that their understanding is any better or worse, but it’s different. Every generation revises its understanding of the past from a modern viewpoint.”

Retired Virginia State Archivist **Conley Edwards ’67** also points to the Pentagon Papers as a reminder of the need for transparency in governance, a philosophy he holds dear as an archivist. “When the Pentagon Papers came out, it affected people’s trust and confidence in government,” he explains. “One of the things that archivists strive for is to provide unedited materials so that average citizens can come in and investigate an issue or an incident and form their own opinions.”

Edwards was first introduced to archival work during graduate school at the University of Richmond, where he obtained his master of arts degree in American history after serving in the Army. He led a Herculean effort over the course of his 35-year career at the Library of Virginia growing the state archives from 47,500 items in 1974 to 109,221,000 upon Edwards retirement in 2009. Edwards says that the Library of Virginia’s staff has led the way in state archiving across the nation, and the state’s archive is among the most visited in the nation.

“The importance of having an extensive collection is that the public has a right to access those materials to see if their money is being well-spent,” Edwards explains. “The government is doing the people’s business and the people have a right to know how those decisions are being made and how that business is being done.”



Although archives are often associated with major historical treasures or high-level government documents such as the Pentagon Papers, Edwards argues that the everyday documents often end up being the most illuminating historical materials.

“There was a period of historiography where the story was really of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe—prominent figures like that,” Edwards says. “But in the late 20th century, the focus shifted to more personal stories of individual citizens at a local level. There’s no richer source of information than documents such as court proceedings or land deeds or tax records that depict life at a local level.”

Their paths and professions vary, but these alumni’s motivations are comparable and commendable: to both preserve and enhance the history of the nation they love, while recognizing the imperfections in that history and using those imperfections to educate their fellow citizens. Jeffrey Harris reminds us that “history is not good or bad, it just is.” Each of these historians possess a tenacity for the truth, pursuing their work as the Founding Fathers did: always challenging the status quo and continuously striving towards the goal of building a more perfect union.



Venable Hall circa 1880s

Hallowed Hall

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS

These are times when every man takes stock to see how he stands. The epochal events of the past five years spell progress, and it is significant of the times that individuals as well as institutions are preparing for a renaissance in business, arts, science, and every branch of activity. It is not sufficient at this time that we rely upon the past or upon stored up capital in any form, however great and valuable they may be, but we must take measures to advance. We may not even stand still without falling behind.

...Hampden-Sidney has every reason to be proud of her achievements of the past. She has wonderful assets in the renown won by her famous sons, which argues well for her future. If she can inspire the proper appreciation of the charm she possesses in her beautiful old buildings and arouse a jealous regard, not only for their preservation, but that nothing shall be done in the future to mar them by an architectural discord, one of the purposes of this article will have been achieved and our employment as architects justified.

James L. Burley,
The Kaleidoscope, Vol. 26, page 27, 1920

Hampden-Sydney College is a study in juxtaposition. We educate 21st-century men in the pursuit of an 18th-century mission. We employ an ancient educational framework to instruct students on modern day subjects. And now, thanks to the thoughtful renovation of Venable Hall, H-SC students will reside in a 200-year-old dormitory while enjoying every contemporary amenity they could want.

Visitors to campus would be hard pressed not to notice the renovations and new build projects happening all across the Hill. Hampden-Sydney began a full-scale facilities upgrade campaign in 2019 with the construction of the Grove Residence Hall Complex. Other projects include the Pauley Science Center, which opened in 2022; the newly reopened Rivers Apartments, formerly known as the Alphabets; and major ongoing construction on TigeRec and the Kirby Field House. Arguably the most exciting project, however, is the historic restoration of Venable Hall.

When the project entered the planning stages in 2019, it was limited in scope to painting and replacing the HVAC, windows, and flooring. Serendipitously, **Kevin Miller** had just taken the role of director of facilities management. “After getting the project quote, I went to look around Venable to get a feel for the building before work started. I immediately noticed elements indicative of Jeffersonian architecture and thought we might want a second opinion on this project,” Miller says excitedly. A Charlottesville native and self-described lover of history, Miller took his theories and suggestions to President **Larry Stimpert** and Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance **Ken Copeland**, who agreed to let Miller investigate an alternative course of action.

Miller brought in Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects (MCWB), whom he had worked with in previous roles at Sweet Briar College and the University of Virginia (UVA) to consult. MCWB—with offices in Albany, New York, and Williamsburg, Virginia—has special expertise in historic renovations and preservation. The company’s portfolio includes restorations of numerous National Historic Landmarks such as Monticello, Poplar Forest, Montpelier, and Mount Vernon. With Venable Hall qualifying for historic tax credits to offset up to 45 percent of the project costs, the firm’s experience in historic renovations is especially pertinent.

MCWB’s initial analysis confirmed Miller’s hunch. “We found exciting parallels to other Federal-style buildings like Poplar Forest, Monticello, and various buildings at UVA,” says Eric Kuchar, MCWB senior manager. These revelations convinced the College that only a full-scale renovation of the second-oldest building on campus would be appropriate, restoring Venable to its 19th century glory while simultaneously bringing it up to 21st century student standards.

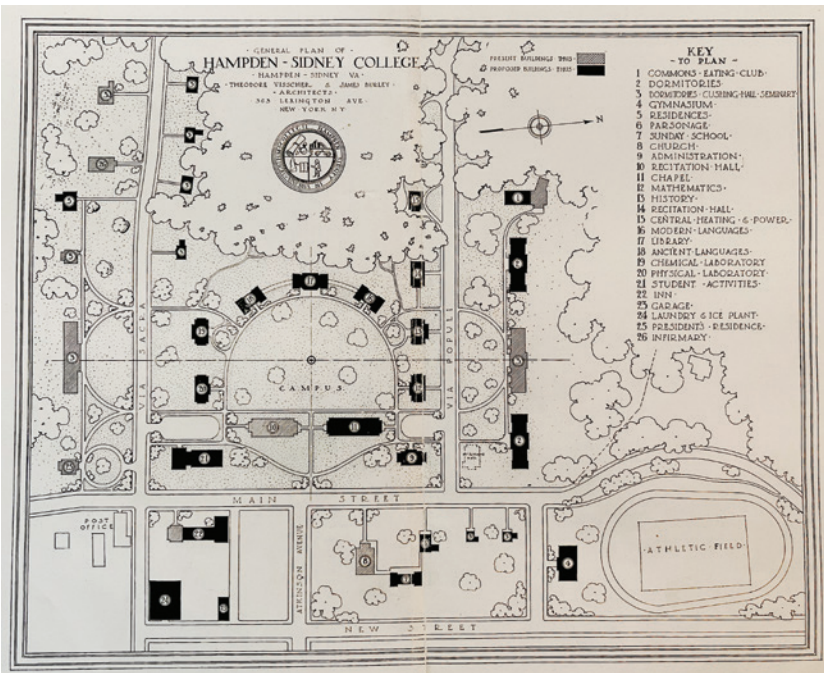
Through exhaustive research that Kuchar characterizes as forensic architecture, MCWB dove into the history of Venable to understand how it has changed over time, deciphering what elements are original to the building and determining what to restore, remove, or recreate. “There weren’t schematics or drawings in the 1800s,” Kuchar says. “Master craftsmen made their way from Charlottesville through the valley to Hampden-Sydney to build Venable using a basic set of parameters and methods they had learned from Thomas Jefferson.”

Thus, the detectives at MCWB relied on archival documents, personal letters, local newspaper articles, and College publications like the Record, the Tiger, and the Kaleidoscope to get an idea of what Venable looked like through the years. Then, with the aid of technology such as drone imaging, laser scanning, core sampling, and Matterport imaging, MCWB was able to marry physical evidence and documentary evidence to prove their hypotheses and provide Hampden-Sydney with a robust and historically sound renovation proposal.

“Authenticity is paramount in what we do,” explains Kuchar. “We don’t guess at what was there. We don’t make any recommendations or begin any work until we have evidence to support our theories of how the building originally looked and operated.”



Seminary 1840



THE WORK BEGINS

MCWB Partner Tom Burgess points out that Venable set the precedent for how the campus looks today. The gravity of its importance to campus inspired College leadership time and again, such as in the 1920 central campus plan created by architect James L. Burley, who made the axial relationship established between Venable and Cushing 100 years earlier the anchor of his plan.

And today, yet another century later, evidence of Venable's ongoing influence on the architectural aesthetic of the College sits just across the street. The Pauley Science Center—whose construction restored the original sightline between Venable and Cushing

Hall—with its 21st century Federal exterior mirrors that of the 19th century Venable Hall, offering yet another morsel of juxtaposition on the Hill.

The restoration of Venable pays homage to the vision of the College's leadership throughout the years as well as the master craftsmanship of Cosby and Perry. From under layers of plywood and vinyl emerged original heart pine flooring; original fireboxes and hearths were unearthed and restored in bedrooms; original closets and doors flanking the fireplaces were restored; and third-generation Prussian blue paint was discovered, recreated, and once again cheerfully colors the trim throughout the bedrooms.

To achieve modern convenience, a four-story, 10,000-square foot addition was constructed to the rear of the original Venable Hall footprint. The addition boasts an airy, skylit atrium that welcomes students home while also serving as breakout spaces for community members using the Parents & Friends Lounge. Brand-new bathrooms with accessible fixtures, increased privacy, and ample storage are also housed in the rear addition, allowing the College to reclaim several bedrooms in the original building that were converted to bathrooms in 1987.

Parents & Friends Lounge is also getting a facelift and an upgrade. The Lounge will remain largely architecturally untouched due to Department of Historic Resources guidance, but a cosmetic refresh will welcome community

Built in two major phases between 1824 and 1831 by Dabney Cosby and John Perry—two masons who were proteges of Thomas Jefferson—Venable was originally part of the Union Theological Seminary and housed dormitories, classrooms, a library, and a chapel. When the seminary moved to Richmond in 1898, Major Richard Venable, Class of 1857, purchased Venable along with Penshurst and Middlecourt (which Cosby also helped construct), Winston (now Brinkley) Hall, Maples, and several other seminary-owned buildings located to the east of the intersection of College Road and Via Sacra for \$10,000 and donated them to the College.

At the same time that Cosby and Perry were constructing Venable, their colleagues Reuben Perry and William Phaup were working on Cushing Hall. As MCWB notes in the feasibility study prepared for the College, “owing to the close friendship between the workmen of the two buildings, a strong axial relationship was formed, linking the two separate campuses as one.”

members to a beautiful meeting space. For conferences and speakers, discreet and retractable audio-visual equipment can be deployed from either side of the stairways and live streaming equipment will broaden the reach and accessibility of College programming. For social events, the space will be able to accommodate up to 120 guests for dinners, socials, reunions, weddings, and more with the option to use student rooms for overnight events when the College is not in session.

On the third floor of the atrium will be a faculty- or staff-in-residence apartment inspired by the legacy of former Professor of Classics and College Historian **John Brinkley '59**. Brinkley, along with his cigar and cane, was a preeminently visible fixture on campus for more than 40 years. By creating a faculty- or staff-in-residence apartment, the College hopes to create more opportunities for faculty and staff members to become that well-known, go-to member of the community, thus building bridges



Uncovering fireplaces in student rooms



Mockup dorm room at October 2022 Open House

Make your mark on history at Hampden-Sydney

From convocation to commencement, Venable Hall bookends the Hampden-Sydney experience, occupying a singular and storied space in the memories of our alumni. And thanks to the current restoration project, generations of Hampden-Sydney men now have the rare opportunity to honor the past and celebrate the future. The College invites alumni, parents, or friends to make a gift to name an individual room or one of the special spaces inside these hallowed halls in perpetuity.

Naming opportunities begin with pledges of \$50,000. If you'd like to have your name or a family member's name grace a restored room or another space in Venable, please contact **Heather Howarth** in the Office of College Advancement for details. Heather may be reached at hhowarth@hsc.edu.

between College employees and students and visitors. Similar programs have been tested at other institutions with significant, positive impacts to students' GPA, degree completion, and overall college experiences.

"After many years of thoughtful research, planning, and design, the historical restoration of Venable will most certainly elevate it to one of the premier residence halls in the country," says Dean of Students **Richard Pantele '13**.

AN INVESTMENT FOR THE NEXT 250

With two-thirds of students reporting that campus facilities affected their choice of college or university according to a 2022 Student Voice survey conducted by Inside Higher Ed and College Pulse and sponsored by Kaplan, the planned improvements to H-SC facilities are an investment in the College's future.

With enrollment trending upward, the College is taking advantage of open beds to complete renovations now in preparation for reaching capacity. Additionally, record endowment growth over the past few years has allowed the College to take on minimal financial risk to pursue this plan that President Stimpert calls "bold, yet prudent."

