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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Over the last several weeks, I have received many letters, emails, and calls from alumni, parents, and current students. All have welcomed my family and me to the Hampden-Sydney community; nearly all have shared their Hampden-Sydney stories, as well. And these stories are always about how this school has transformed, and continues to transform, lives.

I've heard from men who were greatly influenced by our professors, coaches, or other mentors. I've heard how participation in a club or fraternity provided lifelong lessons in leadership. One particularly heartfelt letter comes from the wife of a member of the Class of 1957. She writes that on the day she and her husband met, "I knew he was a special person—and Hampden-Sydney was a big part of that 'special-ness.'" She goes on to describe a visit to Farmville this summer: "We made time to drive through the college campus ... and both of us shed tears at the beauty and serenity we saw. It will always be a part of our lives." Parents of a current student write, "We are thrilled with the experiences our son has had so far at H-SC." And, as in my own case, it doesn't take long to appreciate how special Hampden-Sydney is: I've already received letters from the parents of our Class of 2020, who just started as students here a few weeks ago, expressing appreciation for the good work of our faculty and staff.

Perhaps most moving of all was a call from **Charles Merriam '46**, who was eager to share his Hampden-Sydney story with me. A family friend encouraged Charles and his twin brother to visit the college. Arriving on campus, the first person they met was President Gammon, who promptly loaded the two young men in his Chrysler and gave them a tour. Charles concluded that if the president showed that much interest in prospective students, then the College would offer him a fine education. But before long, World War II intruded on his education, and Charles joined the V-12 Unit at Hampden-Sydney. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the Navy. His leadership and character already honed by his Hampden-Sydney experiences, this brand new officer successfully skippered a LCT in the Pacific. After the war, Charles returned to graduate in the Class of 1946. We are all better for having Charles, a member of the Greatest Generation, as an alumnus of this College.

When I told Charles that I wanted to share his story with the readers of the *Record*, he replied, "Why would you want to do that? I'm just a fellow who was privileged to attend Hampden-Sydney." But, the privilege of attending Hampden-Sydney and the special impact this College has on the young men who study here are the common threads that run through all of these stories. I'm sure it is a thread that runs through your Hampden-Sydney story, as well.

For nearly two and one-half centuries, we have been offering young men an outstanding education. Our students develop a broad outlook, they learn to communicate well, and, in so doing, they develop critical thinking and other important intellectual talents. The education we offer goes well beyond classroom learning, though. Our students also develop character and poise by living in a brotherhood guided by an Honor Code, Code of Conduct, and a long tradition of student self-government. They graduate as confident men who are well prepared to do important work, model integrity, and lead as teachers, businessmen, doctors, lawyers, scientists, scholars, artists, ministers, and as citizens in their communities, our nation, and the world.

The following pages show that this very special Hampden-Sydney education continues. Stories in this issue highlight how our faculty members contribute to the development of young men in the classroom and beyond, the timeless value of a liberal arts education, and the important work we do here to develop men of character. In a day when so much in our society seems unmoored and traditional understandings of honesty and integrity seem up for grabs, it is reassuring to know that we continue the work begun at this College over 240 years ago "to form good men and good citizens." I know you share my conviction that our mission has never been more compelling and relevant than it is today.



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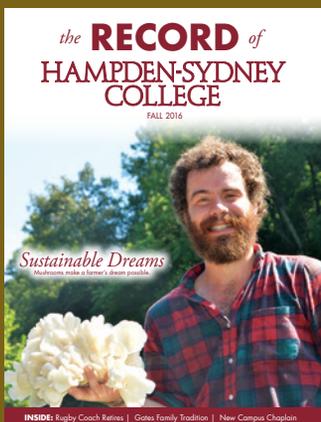
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ON THE COVER:

Farmer Matthew W. Reiss II '06 harvests *Pleurotus ostreatus*, or oyster mushrooms, in Dugspur, Virginia.
Photo by Karen E. Huggard

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MEET THE NEW EDITOR

I am pleased to introduce the *Record's* new editor, Karen Huggard, and for her to introduce herself through her first issue.