The residence hall renovation plans are a piece of the larger campaign to improve facilities across campus. Along with completed projects such as the Brown Student Center, the Pannill Center for Rhetoric and Communication, the Pauley Science Center, and the Rivers Apartments (formerly the "Alphabets"), other planned upgrades include updates to Pannill Commons, the transformation of Kirby Field House, and the expansion of the TigeRec Fitness Center, and renovations to Gilmer Hall.

More importantly than the College's future, though, these upgrades are an investment in the futures of Hampden-Sydney students. While the stately exteriors and

well-appointed décor capture the eye, it is the quality-of-life and accessibility upgrades that the Facilities team has taken great care and consideration to include that pay due respect to the H-SC mission to form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning.

Miller explains that the job of the Facilities team is to support students as they are able in order to ensure other teams like Student Affairs and the faculty can support students in their own ways without fighting against the students' living environments. A whole team approach to educating the whole man.

"Kevin [Miller] brought a lot of great insight to the student experience that was valuable to the whole process," says Kuchar. "It's always great to work with clients who are so passionate. It brought a lot of perspective to our team to allow us to deliver what the College needs."

A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

The passion and interest at every level of the Hampden-Sydney community—from senior-level College staff members to Trustees to campus residents to new students and even local contractors who bid for the work—caught Burgess and Kuchar's attention.

"Everyone who has been a part of this project has been excited and had a drive and a passion for a college building like we don't often see," Kuchar says. "Feeling the excitement from the community made us even more excited."

Community members were able to tour Venable in late October 2022 to experience the nearly 200-year-old architecture. The original walls, ceilings, fireplaces, and staircases were opened to the public one final time before renovations continued.

TIMELINE OF H-SC FACILITIES UPGRADES



The Grove Apartments: completed in August 2020



Hampden Houses: phase one completed in 2021



Blake Apartments: completed summer of 2022



Pauley Science Center: completed in August 2022



Pannill Commons: completed summer of 2023



SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP

What began as a \$3 million refresh has blossomed into a \$25 million testament to an institution that has withstood wars, pandemics, and centuries. Whether he lives in it or not, every student who matriculates at Hampden-Sydney is touched by Venable Hall. From opening convocation to commencement, Venable bookends a Hampden-Sydney man’s time on the Hill. A thoughtful renovation is a fitting tribute to not only the second oldest building on campus but also a building that is embedded in the legacy of the College. It is a legacy like no other, and now, Venable Hall is a residence hall like no other.

“For our current students and alumni, some of our most cherished memories on the Hill are the results of experiences in and around the residence halls we call home for our four years on campus,” says Dean Pantele.

Those memories create threads of connection that bond together generations of Hampden-Sydney men both living and departed. The halls of Venable that all these men trod, whether they were heart pine or vinyl-clad, are the same and reverberate with the spirit of Hampden-Sydney. “There’s a certain feeling when you walk into older buildings that’s experiential,” says Burgess. “There’s a weight of those who came before you that’s impactful.”

“This building tells stories from 200 years ago that are worth retelling,” Kuchar adds.

Tomorrow’s Hampden-Sydney man is in charge of retelling that story now. Venable Hall—and the College as a whole—existed long before each of us. With such intentional stewardship as demonstrated through this renovation, may both endure long after each of us as well.

“This is a once in a lifetime opportunity,” Miller says of the project. “We got to uncover history, return it to its original condition, incorporate today’s design standards, and then turn it back into operation. I don’t think we would be good stewards to the community if we let this project just sit behind a construction fence. It’s like a living museum; why should we be the only ones who get to experience that?”

Students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members also had the chance at the beginning of the fall semester to sign beams that were then placed in the rear addition—a symbolic tribute to the enduring supportive power of the Hampden-Sydney community.



The Rivers:
(formerly the Alphabets)
completed in August
2023



Whitehouse:
Began July 2023-est.
completion August
2024



Kirby Fieldhouse:
Ongoing multiphase
project began
summer 2021

Gilmer Hall:
Historic Preservation
Study completed.
Next steps TBD

Carpenters:
Estimated start spring
2024-estimated
completion June 2025

Venable Hall:
Began in 2021-will
finish spring 2024

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT BOLSTERED BY CARPENTER CHALLENGE SUCCESS

In September of 2017, Hampden-Sydney announced that the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation was awarding the College \$4 million for the creation of a scholarship endowment to support need-based financial aid for academically qualified students. The Carpenter Foundation's grant would be paid in four annual \$1 million installments that were contingent on the College raising \$4 million in cash for each \$1 million portion of the Carpenter funds.

With the help of many generous alumni and other benefactors, Hampden-Sydney succeeded in raising the necessary \$16 million to unlock the Carpenter Foundation's \$4 million in 2021. By successfully completing the Carpenter Challenge, the College added a total of \$20 million in need-based scholarship aid to the endowment.

"We want the many benefits of a Hampden-Sydney education to be available to any talented young man who wants to attend the College, regardless of his family's financial circumstances," said College President **Larry Stimpert**. "Completing the Carpenter Challenge is an important first step in our journey toward realizing the ambitious goal of meeting the full financial need of every young man who wants to attend Hampden-Sydney. Moreover, success at completing the Carpenter Foundation's challenge grant gave the College confidence to pursue even more ambitious fundraising goals."

Other important fundraising accomplishments include many new endowed scholarships, a \$6 million gift to launch the Compass experiential learning initiative, and two endowed professorships. The generosity of many benefactors and alumni has also allowed the College to construct the Pannill Center for Rhetoric and Communication and the state-of-the-art Pauley Science Center and to renovate historic Venable Hall. Generous support combined with steady and careful stewardship have helped the College grow its endowment to \$250 million.

As college tuitions rise across the country, a college education—especially at an exceptional institution like Hampden-Sydney—can be a far reaching dream for some. Thanks to the funds raised via the Carpenter Challenge, scholarship aid will ensure that many more talented young men who wish to attend will be afforded the opportunity to pursue their education at Hampden-Sydney.

For me, Hampden-Sydney was a dream, but the financial aid that I received made it a reality. Hampden-Sydney has allowed me to grow substantially as a person, a student, and a leader. Attending Hampden-Sydney has provided opportunities and experiences that are unique to the Hill, and I believe the educational experiences I've had here will position me for success in life better than any other college could. I am thankful for scholarships like the ones bolstered by the Carpenter Challenge that provide students the financial support they need to attend their dream college and receive this second-to-none liberal arts education.

-Scott Teachey '24

History major, National Security minor, Student Affairs and Admissions student employee, College Food Committee chair, resident advisor, Outsiders Club, Pitmasters Club, Reenacting Club

Generous scholarships and financial aid made attending H-SC feasible for me. The financial support that I received has allowed me to build lifelong friendships and enjoy an academic experience that would have been otherwise unattainable. The education I'm receiving is positioning me for long-term success, and I know that my time at Hampden-Sydney, along with a great alumni network supporting me, will open doors for success in not only my career but all aspects of life.

-Caden Furr '25

Economics and Business major, Chi Phi, Phi Beta Lambda

Hampden-Sydney has a longstanding relationship with the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation. Three residence halls at the College bear the name of E. Rhodes Carpenter, a 1929 graduate of Hampden-Sydney who founded the Carpenter Company and later established the Carpenter Foundation. The Foundation's support facilitated the construction of these residence halls, and a \$1 million grant in 2012 helped create the Viar-Christ Center for the Arts in Brinkley Hall, a project that was completed in 2017. Grants from the Carpenter Foundation total over \$8 million, making it one of the College's most prolific donors.

NEW TRUSTEES *at Hampden-Sydney*



Mr. Julious P. "Joey" Smith, Jr. '65

Chairman Emeritus, Williams Mullen

B.A., Hampden-Sydney 1965

J.D., UVA School of Law 1968

Mr. Smith and his wife, Sherrill, have three children and 10 grandchildren and reside in Richmond, Virginia.



D.R. "Rick" Wyatt '80

*Corporate Vice President and Treasurer,
Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII)*

B.S., Hampden-Sydney College 1980

M.B.A., Old Dominion University

Mr. Wyatt and his wife, Martha, have two children and reside in Norfolk, Virginia.



Mr. Eric J. Lindberg, Jr. '93

Chairman of the Board, The Grocery Outlet, Inc.

B.A., Hampden-Sydney College 1993

Mr. Lindberg and his wife, Megan, have three children and reside in the San Francisco Bay Area.



Mr. Remy W. Trafelet

President and CEO, Trafelet & Company LLC

A.B., Dartmouth College 1992

Mr. Trafelet and his wife, Missy, split their time between Palm Beach, Florida; and Oakfield, Georgia; and he has six children.

To read more about these and other trustees, visit hsc.edu.



DEAN of ADMISSION

After a nationwide search led by a committee comprised of faculty, staff, alumni, and trustees, Hampden-Sydney introduced **Chrystal Russell** as the College's next dean of admission on February 2, 2023.

Dean Russell brings more than a decade of recruitment, enrollment, and financial aid experience at institutions such as Case Western Reserve University, Rhodes College, Randolph College, and Montgomery Bell Academy—a premier independent high school for boys in Nashville.

An alumna of St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Virginia, Dean Russell understands the unique value of single-sex education, as well as the challenges these institutions can face, and she is well-equipped with both personal and professional experience to mitigate such challenges. The *Record* sat down with Dean Russell at the beginning of the semester to talk about the fit, family, and future of Hampden-Sydney that makes her so excited to take on this role.

Q: What qualities are you looking for in potential Hampden-Sydney students?

A: Working in admission, the first rule of thumb is do no harm to the student. We want to attract students who can be academically successful here. That could be a student who was gifted all the way through their high school years or a student who just started hitting his stride in the last year or two. There's a place at Hampden-Sydney for both of those guys and everyone in between. And then there's the matter of cultural fit. Will we be a good fit for a student and will he contribute positively to the Hampden-Sydney community? Will he be a good brother, a good roommate, a good teammate?

Q: How does admission differ at Hampden-Sydney versus an institution like Case Western?

A: Hampden-Sydney is a very high-touch, relationship-oriented place. You see a lot of that in the application process. The beauty of our application process is that our team spends so much time with these applicants getting to know them. They're going to their high schools and their hometowns, checking in on them via text and phone call, getting to know their interests and goals. We connect them with faculty members or alumni or current students to help them figure out how Hampden-Sydney can support them in their goals.

Q: How do you market Hampden-Sydney, as a single-sex institution, to today's prospective students?

A: What we offer is rare and impactful. We highlight that college is meant to prepare students for what comes next, and at Hampden-Sydney we've been incredibly successful at doing that for nearly 250 years. And then on top of that you have the brotherhood and the alumni network and the feeling you get when you're on campus. I can't emphasize enough how important the campus visit is to highlighting what is unique about Hampden-Sydney to prospective students. The first step, though, is figuring out what a student is looking for. Small? Check. Liberal arts? Check. Fun? We have it in spades. So we start by doing some listening and then we connect them with the story of Hampden-Sydney.

Q: The college-seeking population throughout the South and Southwest is steady and slightly increasing compared to other regions of the U.S. How is that impacting Hampden-Sydney's recruitment strategies?

A: We have a presence and a legacy in the Southeast, but [Vice President for Enrollment] **Jeff Norris** and I also understand that we will not be able to excel for another 250 years by relying on the South alone. We need to increase our presence in every market, so we've made an investment in regional admission officers in strategic places where we have a good sense of name recognition as well as existing relationships with college counselors. We're also investing in bringing college counselors to campus so they're able to speak more authentically to what we have to offer and the character of Hampden-Sydney.

Q: What have you learned about H-SC so far that makes you excited to welcome students here?

A: What you see is what you get. Hampden-Sydney is very transparent in that we know our mission and we hold people accountable to that. When you opt in to coming to school here or working here, it raises your level of play. There's something about being surrounded by high achievers like those working and studying at Hampden-Sydney that makes you want to be your best as well. Hampden-Sydney men appreciate people who are smart and articulate and are in the boat with them. Small colleges like to talk about being a family, but there are few places I've felt that like I feel it here. The welcome has been phenomenal, and I'm excited for prospective students to experience that as well.

Dean Russell helms a team of recruiters nationwide, with several new additions joining her both in Graham Hall and on the road. Two of the newest hires are veteran college admission leaders with such well-established relationships in the college counseling world nationwide that the news of their moves to Hampden-Sydney created quite a buzz across the industry. **Rod Jackson**, director of multicultural engagement and regional admission officer, is a well-known college admission officer who served most recently as senior associate director of undergraduate admission at Southern Methodist University. Rod is based in Dallas. **Ed Devine**, director of admission constituent engagement and regional admission officer, is based in California and brings more than 30 years of high-level admission expertise, most recently at Xavier University. Rounding out the new hires are **Jack Pace '18**, associate dean of admission based on campus, and **Carson Roth '23**, regional admission officer based in Nashville. Tenured members of the team include **Mark Meitz '95**, **Connor Rund '13**, **Aaron Dawley '18**, **Logan Gower**, **Emily Gantt**, and **Robin Adams**.



Rod Jackson



Ed Devine



Jack Pace '18



Carson Roth '23



HIGHLIGHTS

Best full 10-game season record since 2017

Will Pickren '24 TD Club of Richmond State Small College Defensive Back of the Year

FOOTBALL

Hampden-Sydney Football finished 2023 with a final record of 6-4 overall, including 4-3 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) to finish fourth among eight teams. It equaled the finest full 10-game season record since 2017, though the program did finish 4-1 during the CoVID-19-shortened 2021 spring season. The Tigers enjoyed three separate two-game winning streaks during the fall, while going 3-1 on the road and 3-3 at home—among the home wins was an exciting and triumphant 26-25 overtime victory past Shenandoah University on November 4 on Fulton Field at Lewis C. Everett Stadium that sent retiring 24th-year head coach **Marty Favret** off in a celebratory style that couldn't have been scripted any better.

"Certainly, my final season was quite the rollercoaster ride as we had four games come down to the final play," said Favret. "We found a way to win two but were so close in the other heartbreakers—both at home. I want to thank my staff and the wonderful 2023 Tigers for making this fall so memorable. Particularly, the seniors should be praised for their 20-15 record through COVID and other obstacles"

"I have had the best football coaching job in America the past 24 years. Hampden-Sydney became my second home and the generation of Tigers who played for me made every day at work a joy. Roll Tigers!"

Coach Favret concluded his 24-year career as H-SC's head coach with a final record of 151-90, making him the all-time winningest coach in program history. Favret earned his milestone 150th collegiate win after the Garnet & Grey scored the final three touchdowns of the game during a 42-21 road win at Guilford College on October 28 in Greensboro, North Carolina, and finished 99-54 in ODAC contests.

The highlight to the campaign was the thrilling home victory against Shenandoah the first Saturday in November. H-SC led 16-3 through three quarters but found itself trailing 19-16 after SU scored a go-ahead touchdown on a 12-yard scoring pass with just 1:45 remaining in regulation. The Tigers, however, refused to quit and took possession at their own 24-yard line with 1:40 on the clock and marched 65 yards on 13 plays to set-up a game-tying 28-yard field goal by **Elijah Swett '26** with just seven-seconds on the clock to tie the contest at 19-19 and force overtime. The drive started with a 19-yard completion

from **Andrew Puccinelli '24** to **Austin Fernandez '25**, and included a 14-yard reception by **Braeden Bowling '24**, before **Jamahdia Whitby '24** caught a crucial seven-yard pass on fourth-and-six following a timeout (0:42) to keep things alive ... and another completion to Fernandez for 15 yards helped position the Garnet & Grey for the necessary game-tying field goal by Swett after an incompleting following the last timeout (0:21). SU won the OT coin toss and elected to play defense, and H-SC promptly went 25 yards on seven plays with **Melik Frost '24** scoring on a four-yard touchdown run ahead of the PAT kick by Swett to make it 26-19. Frost covered 17 of the yards on five attempts, the final four yards off the right side after a direct snap, while **Mason Cunningham '26** had two key receptions for eight yards—both on consecutive plays ahead of the final touchdown. The Hornets then scored a touchdown on their first play in OT, a 25-yard scoring pass to get to within 26-25, but the potential game-tying PAT kick was blocked by **James Townsend '24** off the right edge to preserve the triumph as students and fans stormed the field and carried Coach Favret to the 50-yard line during a wild celebration unlike any other in recent memory.



Will Pickren '24



Andrew Puccinelli '24



Jahmadia Whitby '24

H-SC placed nine team members on the All-ODAC Football Team for the second-straight year, including All-American safety and team captain **Will Pickren '24**, who became just the second four-time First Team selection during the 24-year tenure of Coach Favret. Also earning First Team All-ODAC honors were wide receiver Jamahdia Whitby as the all-purpose back and wide receiver Mason Cunningham. Named Second Team All-ODAC were running back Melik Frost, defensive lineman **Kevin Gholson '24**, defensive back **Tobias Lafayette '24**, offensive lineman and team captain **TJ Minter '24** and quarterback Andrew Puccinelli, while linebacker **Dorian Green '24** earned Third Team All-ODAC honors.

Three Tigers garnered national and regional accolades, most-notable Will Pickren being named to the 2023 Associated Press (AP) Division III All-America Second Team and the 2023 D3football.com All-America Third Team. This is the second-straight year that Pickren has been named an AP All-American after earning First Team honors in 2022. Will has garnered four All-America awards over the past two seasons, as he was also a Second Team American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division III Coaches' All-American in 2022—becoming one of the most decorated Tigers in program history.

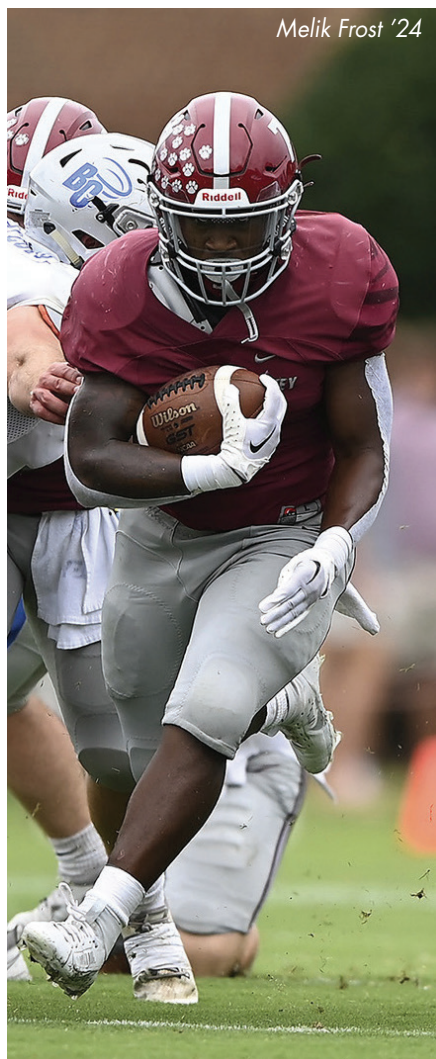
Pickren was named to the 2023 D3football.com All-Region 3 First Team Defense, as well, along with kick returner **Joseph Gonzalez '26** on the All-Region 3 Second Team Offense as a return specialist and Mason Cunningham on the All-Region 3 Third Team Offense.

Off the field, Dorian Green, punter **George Langhammer '24** as well as safety and team captain **James-Ryan Salvi '24** were each named a member of the 2023 Academic All-District® Football Team as selected by College Sports Communicators for NCAA Division III. The team recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on the field and in the classroom, each meeting the minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 3.50.

Following the season, Coach Favret announced the program's top award winners that included Scout-Team Player of the Year to quarterback **Wade Warren '27**,

Special-Team Players of the Year to running back **Markevus Graves-Franklin '26** and safety **Jaylan Long '26**, Most Improved Award Offense to lineman **Dylan Huggins '24**, Most Improved Award Defense to tackle **Braxton Mergenthal '24**, Dr. Ray Moore Offensive MVP to Andrew Puccinelli, Dr. Ray Moore Defensive MVP to Will Pickren, Patrick Kline '18 Captain's Award for exemplary leadership to defensive end and team captain **Tramell Thompson '24** and the J. Stokeley Fulton Award for Scholarship, Leadership and Athletic Achievement to James-Ryan Salvi.

H-SC will open the 2024 campaign with a non-conference home game against Delaware Valley University (PA) on Saturday, September 7, at 1 p.m. at Everett Stadium. It will mark the debut of Vince Luvara, who was named the new head coach of the Tigers on December 7, 2023.



Tiger Football Names New Head Coach

On December 7, 2023, the College announced the appointment of Vince Luvara as the 29th head coach in the 129-year history of the storied Hampden-Sydney football program following the retirement of 24-year head coach Marty Favret. Luvara comes to H-SC from Washington & Jefferson College (PA), where he served as the defensive coordinator and the recruiting coordinator for the past eight seasons, helping the Presidents to an overall record of 66-16. Luvara also coached one year at his alma mater, Allegheny College (PA) and two years at Misericordia University (PA). The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, native was a four-year team member (2007-10) and three-year letterman (2008-10) at Allegheny, playing in 28 career games, and starting all 10 games at inside linebacker as a senior. He totaled 75 career tackles, including 26 solo and 49 assisted, seven tackles for loss, one interception and four pass breakups. Luvara helped the Gators to an overall record of 20-10 during his letterman years, including 13-7 in the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC). Luvara graduated from Allegheny in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in managerial economics and a minor in communications arts. He was a student assistant in the football office from 2007-11. Luvara also holds an MBA from Misericordia and is married to his wife, Stacey.

CROSS COUNTRY

Hampden-Sydney Cross Country completed another productive season in 2023 with a second consecutive seventh-place finish at the ODAC Championship on October 28 at Green Hill Park in Salem. It equaled the placing by the Tigers in 2022, also equaling the highest finish at the conference championship since 2010. H-SC finished 20th at the NCAA South Regional, competing as a full team for the third-straight year, after a previous six-year hiatus.

Team members included **Carter Burcham '24**, **Zach Eason '25**, **Dan Ludovico '25**, **Kade Minton '25**, **Tommy Bennett '25**, **Winston Ransone '25**, **Jefferson Duffy '26**, **Dylan Evans '26**, **Jackson Herndon '26**, **Kam Maldonado '26**, **Davis Mills '26**, and **Haden VonCanon '26**. Minton led the squad in four races throughout the season, while Burcham led the Garnet & Grey in the other three races. Minton posted a team- and season-best 8K time of 27:21.4—13th-fastest all-time, and Burcham had a season-best of 27:42.5—23rd-fastest on record. Herndon (28:12.6) and Ransone (28:28.0) also moved into the Top 50 at 42nd and 49th, respectively, on the all-time 8K list. Overall, H-SC earned four Top Five team finishes among six Top 10 efforts in seven competitions.

“Congratulations to our young men on a record-setting season while competing in the challenging ODAC,” said fifth-year Head Coach **Matt Griswold**. “Our veterans provided excellent leadership for our strong freshmen class and we are looking forward to our continued growth next fall!”



HIGHLIGHTS

Second consecutive seventh place
ODAC Championship finish
Four Top Five finishes in seven competitions

SOCCER

HIGHLIGHTS

Reached ODAC quarterfinals
ODAC Rookie of the Year
Mo Wumpini '27

Hampden-Sydney Soccer completed the 2023 season, under the direction of seventh-year Head Coach **Tommy DiNuzzo**, with a final record of 6-6-6 overall, including 3-3-4 in the ODAC.

“Overall this season was pretty disappointing considering what our potential was,” said DiNuzzo. “Although we played one of the most difficult schedules in the region, we just weren’t efficient enough in some areas to get the results we

needed to set ourselves up for a chance to make NAAs. With that being said, we will be working hard this offseason and next fall can’t come soon enough.”

The Tigers opened the season well, starting 3-0-2 over the first five games, including three shutout victories and two 1-1 draws. H-SC started with a win on the road at Greensboro College (NC) 1-0, and followed that up with a home opening 3-0 victory over Franciscan University (OH). A road clash with Marymount University stopped the two-game win streak, as the game finished 1-1, before a 5-0 road win over Mary Baldwin University. The Tigers closed out the first five games with a home draw against The University of the South (TN), 1-1.

The next two games for H-SC were a part of the first ever Simms/Flowers Classic, hosted by Hampden-Sydney at the City Stadium in Richmond. The event included four games and four colleges, with the University of Mary Washington, Catholic University (DC), and Emory University (GA) competing. The event

was named after Dr. **James Young Simms**, a former H-SC professor who established the soccer program and served as the first-ever soccer coach at the college; and **Bill Flowers '71**, who assisted in the creation of the soccer program. The first game in this event for H-SC was against the then No. 1 team in the country Mary Washington that ended in a 3-1 defeat. The second game followed against Catholic and finished in a 3-0 defeat for the Tigers.

The Tigers started ODAC play with their first four conference games coming against the preseason top four voted teams in the conference. First up for the Tigers was the University of Lynchburg which ended in a 4-1 defeat. H-SC grabbed its first ODAC win in a dramatic 2-1 result against Virginia Wesleyan University, in which a last-second equalizer for Virginia Wesleyan was put in after time expired. The first four conference games finished with a 1-0 loss to Roanoke College and a 2-1 home loss to Washington and Lee University.



the Tigers played one of their best game of the season, getting two goals from **Jaques Lavielle '26**, and goals from **Charlie Letson '26**, and **Emory Davis '24**, in a 4-1 win to reach the ODAC Men's Soccer Tournament as the seventh seed.