Angus McClellan '05, who served us well as editor for the past two years, has left Hampden-Sydney to pursue a doctorate in government at Claremont Graduate University in California. We wish him well.

A graduate of Wheaton College, Karen comes to Hampden-Sydney from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she taught high school English Language Arts for nine years, serving as department head for four years. For a decade, Karen was a freelance editor in Washington, D.C., and Boston.

Karen brings to the *Record* strong writing and editing skills and a desire to create a lively, engaging magazine that reflects the diverse accomplishments of our alumni and the vitality of the College.

—Thomas Shomo '69
Director of Communications

MORE THAN A COACH

DR. SARANNA THORNTON

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BY KAREN E. HUGGARD

After 12 seasons of coaching spread over 20 years, Hampden-Sydney Rugby head coach Dr. **Saranna Thornton**, Professor of Economics, passes on the mantle to a new generation of coaches—including one she coached during his own Hampden-Sydney years.

THE RUGBY BROTHERHOOD

The history of Hampden-Sydney Rugby dates back to 1968, when two students assembled a group of interested but inexperienced athletes to form the Hampden-Sydney Rugby Club. Founders **John C. “Johnny” Ellis, Jr. ’70** and **Paul L. Reiber III ’70** enjoyed the sport on and off the pitch—for both its physicality and its camaraderie. Their early efforts to introduce rugby were supported by faculty members **John L. Brinkley ’59**, who had experienced the sport during his studies at Oxford, and Dr. **John Hinchcliff**, who had played rugby in his native New Zealand. After Hinchcliff’s return to New Zealand in 1974, however, the club lacked formal coaching for more than two decades. While the student-led team maintained its sense of camaraderie, its organization and competitiveness suffered at times from the lack of leadership.

Rugby alumni had long been hoping for a coach with experience on the pitch, but as Ellis notes, “There aren’t too many rugby people in Prince Edward County, Virginia.” After more than 25 years, their wishes were fulfilled with Thornton’s arrival. Ellis says, “We were so blessed to have a professor come to Hampden-Sydney who had played rugby, coached rugby, and refereed rugby.”

Thornton's own involvement with the sport began when few athletic opportunities existed for women, particularly in contact sports. In 1980, the co-captain of the Colby College rugby team broke his collarbone and had to miss a season; not one to sit on the bench, however, he started a women's team and Thornton's love for the sport was born.

She remembers vividly her first rugby match as a player. The first team to compete was the men's A side, which played two 40-minute halves. They peeled off their jerseys at the end of the game and passed them on to the men's B side team, which proceeded to play their own 40-minute halves. "Then the women's team played and we wore the same jerseys that the men had worn for two games," she recalls. "They did not smell good, but when the game started, nobody cared."

After that memorable start, Thornton continued to play rugby at the college and club level for ten years in New England, Washington, D.C., and Pittsburgh. She completed her doctorate at Carnegie-Melon in 1989 and returned to Colby College as a professor, where she coached the women's rugby team for three years. The program thrived during those years; with a roster of over 60 players, Thornton led the team to an undefeated season.

But it was a lot of work to coach a team of that size, so when Thornton came to Hampden-Sydney in 1996, she was determined to leave coaching behind, focusing instead on her teaching career and her young family. Her resolve didn't last long. Two weeks into her new job, the president of the Rugby Club, **John Kincheloe '97**, walked into her office. Thornton remembers the interaction: "John said, 'We haven't had a coach in as long as anyone can remember. We haven't won a game in as long as anyone can remember. Would you be willing to coach us?' I said no."

The students wouldn't take no for an answer, however; every few days another player stopped by. "It was always the same story: 'We haven't had a coach... we haven't won a game... we'd really like you to coach us.' I told them, 'No, but thanks for asking.' They were always so nice and sweet, though, so I finally said yes."