The quarterfinal matchup was a rematch with the University of Lynchburg, and a rematch of the 2022 quarterfinal matchup in which the Tigers pulled the upset over the top seed. This time it would be the seventh-seeded Tigers versus the second-seeded Hornets. H-SC fell behind early on an own goal, with **Wills Huddleston '25** doing his best to keep the game close with six first half saves. Huddleston made four more saves in the second half, but the Tigers could not find a goal and Lynchburg added two more goals in 10 minutes to end the season for H-SC with a 3-0 defeat.



Following the end of the ODAC Men's Soccer Tournament, H-SC had three of its players earn postseason conference honors, along with one individual award. Wumpini was named the ODAC Rookie of the Year, along with being named First Team All-ODAC. **Declan Shaw '24** earned Third Team All-ODAC honors and **Justin Varela '25** earned Third Team All-ODAC honors as well. Wumpini scored a team-high seven goals and added two assists. He finished in a tie for sixth in the conference in goals scored. Shaw scored one goal on the season from the midfield to earn his third-team honors. Varela scored one goal and added one assist from defense, and was an anchor on the Tigers' defense that was fifth best in the ODAC. His third team honor was the first of his career.



Following the loss to Washington and Lee, H-SC rebounded by staying unbeaten for the rest of the conference slate, starting with a 2-0 victory over Ferrum College. A 1-1 draw with Shenandoah University followed along with a 0-0 draw at Averett University, a 1-1 draw against Randolph-Macon College, and a 1-1 vs Randolph College. All five goals during this stretch were scored by **Mo Wumpini '27**. Entering a must-win game in the regular season finale at Eastern Mennonite University,

HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Hampden-Sydney College inducted the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2023 in a ceremony on September 8 in Snyder Hall. The 36th class of honorees included two-time Football All-American **Bill Doody '11**, four-time All-Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Basketball honoree **Harrison George '13**, two-sport All-ODAC Baseball and Football honoree **Tim Maxa '80** and Football All-American **Will Riggenschach '11**. In addition, **Benton Downer '77**, a founding member of Tiger Lacrosse, received a special citation.

TEAM INDUCTIONS:

The Hampden-Sydney Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, along with the College's Administration, announced a new category of Athletic Hall of Fame that will recognize teams that have reached the pinnacle of their respective sport. It was determined that teams would be honored a minimum of 20 years following their outstanding achievement, and each sport's criteria was established as follows:

- **Baseball** – College World Series
- **Basketball** – Final Four of National Championship
- **Cross Country/Distance Track** – Top Four Team Finish or Top Eight Relay Finish at National Championships
- **Football** – Top Four of National Championship
- **Golf** – Top Four Team Finish at National Championships
- **Lacrosse** – Top Four of National Championship
- **Soccer** – Top Four of National Championship
- **Swimming** – Top Four Team Finish or Top Eight Relay Finish at National Championships
- **Tennis** – Top Four Team Finish or Top Eight Doubles Finish at National Championships.

On October 20, Hampden-Sydney inducted its inaugural Team Athletic Hall of Fame Class in a ceremony in S. Douglas Fleet Gymnasium. The initial class of five team honorees included the 1970 Football Team, the **1971 Football Team**, the **1975 Golf Team**, the **1998-99 Basketball Team** and the **2002-03 Basketball Team**.

To learn more about the inductees, visit hscathletics.com.

The Alumni Board of Directors and the Young Alumni Council welcomed new members to their ranks.

Alumni Board of Directors New Members

WILL CORRELL '12

Richmond, Virginia
Founder, Owner, CEO—Buskey Cider

RUSTY FOSTER '04

Leesburg, Virginia
President, Founder—Bow Tie Strategies

MATT GUILL '06

Atlanta, Georgia
Director—Configure Partners

MATT MICHAEL '95

Stamford, Connecticut
Vice President, Deputy General Counselor—Crane NXT

GRAM SMITH '06

Brookhaven, Georgia
CEO—The Battle's End

JASON STACY '05

Tupelo, Mississippi
Chief Neurosurgical Resident—University of Mississippi Medical

Young Alumni Council New Members

CLAY BALES '17

Denver, Colorado
Director of Real Estate—Cofford Capital Management

CONNOR EADS '19

Washington, D.C.
Enterprise Strategy Consultant—IBM

JAKE EDMONDS '18

Henrico, Virginia
Specialty Pharmaceutical Rep—AbbVie

JOHN KLINE '19

Richmond, Virginia
QA Auditor—PPD

ALEX LUNA '17

Charlotte, North Carolina
Financial Advisor—Merrill Lynch

GRIFFIN SALYER '19

Williamsburg, Virginia
Business Data Analyst—Kaleo Inc.

HARRISON TAYLOR '23

Nashville, Tennessee
Market Manager—Fizz

10 UNDER 10

Do you know an alumnus who graduated 10 or less years ago and has:

- Demonstrated ongoing commitment to the College through engagement with their regional alumni club, the Hire a Tiger program, or other channels of participation?
- Made a significant impact in their chosen profession, industry, or graduate program?
- Demonstrated a commitment to being a good citizen through contributions to their community through civic engagement, philanthropic efforts, volunteerism, or advocacy?

Nominate them for Hampden-Sydney's 10 Under 10! Email your nominations to alumni@hsc.edu.



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1960s

Former Trustee **HENRY P. CUSTIS, JR. '67** "is this year's recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Award from the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section," according to a May 22, 2023, article in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

1970s

Dr. **WILLIAM F. RAYBURN '71** has received the Excellence in Teaching Award by the Medical University of South Carolina. This annual award from medical students recognizes a small group of clinical and basic science faculty. This is the fourth medical school from which Dr. Rayburn has received such an award.

TOMMY L. MOORE '72 has retired from the Bank of Botetourt after 41 years of service according to a May 24, 2023, article in *The Botetourt Bee*.

JOHN COLE GAYLE, JR. '76 was elected into the 2021 Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

JAMES C. "JIM" ROBINSON '77 received the INDA Lifetime Technical Achievement Award for his contributions in growing the nonwovens industry and being an advocate for INDA, the Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry. Jim is a self-employed consultant and principal with Absorbent Hygiene Insights LLC outside of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. **WILLIAM D. RICHMOND '79** has been appointed to the state board that oversees the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control according to a May 11, 2023, *Tidelands Health* news article. Dr. Richmond is an emergency medicine physician and director of emergency medicine at Tidelands Health in South Carolina.

RAY M. PAUL, JR. '79 has been appointed national director for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention according to an April 14, 2023, foundation press release.



SHEP MILLER '79, Virginia secretary of transportation, and College Trustee **BILL KIRK '72**, Virginia Port Authority commissioner, met up at 2023 State of the Port in Virginia Beach on April 27, 2023.

1980s

D. RICKY WYATT '80 has been appointed to the board of visitors at Old Dominion University per a June 28, 2023, press release from the Virginia governor's office.

JIM WEAVER '81 is tackling his bucket list after retiring from a 40-year career in sales. He recently completed his first goal as he published his first book titled *My Exit Interview: A Remedy for Quiet Quitting*. Jim says, "This business book is a short, easy read that lays out solutions for the quiet quitting syndrome infecting corporations today. It also offers a new common-sense approach to sales and operation. The gold standard, or should I say old standard, of business as usual is changing."

Virginia State Senator **LYNWOOD W. LEWIS, JR. '84** was awarded The Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Membership Award according to a June 27, 2023, *Shore Daily News* article.

TIMOTHY P. VEITH '85 has joined Adams & Reese LLP in Atlanta as special counsel.

GREGORY S. HOEY '86 has been elected to the advisory board of directors for the National Kidney Foundation Serving Maryland and Delaware according to a June 20, 2023, *citybiz* article.

LITZ VAN DYKE '86 has been elected chairman of the Virginia Bankers Associations Board of Directors according to a June 27, 2023, Virginia Bankers Association press release. Litz is CEO of Carter Bank & Trust in Martinsville.

EDWARD F. HODGES, JR. '88 was named chief legal officer at Davenport Energy and First Piedmont Corporation according to a July 7, 2023, article in the *Danville Register and Bee*.

J. CHRISTOPHER NAFTZGER '89 has been named general counsel and chief compliance officer at Arbutus Biopharma Corporation according to a July 10, 2023, company press release.

1990s

CHRIS DARNELL '91 serves as the hospital administrator for Bozeman Health's Big Sky Medical Center. He and his family reside in the Bozeman/Big Sky area of Montana, where they enjoy the amazing outdoor activities associated with Montana and the Rocky Mountains.

Dr. **THOMAS J. WARD, JR. '91** has been named dean of arts and sciences at Farmingdale State College in New York according to a June 21, 2023, college press release.

Dr. **J. SCOTT JUST '92** has been named CEO of UVA Physicians Group per an April 3, 2023, company press release.

JAMES M. RAYPHAND '95 was appointed director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands per a February 14, 2023, article in *Marianas Variety*.

MATTHEW E. MALONE '95 was a recipient of the 2023 Ernst & Young LLP's Mid-Atlantic Entrepreneur of the Year Award according to a June 23, 2023, *Virginia Business* article. He is founder and CEO of Groundworks in Virginia Beach and founder and managing partner of Succession Capital Partners.

RAY LOCKARD '95 has been promoted to senior vice president of technical operations and quality at TScan Therapeutics Inc. in Massachusetts according to an April 10, 2023, company news release.

MATT MICHAEL '95 was named vice president and deputy general counsel of Crane NXT, a premier industrial technology company. He also attended a bell ringing at the NYSE on Crane NXT's first day as a separately listed stock.

MICHAEL RYAN FITZSIMMONS '95 was named an Entrepreneur Of The Year 2023 Bay Area Award finalist by EY. He is CEO of Crosschq, "the world's first operating system purpose-built for Hiring Intelligence."

JEREMY ELLIS '96 has been named to the board of ACG Atlanta per a May 23, 2023, *Middle Market Growth* article. He is a managing director at Genesis Capital.

GRIFF ALDRICH '96 received a 10-year contract extension as head coach of the Longwood Lancer men's basketball program according to a March 30, 2023, university press release. Aldrich has been head coach since 2018.

BAXTER F. PHILLIPS III '97 has been appointed COO of Lobe Sciences Ltd. according to a June 7, 2023, company press release. He will also serve as president of Altemia and Company LLC, a Lobe Sciences wholly owned subsidiary.

The Honorable **JEFFREY PAUL BENNETT '97**, currently in his second term as a district court judge, was elevated by the 2023 Session of the Virginia General Assembly to circuit court judge for the 24th Judicial Circuit of Virginia beginning July 1, 2023.

CHRISTOPHER W. STIREWALT '97 has been appointed on-air political contributor at *News Nation* according to a March 8, 2023, *Talking Biz News* press release.

SEKOU KAALUND '97 was named Alumni of the Year by INROADS at the organization's May 3 benefit gala. According to its website, "INROADS is a non-profit...that creates pathways to careers for ethnically diverse high school and college students across the country."

EVRARD NEIL '98 has been promoted to executive vice president at Impact Housing Group in Atlanta according to a March 29, 2023, *Business Wire* press release.

2000s

DAVID DU PONT SILLIMAN JR. '00 has joined Oyster Point Real Estate Group as an agent according to a July 31, 2023, article in *The Post and Courier*.

MATTHEW B. PRAYTOR '01 has been named vice president of project development and operations with Clancy & Theys Construction Company in Greenville, South Carolina, according to an August 16, 2023, article in *Midlands Biz*.

Dr. **BARRETT W. R. PETERS '02** earned an executive certificate in leadership from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in December 2022.

HUNTER T. L. OVERSTREET '03 is now senior financial aid counselor at Sweet Briar College.



JOHNNY MCGHEE '86 and son **ROB MCGHEE '15** made a trek to this year's Indy 500. Daughter/sister Perry McGhee (**GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS '19**) also made the trip.

CLASS NOTES

RICHARD C.L. MONCURE '03 has been named director of S.T.R.E.A.M. at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock, Virginia, per a June 27, 2023, school press release. According to the press release, "S.T.R.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, River, Engineering, Arts, and Math and is a format unique to St. Margaret's, where girls learn by doing and pull classroom studies outdoors into tactile 21st-century applications that integrate the river." Named Innovative Teacher of the Year by the Virginia Association of Independent Schools, Richard also co-owns Rappahannock Roundstern and gives tours of the Middle Rappahannock.

BILL MEIERLING '04 has been named senior vice president of external affairs of the National Automatic Merchandising Association in Arlington, Virginia, according to an August 14, 2023, association article.

KRISTOPHER J. HILSCHER '04 was named to the *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly* Leaders in the Law Class of 2023. He is a partner at Sullivan & Hilscher Family Law in Raleigh, North Carolina.