A LEGACY BEGINS

A sophomore at the time, **Brian P. Mackey '99** remembers Coach Thornton's introduction to the team. Says Mackey, "It was one of the greatest shocks of my life—in a positive way. Of all the things that I expected in a rugby coach, Saranna was the epitome of none of them. This diminutive

woman stepped into an all-male team at an all-male college, then challenged us and led us fearlessly." And challenge them she did.

To "a drinking team with a rugby problem," according to Mackey, Thornton laid down the law: if she became their coach, there would be no drinking 24 hours before games, no questioning her judgment on issues of safety, no hazing of new members, and no cursing at practice. The first three rules related to the type of team Thornton hoped to establish at Hampden-Sydney: competitive, professional, and honorable. The rule against cursing, however? It served a more personal purpose, for Thornton brought her young children to each and every practice.

The tough love did not stop there. Mackey remembers having to run laps with the coach on his shoulders if he had too many penalties in a given practice. Beyond the physical conditioning of running with the extra weight, it gave Thornton the opportunity to continue lecturing Mackey while he ran. Other training methods included pushing Thornton's children in a stroller up those famous Hampden-Sydney hills on the three-mile run that kicked off every practice. Within two years, Thornton's efforts turned a rag-tag group, which hadn't won a game in more than five years, into an undefeated team.

A winning record is only a small measure of Thornton's success in growing the sport of rugby at Hampden-Sydney. One of her first orders of business was to establish a budget, an important step toward purchasing much needed equipment and jerseys—although the miniscule budget meant the players had to sew on their own patches and repair torn shirts. Ever the coach, Thornton taught them to wield a needle and thread, as well. Even something as small as an equipment shed marked a step forward for the team, for Thornton remembers when "the team shed was the back of my minivan, which was a problem when I went grocery shopping."

On a more serious note, Thornton's legacy extends far beyond jerseys and equipment. A dedicated rugby pitch and a scoreboard now encourage spectator attendance and help those unfamiliar with rugby follow the game. Policy changes such as USA Rugby-certified coaches, athletic trainers at games, and chartered buses for travel ensure greater safety for the student athletes. She credits the support of the Athletics Department and rugby alumni, Ellis in particular, with the ability to keep Hampden-Sydney players as safe as possible.



In 2014, the rugby team joined Johnny Ellis (center) and Saranna Thornton to dedicate the Ellis Rugby Pitch, created with fill dirt from the Bortz Library construction.

CHARACTER COUNTS

Thornton's concern for her players' well-being springs from her coaching philosophy, which she says is interwoven with her parenting and teaching philosophies. She's fiercely protective of her players. She believes in playing by the rules. She believes that character matters. In a sport with a proud tradition of cheating and playing dirty, Thornton insisted that Hampden-Sydney men learn to win in a manner consistent with the College's Honor Code. That meant playing harder and smarter than everyone else. She told her athletes, "Hit hard, but hit clean. Use trick plays, but no cheating." Thornton says her values as a coach are completely congruent with Hampden-Sydney's mission to form good men and good citizens. "If we win by cheating, what have we really won?" she asks. "That's not who we are."

Coaching differs from teaching, though, in the amount of time coaches spend with their players and the emotional nature of the job. Thornton says, "I get to know my students in a different way than most faculty do." In addition to the seven to ten hours of practice each week, Saturday games are all-day affairs that feature emotional

highs and lows. When the H-SC rugby team made it to the final game of the State Championships three years ago, Thornton and her players experienced both the elation of that achievement after a successful season, and the pain of defeat in the final moments of the game. She calls it her most difficult moment as a coach "because there was nothing I could say or do to erase the pain."

That emotional connection between coach and team is summed up in the way Mackey introduced Thornton to his wife. He told her, "Honey, I want you to meet the

third most important woman in my life"—after his mother and his wife, of course. Mackey credits Thornton with "teaching me what it

means to be a competitor, a man, and a friend."

Forming good men is a tradition that incoming head coach Dr. Geoffrey S. Lea '04, Assistant Professor of Economics, is sure to maintain. In the coaching transition, Lea says, "One thing that I can guarantee will not change: being gentlemen on the field is first and foremost." Lea, like Thornton, is consistently proud of how well the team behaves on the pitch: gracious in winning, dignified in defeat. Because of that behavior, Hampden-Sydney Rugby

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enjoys a good reputation with referees and other teams, according to Lea. “We play clean. We say ‘yes, sir’ or ‘yes, ma’am’ to the ref. We don’t fight. We don’t tolerate cheap shots. That’s not how we live our lives and that’s not how we play.”

THE TRADITION CONTINUES

Thornton feels confident that Hampden-Sydney Rugby will continue to thrive as she entrusts two Rugby Club alumni with the team’s future. Head coach Lea and assistant coach **Paul W. Brammer** ’11, Director of the Hampden-Sydney Fund, have coached under Thornton for one and four years, respectively. The two USA Rugby-certified coaches have plans to further expand the success and scope of Hampden-Sydney Rugby.

New to the Rugby Club this year was a pre-season camp, which allowed both rookie and returning players the opportunity to practice and build camaraderie before the academic semester began. In cooperation with the Athletic Office, Admissions Department, and Student Affairs, Lea and Brammer were able to recruit incoming freshmen, hold two-a-day practices, and host team dinners the week before orientation. Although they started small this year, Brammer hopes recruiting efforts and pre-season practices will expand in the years to come. They also hope to institute a spring tour in the coming years, so the team can experience the broader rugby culture.

Thornton, Lea, and Brammer all emphasize the value of alumni involvement, calling it essential to the future of the Hampden-Sydney Rugby Club. Many of Thornton’s efforts were made possible through a fundraising partnership between an anonymous alumnus, the College, and the rugby alumni community. Beyond their financial support, alumni attendance at matches and participation in Greek Week’s alumni game connect the Hampden-Sydney Rugby brotherhood throughout the generations. Plans are underway to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that brotherhood, which will occur in 2018.

Although she is laying down the coach’s whistle, Coach Thornton will continue her service to Hampden-Sydney in the classroom and will remain a fixture on the rugby sidelines. The transition from coach to spectator will be bittersweet, but she looks forward to watching her former players pass on the love of the game to a new generation of Hampden-Sydney men. ■



Gregory D. Regan '16 and Miles T. Cutchin '17



James Hanna '17, Christopher L. Evans '15, and Michael D. Bouldin '16



A Sustainable Dream

BY KAREN E. HUGGARD

Eat Local. Eat Clean. Farm-to-Table. Go Green. A myriad of slogans that have entered the American vernacular in recent years points to a rising interest in food: the manner in which it is produced, the manner in which it is prepared, and the manner in which we consume it.

For almost a decade, Virginia native Matthew W. Reiss II '06 was at the confluence of farming, food, and culture in the Pacific Northwest, first studying sustainable agriculture in Olympia, Washington, then managing a farm on Bainbridge Island, ten miles from Seattle. Now Reiss and his partner Jenna Kuczynski have brought their passion and knowledge back to Southwest Virginia, fulfilling Reiss' dream of owning and operating a sustainable farm.

“The core liberal arts at Hampden-Sydney, especially the Rhetoric Program, gave me the foundation to be able to process information...Studying the liberal arts is one of the best things I could have done for myself.”

His enterprise is strongly influenced by the ideas of permaculture. Although difficult to define, at its core the permaculture movement applies natural ecological principles to human systems. A natural ecosystem sustains itself in a closed loop, providing its own energy, producing no waste, and relying on interdependence rather than independence. Common practices that embrace Permaculture include turning garden scraps

into compost to amend the soil, or designing buildings to use existing resources like geothermal energy. The principles of Permaculture extend beyond agriculture and land use, though. Reiss

says the three foundations of the movement are “care of the earth, care of people, and the wise use of resources,” principles that can be applied to most human activity.