JOHN C. NEAL '05 is leading Southern Bank's charge into the Richmond market according to a March 31, 2023, *Richmond BizSense* article.

TRAVIS IRVIN '05 has joined Verus Specialty Insurance, a W.R. Berkley Company, as a senior claims adjuster.

DAVID BROWN '07 graduated with an MBA from Kennesaw State University in May 2023.

MARK '08 and **ALLISON EASON** welcomed Sutton Grey Eason on June 12, 2023. Sutton joins proud big brother, Collier Grant Eason (3).



MARK EASON '08 FAMILY

CHRIS TANGARD '09 has been promoted to vice president of finance at Kinsale Capital Group according to a March 6, 2023, company press release.

2010s

DAVID COMFORT WATKINS III '10 married **ERICA LISE SIEG** on June 3, 2023, in Lexington, Virginia. David is a founding partner of Elder, Watkins, Friedman & Allen PC, a Farmville-based law firm. Erica is a graduate of Gettysburg College and the Washington and Lee University School of Law and is associate counsel for Apex Clean Energy in Charlottesville, Virginia. The couple splits their time between homes in Richmond and Charlotte Court House. The bride is a descendant of Patrick Henry, and the groom is a descendant of Colonel Joel Watkins of Woodfork (Charlotte County), both charter trustees of Hampden-Sydney College. Tigers in attendance were **Christopher Avellana '12, J. B. Mitchell '12, Matthew Gates '12, George Parrish '12, John Mohrmann '11, Harry Dixon '11, Thomas Peaden '11, Gary Elder '02, Matthew Friedman '04, Carter Allen '16, Carter Carson '71.**



WATKINS-SIEG WEDDING

SEAN C. LYNCH '10 has been promoted to vice president, senior commercial portfolio manager with TowneBank in Chesapeake, Virginia. Sean also serves as the treasurer of the Chesapeake Public Library Foundation, an executive board member of the First Tee of Hampton Roads, and an executive board member of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Virginia. Sean is also a 2023 graduate of the Virginia Banker's Association, School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia Darden School.

JOSEPH STILES '10 has joined Christian & Barton LLP in Richmond, Virginia, where he will focus his legal practice on commercial real estate development and finance and general corporate matters.

BENJAMIN C. CRONLY '10 has been named executive director of the The Byrd Theatre in Richmond per a March 9, 2023, WRIC article.

CODY S. DECKERT '10 has joined Saxton & Stump in Charleston, South Carolina, as an associate attorney according to a March 12, 2023, article in *The Post and Courier*.

According to a May Northwestern Mutual press release, **LANNIE WILLIAM "WILL" CROPPER III '11**, a private wealth advisor and partner at Blueprint Financial Group, a Northwestern Mutual Private Client Group affiliate, has been named a 2023 Community Service Award winner, receiving a \$15,000 grant for Make-A-Wish Greater Virginia. Will has also received an additional \$5,000 grant for supporting an organization with a connection to the company's Childhood Cancer Program—an initiative that has benefitted children with cancer for over a decade through funding research and supporting families affected by the disease.

JAMES GARLAND "JAY" ROSE IV '13 married **HALEY LAYKE O'DONNELL** on June 10, 2023, in Powhatan, Virginia. Haley is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University and works for Kinsale Insurance. Jay is a senior loan officer at C&F Mortgage Corporation. The couple currently resides in Bon Air, Virginia, with their two cats, Walfredo and Milly. Pictured left to right: **Paul Ferramosca '12, Maxwell Scott '14, Garland Rose, Matthew Stiltner '16, Clayton Carimi '13, Allen Luck '12, Matthew Hudgins '10, Rusty Stiltner '12, David Prince '18, Travis Luck '14, Thomas Goggins '21, McGowan Day '13, Justin Cary '18, James Taylor '18.**



ROSE-O'DONNELL WEDDING

LUCAS WEST '13 has joined SIFMA as vice president of federal government affairs in the D.C. office according to a March 2, 2023, company press release.

ALEX LEMIEUX '12 is now staff writer and content specialist for *MotorBiscuit*.

COLBY CARTER '14 has been promoted to associate with Boxwood Partners LLC, "a boutique investment bank based in Jupiter, Florida with offices in Richmond, Virginia," according to an April 13, 2023, ACCESSWIRE article.

PAUL HENRY THORNTON III '14 graduated with his Juris Doctor degree from the Washington College of Law at American University on May 20, 2023. Paul was the 2023 recipient of the law school's Professor Anthony Morella Professionalism Award, which is bestowed on the "graduating student who has exemplified the highest standard of professionalism and ethics in the Trial Advocacy Program."

ADAM CHRISTENSEN '16 has been named head women's soccer coach at West Virginia Wesleyan College per an April 17, 2023, college press release.

The Billion Dollar Roundtable has named leadership expert and author **AUSTIN J. FRANKLIN '16** as a keynote speaker for its 2023 Summit in Chicago according to a June 22, 2023, PR Newswire article. The article says that the "Billion Dollar Roundtable was created in 2001 to recognize corporations that achieved spending of at least \$1 billion with minority and woman-owned suppliers." Austin is the CEO and cofounder of Good-Natured Life.

CARTER SAMUEL ALLEN '17 has been named a partner with Elder, Watkins & Friedman PC. according to an August 12, article in *The Farmville Herald*. The law firm, which has offices in Farmville and Charlotte Court House, is now known as Elder, Watkins, Friedman & Allen PC.

GASTON HEMPHILL "HILL" GAGE III '18 married **IVEY LEE SAPP** on March 25, 2023, at Hewitt Oaks in Bluffton, South Carolina. Tigers in attendance included (l to r) **Jack Kimberly '20, Tyler Stevens '19, Jack Trigg '18, Connor Darab '18, Broun Munford '18, Riley Williams '19, Charlie Zambetti '19, Denis de St. Aubin '17, James Zambetti '18, Jon Pace '82, Jack Pace '18, Jay Evans '18.**



GAGE-SAPP WEDDING

2020s

MARC IMBILICIERI '20 received his M.Sc. with honours from Trinity College, Dublin in April.

ALLEN SMITH '21 has been named men's golf head coach at Guilford College according to a July 6, 2023, Old Dominion Athletic Conference press release.

CAL MITCHELL '22 has been named personal aide to the Office of U.S. Senator Bill Hagerty per a July 24, 2023, press release.

On September 18, H-SC President **LARRY STIMPert** toured the Newport News Shipyard with College Trustee **RICK WYATT '80**, corporate vice president and treasurer of Huntington Ingalls Industries (HII). The tour was led by Mr. **Lucas Hicks**, vice president of Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of HII, and parent of **Lucas Hicks '27**.



HICKS, STIMPert, & WYATT



Several alumni and friends of the College participated in The Big Rock Blue Marlin Fishing Tournament in Morehead City, North Carolina. From left to right are Burke Steele V—future Hampden Sydney man—**BURKE STEELE IV '13, ROB STEELE '15, ROB MCGHEE '15, BURKE STEELE III '84, JACK STEELE '21**, and friend John Ruffy (NC State).

OBITUARIES

1940s

HENRY CLARKSON GREEN '41 died on May 23, 2023. He was the last surviving member of the Class of 1941. He earned his B.S. in chemistry at Hampden-Sydney and his M.S. from Lehigh University.



While working as a research chemist at Alcoa, he turned down a presidential exemption and joined the U. S. Navy, serving in the Pacific Theatre in WWII as communication officer aboard the aircraft carrier USS Belleau Wood. A gentleman and dedicated steward of the land, Mr. Green worked his entire life on his farm, Hartland, where he was born and where he died. One of his greatest pleasures was seeing his children and grandchildren remain close and active on the farm, which has expanded over the years to include several enterprises: beef cattle, pick-your-own fruits and vegetables, farm market with agritainment, Christmas trees, and an equine veterinary practice. Mr. Green served on the John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District Board and the Virginia Soil and Water State Commission. He also served on the boards of the Marshall National Bank, Fauquier Hospital, and Lord Fairfax Community College at its inception. He was an active member and trustee of the Markham United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Leeds Ruritan Club. Mr. Green is survived by his loving companion, Margaret; five children, five stepchildren, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

LEWIS "JACK" WHITE '42 died on July 26, 2023. After two years at Hampden-Sydney, Jack transferred to Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service until his schooling was interrupted by the World War II draft. He



served three years in the U.S. Army, most of them in China and India. Upon his return in 1946, he completed his education and graduated from Georgetown University. Jack spent several years working for the Department of Commerce as a commercial agent in the New York Regional Office. In 1950, Jack passed the written test for the Foreign Service Exam in Paris, where he was studying French at the Sorbonne University. After returning to the U.S., he passed the oral exam and was

commissioned as a foreign service officer. For the remainder of his career, he lived and worked in countries all over the world including: Bogota, Columbia; Noumea, New Caledonia; Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Managua, Nicaragua; Rabat, Morocco; and Washington, D.C. In 1957, the U.S. State Department sent him to Harvard University, where he obtained a master's degree in economics. After his retirement, Jack joined the Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) organization, where he spent 45 years contributing his time and talents. He served on the Board of Governors for two terms and was the chairman of the Memorial Committee for 14 years. In 2015, he received DACOR's highest award: The President's Cup. Jack was also actively involved in the Czech and Slovak community of the Washington, D.C., area for many decades. He was a past president of the Wilsonian Club, which honors President Wilson and the founders of Czechoslovak independence in association with the Woodrow Wilson House. Jack is survived by his wife, Dagmar; two children, and three grandchildren.

Lt. Col. **WALDO H. BECK '44** died on



March 7, 2023. His time at Hampden-Sydney was interrupted when he left to serve in the United States Marine Corps as an aviator during World War II and the Korean War. He then worked for the U.S. Navy at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division until his retirement.

Dr. **JOHN A. OWEN, JR. '45** died on June 28, 2023. He received a B.S. from Hampden-Sydney and went on to earn his M.D. from the University of Virginia in 1948, where he was elected to Omicron Delta Kappa, the Raven



Society, and Alpha Omega Alpha. He received the Raven Award in 1948 as a medical student. After Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the V-12 premedical program of the U.S. Naval Reserve and served in World War II at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. As a physician he served in active duty at the U.S. Naval Dispensary in Washington, D.C., and during the Korean War at the Naval Hospital Portsmouth and at Naval Base Guam. He maintained an active involvement as a reserve officer and retired as captain from the Medical

Corps. His internship at Cincinnati General Hospital was followed by residency training at the University of Virginia, private practice with his father, and a research fellowship at Duke University. Later, Dr. Owen held faculty appointments at the Medical College of Georgia and at the VA Hospital, Washington, D.C. (George Washington University) before returning to the University of Virginia in June of 1960 as assistant professor of internal medicine with research interests in diabetes. Dr. Owen served on the active faculty for nearly 40 years, retiring as James M. Moss professor of diabetes and senior associate dean. He was asked to stay on at the dean's office until August 31, 1999. He served at various times as co-director of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, head of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology, chairman of the Human Investigation Committee, and vice-chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine. Dr. Owen became interested in drugs and drug therapy and served at various times as chairman of the Drug and Pharmacy Committee, editor of *Pharmacy and the Physician* and of *Hospital Formulary*, president of the U.S. Pharmacological Convention, and as charter member of the Virginia Voluntary Formulary Board. He was a longtime member of the Albemarle County Medical Society and the Medical Society of Virginia, serving the latter as president from 1990 to 1991, at which time he was also a delegate to the AMA. One of his last projects was a collaboration with Dr. Leo Falk in the publication of *The Mulholland Law: A Master Mentor and his Creed*, a biography of a major professor of medicine at the University of Virginia in the last century. His hobbies included sports car rallies, poker, tennis, and gardening, but he always thought himself not very good at any of them. During his retirement years he wrote two self-published anthologies of Owen family history: *Two Sisters and a Surgeon* and *A Grandfather's Graffiti*. From childhood on, he idolized his father and strove to be as fine a physician, but he was never sure he had achieved that goal. Those who knew him best will no doubt happily recall his playful sense of humor, always eager to pose for a corny gag photo. He possessed a deep appreciation for world literature and would often utilize his vast knowledge of great books in order to deliver a unique, extremely silly and perfectly timed punchline. John is survived by two sons—**John A. Owen III '76**—three grandchildren, and a brother—**Henry C. Owen '54**. His father was Dr. **John A. Owen, Sr.**, Class of 1899; and his great-grandfather was The Hon. **William L. Owen**, College trustee from 1876 to 1881.