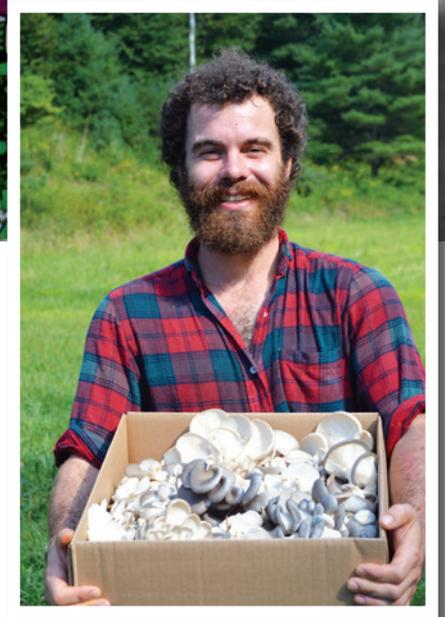


At Gnomestead Hollow Farm and Forage, Reiss has designed his commercial farming operation to “close as many loops as possible.” For example, he uses a readily available agricultural byproduct as a growing medium, or substrate, thereby closing the loop on another industry’s waste. Reiss can use the sawdust created by local lumber mills as a substrate for two flowerings of mushroom, but what becomes of the waste after that? The mushrooms convert the sawdust into living mulch, which eventually becomes part of the soil’s humus layer. The benefit of this system is both ecological and financial: the local, abundant, and cheap substrate helps make the 50-acre farm’s mushroom operation profitable.

Reiss cultivates almost 10 mushroom varieties on the farm, from the well-known shiitake to the more unusual blue oyster and lion’s mane. Using fans and a simple fog generator supplied by the farm’s gravity-fed spring, Reiss’ low-tech grow houses emulate a forest canopy. This passive growth set-up produces mushrooms closer in flavor to

wild-grown than those cultivated under HVAC. Reiss admits that with their low-tech set-up, “we are at the whim of nature here. If it gets too hot or too cold, we’re in trouble.” In their third summer growing mushrooms in Virginia, however, they’ve managed to turn a profit without outside investment.

About half of the farm’s business comes from selling mushrooms at farmers markets and to restaurants in Blacksburg, Roanoke, and Winston-Salem. The other half comes from Gnomestead Hollow’s line of fermented vegetables (pictured above), which retails at natural food stores throughout the region. Gnomestead purchases excess produce from area farms—vegetables that might otherwise be discarded—and processes them into krauts



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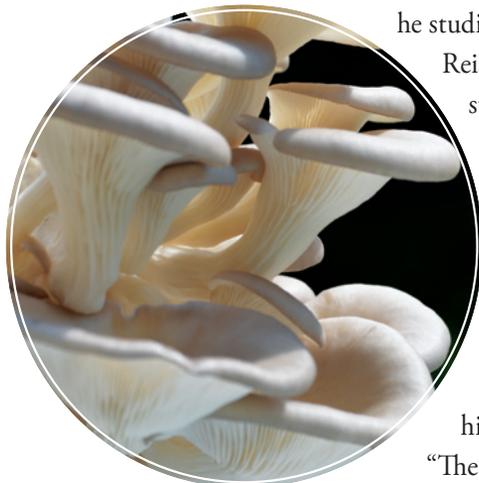


and kimchees in a county-owned canning facility. In exchange, Reiss and Kuczynski teach classes at local schools on fermentation and tissue propagation. By taking advantage of existing resources in a mutually beneficial relationship, another loop is closed.

The life that Reiss and Kuczynski have chosen is difficult but rewarding. Their workdays average 10-15 hours, but Reiss says that at least once a week he finds himself pulling a 20-hour day. Asked how they manage such a schedule without burning out, Reiss answers, “It’s work that we love to do, which makes all the difference.”

One may well question whether Reiss’ study of economics at Hampden-Sydney is relevant to his current life as a farmer. Yet Reiss traces much of his passion for small, sustainable farming to the theories of free market and Austrian economics that he studied at H-SC.