GEORGE JAMES KOSTEL '48



died on June 21, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney, George was a member of the football and basketball teams, brother of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and vice president of his senior

class. George received the coveted Gammon Cup for character, scholarship, and athletic ability. In 1951, he received his Juris Doctor degree from the Washington and Lee University School of Law, followed by two years of active duty as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, serving in the JAG Corps. Discharged in 1953, he returned to Clifton Forge, Virginia, and continued practicing law. In addition to his legal career, George was active in state politics. Elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in November 1963, George co-sponsored the bill establishing the community college system in Virginia. He was appointed to the State Board of Community Colleges by Governor Charles Robb in 1983 and was elected by the State Board as its chairman in 1985. In 1971, he won the Democratic Party's nomination for the lieutenant governor's seat. In 1976, George was selected as chairman of a joint committee of directors from two area hospitals, Alleghany Memorial and Emmett Memorial to study health care needs in the Alleghany Highlands, resulting in the creation of Alleghany Regional Hospital. George served as first president of the Board of Directors. When the hospital was later sold to Columbia/HCA, George was instrumental in the formation of the Alleghany Foundation, which was funded by the sale proceeds and serves the needs of the greater Alleghany area. George also had a long association with the First National Bank of Clifton Forge. In 1968, George began serving as board chair and upon retiring from the practice of the law in 1997, he became president. Throughout his life, he was an astute observer of American politics, an avid University of Virginia sports fan, and loved to exercise outdoors. George is survived by his wife of 60 years, Helen; three children, and six grandchildren.

1950s

DOUGLAS G. CHAPMAN, JR. '50



died on July 6, 2023. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1950, where he played football and baseball, ran track, and was a member of Kappa

Sigma fraternity. After serving in the Air Force, Doug went to work for State Planters Bank in its trust department. Doug's profession was banker, but his life was being a husband, father, and grandfather. He was a lifelong supporter of his alma mater St. Christopher's School and served on the Board of Governors. Doug's other passions included boating, fishing, and gardening. He was a waterman from childhood, enjoying time on the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River, the Rappahannock River, and the James River near home. In their long retirement together, Doug and his wife, Annette, enjoyed traveling, especially their trips to California to visit their son. They spent summer weekends with their children and grandchildren at Jackson Creek Harbour in Deltaville, Virginia. Doug got in one more weekend at the river in June, enjoying the warm sun, breeze, and sunset at Fishing Bay with his children and grandchildren. Doug is survived by his children and grandchildren.

C. ROBERT PEERY '50

died on April 19, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney, Bob was a member of Sigma Chi and graduated with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts. Bob went on to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard, where he developed an affinity for boating. After the Coast Guard, he enrolled in the Medical College of Virginia School of Hospital Administration, where he obtained his master's degree in hospital administration in 1956. He developed his trade at hospitals in Warrenton and Roanoke, Virginia before taking over the operation and development of Portsmouth General Hospital. Despite early onset macular degeneration that made early retirement necessary and took away many of Bob's hobbies, his mentality was so inspiring. He was upbeat about life and remained as proactive as he could. Most of all, his wonderful sense of humor and quick wit were with him to the end. Bob is survived by his two children—**Robert Briggs Peery '83**—four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. CLAUDIUS H. PRITCHARD, JR. '50



died on June 27, 2023. After serving in the U.S. Navy in WWII, he received his B.A. degree from Hampden-Sydney, his M.A. from Longwood College, and his Ph.D. from Florida State

University. Following graduation from Hampden-Sydney, he worked for American National Bank in Danville, Virginia, before moving to Farmville, Virginia, to work at Planters Bank and Trust Company. He then worked for Hampden-Sydney College for 16 years, first as an assistant to the president, then business manager, and later as vice president for development. After receiving his Ph.D., he worked for a year for the State of Florida as senior budget analyst for education. He spent the next four years as president of Sullins College, in Bristol, Virginia. In 1976, he accepted the position of vice president of administration at Maryville University, in St. Louis and then served as president for 15 years, where he presided over a period of dynamic growth. At retirement in 1992, Dr. Pritchard was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Years later Maryville honored him by naming a hall in the administration building for him, and last year he was inducted into the Maryville University Athletic Hall of Fame. Active in civic and community affairs, Dr. Pritchard served as president of the Lions and Jaycees (Farmville, VA), Rotary Club (Bristol, VA-TN), Kiwanis Club and Chamber of Commerce (Chesterfield, MO). In Chesterfield, he served as a charter member of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. In 1986, he was named the Chesterfield Citizen of the Year. In Summerville, South Carolina, he served as chairman of the Commercial Design Review Board and was a member of the Summerville Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marjorie; four children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Dr. ANDREW GESSNER BRIGGS III '52



died on July 2, 2023. Andrew began his educational journey at Hampden-Sydney College, excelling academically and athletically, before earning his medical degree from the University of Virginia. Andrew served as a respected psychiatrist at John Umstead Hospital in North Carolina, impacting many lives over his 40-year career. His indefatigable work ethic, caring nature, and resilience were both admired and passed onto his children. An eclectic reader and artist, Andrew's interests spanned from dinosaurs and time to collages and family history. After retiring in Butner, North Carolina, Andrew moved to Annapolis in 2015. His final years were filled with simple joys, cherished conversations, and visits with family and friends. His love for sports transformed into a lifelong race-walking passion, earning him national rankings as a senior athlete. Remembered for his empathy, understanding, and engaging conversations, Andrew leaves a lasting legacy. His life, filled with love, dedication, and the pursuit of varied passions, will be forever missed and eternally cherished. Andrew is survived by his wife, Aletta; three children, and two grandchildren.

WILLIAM ANDREW BLAIR '53



died on August 27, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney College, he achieved greatness in the classroom and on the playing fields and made countless lasting friendships. He was named all-state as a quarterback on the football team and catcher on the baseball team. In 2009, he was inducted into the H-SC Athletics Hall of Fame. A patriot in every sense of the word, Blair proudly served his country in both the Army and Marine Corps and was an active member of his local American Legion chapter in his later years. After his time spent at Hampden-Sydney and in the United States military, Blair was offered employment at his alma mater Fork Union Military Academy as a teacher and coach. Blair eventually served as the academy's director of athletics. His love of nature and constant wonderment at the ineffable beauty and miracles all around him was something to behold. The simple beauties that life delivers us every day were never taken for granted. He was a true romantic and an insatiable reader and lover of poetry and

prose, much of which he would recite verbatim at a given moment when the mood struck. He was not a frequent traveler, yet he knew more about the world around him and its many diverse regions, cultures, and religions than most. He never strove to amass a financial fortune but was among the richest men the world has ever known in terms of the knowledge he accumulated and the fulfillment he received from the most meaningful and moving aspects of life.

W. THOMAS ATKINS, JR. '54



died on February 17, 2023. Spending time with family and friends was important to Tom, and he often helped his father at the family business, Deluxe Laundry & Cleaners. Tom also worked for and retired from Piedmont Airlines. He was a member of Airlee Court Baptist Church and the Williamson Road Lions Club. He enjoyed reading and could best be described as a well-read man. Tom loved watching movies of all types. He was very kind hearted and caring. Tommy is survived by his sister, nephew, niece, and brother-in-law.

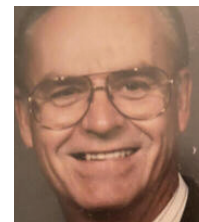
Dr. THOMAS JOSEPH FERRELL, JR. '54



died on June 18, 2023. After foregoing his senior year of high school, he enrolled in Hampden-Sydney College, graduating as valedictorian. He then entered the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, graduating in 1958, or, as he often relayed, the first year Arnold Palmer won the Masters. He served his residency at University Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Following completion of his residency, he joined the Air Force as a captain, serving from 1962 to 1964 at Beale Air Force Base in Marysville, California, before returning to Waycross. An internist renowned throughout the South for his astute consultations and accompanying diagnoses, Dr. Ferrell was a member of the American Medical Association and the American Society of Internal Medicine. He spent several terms of chief of staff at Waycross Memorial Hospital and remained in private practice in Waycross until 1999. He then went to work for the Medical College of Georgia, providing medical services for the Georgia Department of Corrections, a job he loved for the balance of his career. Golf occupied a treasured space in his life. A

longtime member of Okefenokee Country Club, he played and competed with friends until his sons became his most frequent and cherished golf partners. In his final round, in May of this year, he bested his age by four shots with an 86 that he claimed could have been several shots lower if the putter had been working! His legendary "pearls of wisdom" regarding the golf swing will be the subject of consternation and revelation for generations to come. An avid football fan, he steadfastly followed his Georgia Bulldogs through thick and thin and finally found a quarterback he could fully support during the National Championship runs of the past two seasons. But all passions paled to his love and affection for his grandchildren. Dr. Ferrell is survived by his wife, Joy; their three children, and seven loving grandchildren.

Dr. FREDERICK D. ROBINSON '54



died on July 2, 2023. He received his B.S. degree from Hampden-Sydney and then graduated from UVA Medical School. He retired as a cardiologist from McGuire VA Hospital after many years of service. A history buff, he also loved gardening and amateur radio. He is survived by his daughter and his grandson.

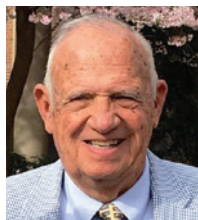
HARRY EDWARD RAMSEY, JR. '58



died on March 4, 2023. Harry attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he joined the lifelong brotherhood of Kappa Alpha Order. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1962 and practiced dentistry in Norfolk until his retirement in 2014. During his long and distinguished career, he was awarded a Virginia Dental Association fellowship and received the Richard F. Simmons Memorial Award from the Tidewater Dental Association. As a proud alumnus, he was a member of Hampden-Sydney's 1776 Society, Patrick Henry Society, and Century Club. Harry never met a stranger and exemplified kindness and good humor with everyone who encountered him. He enjoyed many hobbies including sharing his childhood love of model trains with his grandchildren and many great nieces and nephews. He worked toward the perfect golf game and was always happy to tell the story of his hole-in-one. He spent many weekends with friends enjoying quiet time hunting quail and seeing the beauty of his dogs' point. In

retirement he invested in High View Farm in Buckingham, Virginia, where he spent as much time as possible and even dabbled in some real farming, raising sheep and goats. But his greatest joy was in sipping a glass of wine by a fire overlooking his beautiful property, watching the deer visit, and enjoying the landscape. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Mary; two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

FREDERICK W. WELLS '58 died on July 21, 2023. He was a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, where he lettered in football and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa, and later the Patrick Henry Society.



In 1974, he attained his master's in science education from the University of Virginia, while teaching at JR Tucker High School. He began his teaching career at Freeman High School, also coaching football, basketball, and track. Upon the opening of JR Tucker High School, he accepted the job as their first head football coach. During his 30 plus years there, he taught physics, math, and driver's education. In 1972 he was named the athletic director until he retired in 1994. JR Tucker High School honored Coach, by naming their football stadium after him. Fred filmed UVA's football games from 1974 to 1987 and enjoyed his time under the direction of Coach George Welch. For 17 summers, he was the Canterbury Pool director. He enjoyed rebuilding his VW engine, tinkering with many projects around the house, and spending time with family and friends in Whalehead Beach, North Carolina. He later retired from The Hermitage Country Club after working 20 plus years maintaining the clay tennis courts. He always enjoyed his Saturday morning breakfast club, which included many retired teachers, coaches, and friends. Fred is survived by his wife, Sarah; two children, and four grandchildren.

WILLIAM LUTHER FAGAN, JR. '59 died on March 18, 2023.



After graduating with his Bachelor of Science degree from Hampden-Sydney, he received his master's from UVA. Bill was a loving husband and father, a doting grandfather, a faithful and active church member, a loyal friend, and a generous steward of God's blessings. He was an avid reader and loved being outside, especially at night to look at the stars. Bill had a 33-year teaching career, which included running a planetarium and teaching physics at Oakton High School. Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Betty; two children, and three grandchildren.

DONALD P. WHITLEY '59 died on June 30, 2023.



At Hampden-Sydney College, he was president of the student body and his fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha. He was a proud supporter and stayed involved with the College throughout his life, even serving as a College trustee. After college, he ran Whitley Roofing company until he joined the Air National Guard in 1963. Shortly after he began working in finance for various companies, including DuPont, Wheat First Securities followed by a long career at Paine Webber/UBS as vice president and branch manager of the Richmond and surrounding offices until moving to Oppenheimer before his retirement. He was known for his charming smile, twinkly blue eyes, and abundant generosity. Donald was involved in numerous charities and local endeavors including being a founder and director of the International Hospital for Children, which is now the World Pediatric Project. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Laura; two children, and two grandchildren—**Donald Pope Whitley III '21**.

1960s

CLAYTON WILLIAMS EISINGER '60 died on August 25, 2023.



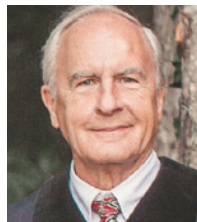
At Hampden-Sydney, Clayton was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. Clayton also played football and golf at Hampden-Sydney, being instrumental in starting the golf team. He was an avid golfer from an early age and was an Honorary Life Member of Congressional Country Club, joining in 1972. He was chair of the House Committee for the PGA Booz Allen Classic in 2003. He was senior club champion as well as the co-champion of the Middle Atlantic Golf Association Senior Four-Ball Championship in 1995. He also won two International Senior Golf Association tournaments in Canada and France. In addition to playing golf, he enjoyed traveling and playing bridge. As a member of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL), Clayton achieved Silver Life Master status. Although retired from the retail lumber and building business, he continued to be active with his commercial real estate investment businesses. He was also a member of the Washington International Piano Arts Council (WIPAC)—serving as president of the executive board in 2017—and an active member of the Landon School Grizzly Bear Alumni Advisory Board. Clayton is survived by his wife of 37 years, Susanne; three daughters, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

EUGENE E. RICH, JR. '61 died on July 6, 2023. After Hampden-Sydney, Gene went on to work at the shipyard and a local bank. Gene is survived by several cousins.

RANDOLPH ROBERTS HALL '62 died on February 8, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney, he excelled at both football and organic chemistry and was a Kappa Sigma brother. Between his studies and athletic endeavors, Randy spent his hours hunting, fishing, mountain climbing, and composing beautiful love letters to his high school sweetheart, Beth. After graduating from West Virginia University Dental School, he volunteered to join the U.S. Army, and served at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Dental Corps in Washington, D.C. Dr. Hall built a very successful dental practice in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he was beloved by his patients and the loyal and devoted staff that he considered family. Known affectionately as Big Randy, he had a personality that was larger than life. His curiosity and energy resulted in his ability to explore and excel in anything that interested him. He was a pilot, talented chef, avid reader, and expert gardener, whose tomatoes were highly desired every summer. Randy is survived by his wife of 59 years, Beth; two children, and two grandchildren.

WILLIAM BOSWELL HANES '63 died on February 24, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney College, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. After a brief break from college to serve in the Army from 1961 to 1963, he earned his B.S. from Hampden-Sydney in 1965 and his J.D. from the University of Richmond Law School in 1968. During the 1970s, he practiced law with his father in Herndon at the law firm of Hanes & Hanes and was the vice-mayor and councilman for the Town of Herndon from 1971 to 1975. He then moved to Leesburg and practiced law for many years with the law firm of Hanes, Sevila, Saunders & McCahill in Leesburg, founded in 1974. He was named commissioner of accounts for the Circuit Court of Loudoun County in 1980. In 2008, Bill started Hanes & Dickerson with his stepdaughter, Mindy, where he practiced until he retired in 2011. Bill was a beloved and well-known member of his community and was a loyal friend, brother, husband, and father. He had a larger-than-life personality and was outspoken yet kindhearted and generous. Bill adored his family and enjoyed playing golf, watching sports, listening to country music, and playing Boggle with his grandchildren. Bill played the saxophone and guitar. He was also known for his sense of humor and encouragement always to be self-confident and pursue your goals. His favorite saying was, "You're the best." Bill is survived by three children and six grandchildren.

The Reverend **PRESTON ORR SARTELLE**



JR. '63 died on April 21, 2023. He attended Hampden-Sydney College for one year and then graduated from King College. Sensing a call to the ministry, Preston moved his family to Atlanta to attend Colombia Theological Seminary. After graduating from seminary, Preston served as a fulltime pastor to churches in South Carolina and Virginia. He retired from Draper's Valley Presbyterian to serve as a missionary to the deaf children in Granville, Jamaica, at Caribbean Christian Center for the Deaf. Until recently he continued to preach as a regular supply at various churches throughout Southwest Virginia and East Tennessee, retiring from the ministry on December 26, 2021. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Ellen; four children, 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

CLYDE CAMPBELL LAMOND III '64 died on June 1, 2023. Clyde graduated from the American Institute of Banking in Washington, D.C., with a dual major in commercial lending and investments. His career began in



Alexandria at United Virginia Bank and Burke & Herbert Bank and Trust Company. Clyde founded and was chairman and CEO of Harvest Bancorp Inc. in Hamilton, Virginia. He was also a national bank examiner with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, president and chairman of Community Bankers of Northern Virginia, director of Virginia Bankers Association, and an instructor at the American Institute of Banking. After a long and successful career in banking, he went on to receive his broker, auctioneer, and real estate licenses. Clyde was a seasoned financial executive who served as a well-respected advisor and supporter of Shenandoah University's School of Business, serving as a member of the advisory board since 2013 and as an executive in residence since 2014. He was also a founding member of Shenandoah University Leadership Academy (SULA). Clyde was the founding president and trustee of the Loudoun Education Foundation, executive director by gubernatorial appointment of the Virginia Student Assistance Authorities in Richmond, founding director of Leesburg Today, and CEO and partner in the Western Loudoun Warehouse Group. Clyde also enjoyed being a gentleman farmer, Angus breeder, and avid

gardener at his farm, Ridgescroft, in Bluemont, Virginia. His agrarian-related involvement included director of Atlantic Rural Exposition for Strawberry Hill, Virginia State Fair and Cultural Center, Richmond; chairman of the Education and Audit Committees; director and president of Northern Virginia Angus Association; director of the Virginia Angus Association; a founding director of the Atlantic National Angus Cattle Show in Timonium, Maryland; and proprietor of Clyde's Cuts, a custom meat business. Clyde served in the Army National Guard. He was a regional chairman of United Way Campaign, Loudoun County. Clyde was a trustee at Foxcroft School, Middleburg; a church vestryman; a former member of the Clarke County Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow; an active member of the Rotary Club of Winchester; and a board member of the Virginia Diocesan Homes. Clyde is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Beth; two daughters, and four grandchildren.

Dr. **ALAN SCOTT DAY '66** died on April 17, 2023. Social chair of Lambda Chi Alpha, Alan graduated from H-SC and continued his studies at Clemson University, receiving a doctorate in organic chemistry in 1969. Alan started



teaching at Greenville Technical College in the chemistry department and was head of the science department in 1971. He quickly became a beloved teacher to all of his students. He would tell his young daughter answers to quizzes and plant her in his classes to answer aloud, impressing the college students. He also spent years teaching chemistry to chiropractic students at Sherman College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. After retiring from Greenville Tech, he enjoyed temporary positions at Furman University teaching environment science and organic chemistry. He loved the Boston Red Sox, Monty Python, bad puns, made-up jokes, and riddles. He was an artist; a short story writer; non-fiction lover; and a huge animal lover, rescuing dogs in need and contributing to many animal organizations. His friends and family will remember his strong intellect, his dry sense of humor, the twinkle in his eyes, and his appreciation of a good joke. Dr. Day was notorious for bringing light onto everyone's day. Alan is survived by his daughter and his granddaughter.

EDWARD MEEKS HOPKINS '66



died on July 21, 2023. Dr. Hopkins graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a degree in history in 1966 and then earned two graduate degrees from the University of Virginia. Dr. Hopkins had

a long and distinguished career with the Amherst County Public Schools, educating and shaping the minds of both young and old. He was beloved by his students and fellow educators, and he cherished his relationships with members of the Amherst County community. Dr. Hopkins is survived by two children and two grandchildren.

FELIX RANDOLPH DIPRISCO '67



died on May 2, 2023. Randy earned a bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney and a master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan. Randy joined Ford Motor company in 1968 as a zone sales

manager and left after 20 years as a department head. While living in New Orleans, Randy was actively involved in the Sports Car Club of America, becoming president of the Delta Region of the SCCA. He enjoyed competing in autocross sports events in Louisiana and Mississippi. In 1988 Randy began his career in the recreational vehicle industry as the regional sales manager and eventually joined Forest River, where he worked for nine years. During this time, Randy was active in the Corvette Club of Ft. Wayne and the Porsche Club of America. Randy's favorite pastimes included participating in autocross track day events, spending time on his boat on Lake Wawasee, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Randy is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

PAUL "SCOTT" HUTTON '68



died on June 14, 2023. Scott was a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, William & Mary College Law School, and New York University's Graduate Tax Program. Tax law and politics fed his mind and

formed the basis of his professional working life, spanning from the mid-1970s at the NYC law firm Webster and Sheffield to the MA DOR from which he retired in 2015. However, as a Tidewater Virginia boy, it was the water, specifically sailing, that fed his soul. "Any day on or in the water is a good day!" Scott is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary; two children, and four grandchildren.

HOWARD SADLER '69



died on May 5, 2023. A graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, Howard served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps, actively serving his country in Vietnam. Howard's career in

various corporate leadership positions included work at Sadler Mills and as plant manager, operations and special projects director, and vice president of operations for global firms such as Warner-Lambert, Pfizer, and Volvo with assignments in locations such as Puerto Rico, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. In addition, Howard's entrepreneurial spirit resulted in the launch of several software development and business consulting enterprises. Upon returning to the New River Valley, Howard extended his career in residential, commercial, and land sales as an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Townside in Blacksburg, Virginia. Howard was first licensed in 1980 and was highly regarded by the real estate community and was honored by the New River Valley Association of Realtors in 2020 with the Ethics in Action award. Howard was recognized throughout his career with humanitarian awards and top producer success. As a strong foundation of support for all realtors, the Cornerstone Award was created in 2022 to honor him. Howard had a huge heart and an ever-present smile. He was outgoing and never met a stranger. He was witty and clever, fearless and independent. He would have done anything for his family and friends. He would have acknowledged he was strong-willed and driven, yet so warm, engaging, charming, funny, and fun-loving. Howard was always on the go, but in his quieter moments, he loved reading, flyfishing in Montana, working on the

homeplace, and spending time with family and friends. Due to his unique family connections to the 1912 Hillsville Courthouse Tragedy, Howard conducted extensive research into the incident and presented his program titled The Last Witness: A Story of Friendship and Trust throughout the region. Howard is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Su-Su; two children, and two grandchildren.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS SMITH '68 died on December 10, 2022.

1970s

JOSEPH WYSOR SMITH, JR. '70



died on April 19, 2023. Wysor graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1970 and received a master's degree in history from Hollins University in 1978. He also served his country for 28 years in the United

States Army and retired at the rank of colonel. Wysor's professional career was real estate oriented for more than 50 years as a realtor, broker, appraiser, investor, developer, and educator amongst other business ventures. Wysor loved nature and all it had to offer. He was a phenomenal outdoorsman and fly fisherman, and his two greatest loves were fly fishing and bird hunting. He also cherished his family farm, White Oaks Spring, in Craig County, Virginia, where he spent a great deal of time fishing and hunting. He loved his bird dogs and was an avid supporter of Trout Unlimited, Ducks Unlimited, and the Ruffed Grouse Society. Furthermore, he was an interesting individual who never met a stranger, enjoyed life, and loved his friends and family. Wysor is survived by his wife, Jennifer; two children—**Joseph Wysor Smith III '93**—and five grandchildren.

DONALD RICHARD "DICK" WEIGLEIN



JR. '70 died on August 18, 2023. Dick was a retired commercial underwriting specialist for Nationwide Insurance, having worked there for 34 years. He was an active member of his

beloved Mercy Presbyterian Church, serving as treasurer and deacon. Dick is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret; three children, and nine grandchildren.

CLASS NOTES

DON RODNEY COCHRAN '73 died on April 29, 2023. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a degree in history and then attended Marshall-Wythe School of Law at William & Mary. Although he was a lawyer by trade, the



majority of his career was spent following in his father's footsteps and running Cochran Construction Company. He was a diehard Redskins fan. He loved the water—whether on the beach, a boat ride, fishing, or spending a day by the James River in his childhood backyard. Don loved music, a good steak, and a Rebel Yell on the rocks. Don will be remembered for his quick wit—always having a slick comeback. He was an advocate for the underdog, a voracious reader, and so darn smart. He will be remembered as the best husband, father, Cool Daddy, and friend. Don's only request for his obituary was to make it known that he never lost a polo match. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Cynthia; three children, and six grandchildren. His brother is the late **Charles R. Cochran '85**.

BRYAN POWELL '73 died on March 28, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Cynthia.

1980s

JAMES EDWARD JOHN III '80 died on January 28, 2023. Edward received his Bachelor of Science degree from Hampden Sydney College and his Master of Science from Old Dominion University, with a focus in molecular



biology and genetics. He was employed by the University of Virginia in a research position. Edward was born on a farm and kept his enthusiasm for all creatures great and small. On their property in North Garden, Virginia, he and Diane raised and cared for a variety of animals including numerous chickens, turkeys, goats, dogs, cats, parrots, and a rabbit. Edward was an avid scuba diver and enjoyed caving in his younger years. He and Diane loved to travel to the Caribbean and other exotic lands. Edward is survived by his wife, Diane, and two children.

JAMES ARCHIE WILLIFORD '82 died on August 25, 2023. Jim graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a degree in math and economics and from East Carolina University with an MBA. He worked in banking for Wachovia



and BB&T for over 30 years and began a post-retirement career with Parker Oil Company in January of 2022. Jim served on numerous civic, philanthropic, and church boards over his life and worked to make a positive impact in the communities where he lived. He was an avid runner and loved water skiing and swimming with his grandkids. He was known by those closest to him for his servant heart and unwavering faith. Jim is survived by his wife, Leslie; two daughters, and four grandchildren.

DAVID CLAUDE MEYER '86 died on February 28, 2023. David graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a bachelor's degree in biology. He worked as a microbiologist at Nestle and as owner/operator of World of Pets with his



brother Billy for 25 years. He is survived by his two sons and his special cat, Fluffy.

1990s

MICHAEL FREEMAN CUTTER '92 died on March 23, 2023. Mike graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, where he played soccer. A beloved community member who was committed to helping people and businesses



thrive within his hometown, Mike was a business development manager with the City of Norfolk for many years. Previously Mike worked in commercial real estate as a trusted leader at Global Real Estate Investment Inc. and was a sought-after agent at Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate. Mike was a member of the Urban Land Institute and the International Council of Shopping Centers. He also dedicated many years of his life to serving on countless boards including the For Art's Sake Board at the Chrysler Museum, Norfolk Collegiate School Alumni Association, and many others. Mike passed down his athletic prowess to his talented, multi-sport sons, who also share a love of all games. He was a dedicated soccer, baseball, and basketball coach for his boys and their teammates over 14

seasons. Coach Mike will always be remembered for his thoughtful words of encouragement, endless energy to keep the team inspired, and incomparable ability to balance hard work with keeping it fun. He is survived by his love and devoted wife of 26 years, Amy, and their sons.

KENNETH J. PEFKAROS '92 died on July 31,



2023. He was an accomplished sales director at a global technology company, where he was recently promoted to become the director of their European sales division and due to relocate to Paris. Ken was an artist, foodie, wine enthusiast, cyclist, squash player, and avid traveler. Daniel Craig was the only true Bond in his eyes, and he knew everything about every Star Wars movie ever made. The Beatles were his favorite band. Ken's favorite place was the kitchen, where he enjoyed cooking for his family and friends. Ken is survived by his wife, Catherine; daughter, parents, and siblings.

LAINÉ JACKSON SEELY '94 died on May 16, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney, Laine was a member of Amnesty International and WWHS, the campus radio station. Laine committed more than 25 years of his professional



life to telecommunications marketing, but the priorities of his life were love for God, his family, the outdoors, and connecting with others. Never were these priorities made more visible than in his final year of life when he was able to focus his time on what was most important to him. His time was primarily spent with the people he loved—his family and colleagues, classmates, neighbors, and friends from many phases of his life. This brought out countless stories of his impact. Laine is remembered for his genuine kindness, intellect, incredible memory, witty sense of humor, vast appreciation for music, and his ability to contribute value to any conversation or project. He appreciated the simplicity and rhythm of being out in nature and when he wasn't out running, hiking, biking, or camping, he was planning the next adventure. Laine is survived by his wife of 27 years, Rachel (R-MWC '94), and four children. His brother is **Owen Seely '99**, and his uncle was Dr. **Amos Lee Laine**, a professor of history at Hampden-Sydney for over 38 years.

2000s

JASON CHARLES WATKINS '01 died on August 4, 2023. Jason relocated to Norfolk, Virginia, in 2002. He was a dedicated and skillful employee in the cable television industry. His most recent employment was with Baker Installation for the past 17 years. Jason was a kind, generous, and caring person with a keen sense of humor. He was extremely intelligent and often engaged in lively discussions and debates with his family and friends. He often jokingly said, "I have a head full of useless knowledge." He was an avid sports fan and could easily quote facts and figures about various players and teams. He was a staunch Pittsburgh Steelers fan but was ready to dismiss them if they were having a bad season. He enjoyed fishing, video games, photography, and was a gun enthusiast. His most recent accomplishment was cooking and preparing new and unusual dishes. He will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him. Jason is survived by his parents and siblings.

JASON JAMEL "JAY" HALL '08 died on December 8, 2022. Jay received his Bachelor of Science from Hampden-Sydney before earning his master's degree in clinical mental health counseling in 2015. In 2018, he became a licensed professional counselor. Jay had many jobs in the mental health field. One accomplishment was at the Nottoway Correctional Center in the Mental Health and Wellness Department, where he worked closely with the inmates and implemented horticulture therapy for the inmate population. Jay had a beautiful smile and an infectious laugh. Family was very important to him. He loved life and all that it had to offer. Anyone that knew him would agree that he was outgoing, comical, and genuine. Jay was very talented and left an impression on everyone that he met. He loved riding horses and bicycles, being in nature, and working in his garden.

2010s

KARLTON DE'VON DAVIS '13 died on April 5, 2023. A member of the Tiger football team and the Minority Student Union, Karlton earned his bachelor's degree in fine arts from H-SC. During his teen years, he was a member of Gap 4 Lyfe,



which is a mentoring program designed to help young men ease into adulthood. Once he completed the program, he returned the favor by becoming a mentor to other young men. After moving to Arizona, Karlton began working at Indeed.com as a recruiter in 2019. He loved photography and art. In his spare time, you would find him capturing pictures of nature or some type of abstract art. Every now and again, one would find him writing quotes or poetry. "Just Breathe" by Willie Nelson was his favorite song and inspiration. Karlton "with a K" was a quiet soul but had a smile that would light up a room. He loved wearing his vibrant colors and dressed in his own unique way. His motto was "If I win, everybody wins." He is survived by his fiancé, Maggie; his daughter, Finley; his parents; two brothers; paternal grandmother; and numerous aunts, cousins, and loved ones.

DAVID THERRELL LAWSON, JR. '19 died on July 15, 2023. David attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he played lacrosse, and went on to graduate with a degree in journalism and marketing from the University of South



Carolina in 2020. David worked for two years in Charleston, South Carolina, for Push Media as a marketing specialist, then entered Clemson University's Master of Real Estate Development program in Greenville. He was working in Charleston as a real estate development intern at RCB Development this summer. In addition to enjoying sports, David had a love of the outdoors, lifeguarding on the ocean front in Virginia Beach, and becoming an avid surfer, snow and water skier, hunter, fisherman, and golfer. David could often be found kite boarding off the coast of Charleston. David was also an animal lover, having been brought up with his chocolate labs, a Japanese Chin, and several cats. His Siberian Husky, Mako, became one of his closest friends and accompanied David everywhere. David's beautiful, loving, and kind heart was evident to anyone who met him. His glowing and

infectious smile could melt the coldest heart. His laughter, wit, and charm made him beloved by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. He was generous with his time, investing in his friends and loved ones. David even invested in the next generation, coaching middle school level lacrosse in Wilmington, North Carolina, and for the Charleston Elite youth development program. He will be greatly missed by everyone he touched.

2020s

LUKE HUNTER WHITE '21 died on May 24, 2023. Luke earned his history degree at Hampden-Sydney with a minor in rhetoric in which he won the Excellence in Public Speaking Award. Luke never met a stranger in his life. Everyone he



met was his friend, from the cooks at the restaurant down the street at 18 months old to the groundskeepers at his graduation and all those between. Luke knew them by name, and he spoke to them. It did not matter if you were five or 15 or 105, he was happy to see you, and he wanted to hear what you had to say. He acknowledged every individual, and, more indicative of his true nature, he listened to them, to where they were and what they were doing in their lives. This made Luke a student of life, always ready to learn from the new or different. While he may not have always enjoyed attending classes, the lessons that he found in daily life and the joy he brought to everything he did was apparent to all. He loved music, especially finding new music; he loved reading history, especially new historical perspectives; he loved his friends, especially making new ones; and he loved his family, especially the new one he was hoping to start with Addison. Luke was happiest in the success of those around him, a man full of love and passion. It was a heart defect that took his life; that heart defect was that his heart was simply too big. Luke is survived by his parents, his sister, and his one true love, Addison.

BENJAMIN LOUIS LAGOW '26 passed away on December 26, 2023. A sophomore at Hampden-Sydney, Ben played on the lacrosse team and was a brother of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He graduated from Norfolk Academy in 2022, where he



captained the soccer and lacrosse teams his senior year. He was a beloved figure in the Upper School, and indeed across the entire Norfolk Academy campus, recognized and admired for his outgoing personality, school spirit and friendliness to all. It was for these personal qualities and his many achievements that he received the Charles Forsyth Wirth award. Ben was truly the unique individual who made everyone he spoke with feel like they were the most important person in the world at that moment. Ben grew up on the water, spending time with his grandfather wakeboarding and fishing. More recently he found a passion for surfing. His time on the soccer and lacrosse fields allowed him to play the sports he loved with the teammates and coaches he loved even more. The Hampden-Sydney lacrosse team had truly become his new brotherhood at college. Family and friends were everything to Ben, who often made no real distinction between the two. No one was a stranger to Ben, and he lit up every room he was ever in. More than just the life of the party, Ben was a deeply caring and loyal friend, boyfriend, teammate, brother, son and grandson—willing to do anything for those he held closest. From a young age, Ben evidenced the endearing qualities that would define his success in high school and college: a natural leader, great sense of humor, always positive and friendly, and always willing to work hard. These traits are why he was not only a loving big brother to his siblings Max and Cate but also their best friend. Ben is survived by his parents, Jen and Chris Lagow; brother, Max; sister, Cate; grandparents Dr. Jonathan and Mrs. Dale Jacobs; grandmother, Mrs. Martha Lagow; 12 aunts and uncles; and 14 cousins.

FRIENDS

Former Trustee **RUSSELL BROWN NEWTON, JR.** died in March 2023. Russell attended the Virginia Military Institute before volunteering to serve in World War II in 1944. As a captain in the 15th Air Force based in Bari, Italy, Russell was a B-24 Liberator command pilot. Though he was only 20 years old, he captained a crew of 10 men during 47 perilous missions over the Alps to bomb German industrial facilities and Balkan oil fields. He never lost a plane or a crew member—a miraculous accomplishment. Russell completed his interrupted education at Princeton University in 1948 and then pursued an MBA at the Wharton School. Russell began his career in Macon, Georgia, in the textile business. He also served at the nearby Warner-Robins Army base during the Korean War, supervising production of necessary military supplies. In 1952, Russell joined the prestigious management consulting firm of Booz Allen Hamilton and moved to New York. The company sent him to Egypt for six months to help establish that country's cotton industry. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1957, to partner with his younger brother, Fred, in purchasing a small company called Southern Stores. The company was sold in 1968 to Charter Oil Company, where Russell took on the role of president until 1975. His next challenge was as chairman and principal owner of Kern County Refinery, in Bakersfield, California, until selling it in 1981. Subsequently, Russell established Timucuan Asset Management Inc., an investment company with interests in real estate, water purification, mortgage banking, and portfolio management. Russell remained actively involved in the company well into his nineties. Throughout his long business career, Russell provided dedicated leadership on many business, educational, and civic boards including: American Cancer Society, Florida National Bank, First Union National Bank, St Joe Company, founding board member of Everbank, president of the Board of Directors of Riverside Hospital, Princeton University, Hampden-Sydney College, The Bolles School, Jacksonville Housing Authority, The Schultz Center For Teaching and Leadership, and the University of Florida Medical College's Proton Beam Facility. Russell is survived by his wife, Joannie; five children—former Trustee **Will Newton '89**—11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



WALTER MICHAEL BORTZ III

Dr. Walter Michael Bortz III, the 23rd president of Hampden-Sydney College, died on November 10, 2023. After earning his B.S. in biology, Mr. Bortz began his distinguished career in higher education administration at his alma mater, Bethany College. In 1985, he became the vice president for institutional advancement at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut. He was also acting vice president for student services and executive director of admissions and student financial assistance at Hartford. In 1989, he became the vice president for administrative and information services at The George Washington University in D.C. It was at The George Washington University that Dr. Bortz earned his Ed.D. in policy studies. In July 2000, he was named president of Hampden-Sydney College. During his tenure at the College, he achieved noteworthy successes including increasing the size of the student body, leading the largest fundraising campaign in the College's history, and enhancing the College's physical spaces to include the construction of Everett Stadium and the College's library. The surprise naming of the facility as the Walter M. Bortz III Library at his final commencement ceremony is a testament to his devoted efforts to make such an extraordinary resource a reality for students. To this day, more than 15 years after its construction, Bortz Library is consistently ranked by The Princeton Review as one of the finest college libraries in the United States. Walter had a wonderful voice and sang in choirs for most of his life. He enjoyed making music and beach vacations with his family. Dr. Bortz is survived by his wife, Lorraine; two children, and four grandchildren.

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