Reiss went on to study mycology in Washington state, but he is thankful that he had a broad liberal arts education before immersing himself in science. “The core liberal arts



A colorful array of Reiss’ cultivated mushrooms includes Salmon Oyster, Golden Oyster, Blue Oyster, and Italian Oyster. Photo courtesy of Jenna Kuczynski.

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at Hampden-Sydney, especially the Rhetoric Program, gave me the foundation to be able to process information, which I have found invaluable. The classes challenged me to an extent I hadn’t experienced before, but the way the professors presented the material was incredibly engaging. Studying the liberal arts is one of the best things I could have done for myself.”

In fact, talk to Reiss for any length of time and the conversation may veer from Farm Bill amendments pending before Congress, to *The Wealth of Nations* by Scottish economist Adam Smith, to the Trivium of classical education—and he will connect each topic to his life on the farm. He is yet another example of that oft-used phrase, “You can do anything with a degree from Hampden-Sydney.” ■



THE LONG ROAD Home

BY KAREN E. HUGGARD

When I called the Rev. M. Keith Leach '81 to request an interview, he assured me his life was not interesting enough to merit an article. Nothing could be further from the truth. Born at Hampden-Sydney during his father's undergraduate years, this alumnus' life has truly come full circle.

We met on the last quiet day of the summer, just before the R.A.s and football players returned to campus, and the new College Chaplain shared his journey to faith, to ministry, and back to Hampden-Sydney. What follows is an excerpt of our conversation.

PRESBYTERIAN BY PROXIMITY

Tell us about your history with the College. What has this place meant to you and your family?

It's really a history of relationship, one that springs from my parents' marriage in Raleigh while my dad was a student at NC State. My mom walked to church on Sundays because my dad had to take the car to work on the weekends. Well, the closest church to married student housing was Presbyterian, so in some ways I'm a Presbyterian by proximity. It just so happened that the

pastor of that church was a Hampden-Sydney graduate, the Rev. Robert "Bob" Bluford '45. My dad didn't want anything to do with him, but Bob was fairly stubborn and wouldn't let him off the hook. Eventually my dad attended church, and within a few years felt called to the ministry. Because of Bob Bluford, he decided to study at Hampden-Sydney, rather than at Davidson College in North Carolina. That was the first Hampden-Sydney connection. I was born five months after they moved here, so my earliest, earliest memories are of Hampden-Sydney. It was an idyllic place for our family.

TRYING REALLY HARD TO GRADUATE

Your family moved back to North Carolina after your father finished seminary at Union. When you returned to Hampden-Sydney years later as a student, did you know you would someday enter the pastorate?

When I arrived as a student, everybody I met said, "Oh I'm pre-law" or "I'm pre-med. What are you doing?" I was just trying to find the right building! I had no plan for my life at all. I thought, "I'm really trying hard to graduate—that is my one goal."



PHOTOS BY COURTNEY VOGEL

Keith Leach meets with H-SC student Zachary Berry '20. As Chaplain, Leach places a high priority on building relationships.

I only took two religion classes: Old Testament with Dr. **Owen Norment** and New Testament with Dr. **Robert Rogers**. I'd been hearing the Bible and reading the Bible my whole life, but they taught a totally different way of dissecting it. Although I enjoyed those classes a great deal, there was no call to ministry. If anything, growing up a preacher's kid, it was probably the other way around.

I ended up majoring in history, but religion is such an integral part of the history of humanity. You can't study an era without understanding the religious context. How do you grasp historically what was happening in 1500's Europe without understanding the religious climate of the day? They were intertwined, and I would say they are still intertwined today. Perhaps, in our secular society today, we don't understand that. When we as a society question what should we do and how should we go, it would be

foolish to ignore the fact that humanity has been doing this for thousands of years. So at Hampden-Sydney I learned to look to history and apply it to today. I also learned a lot of cool facts to spit out at cocktail parties.

Mostly, though, I learned to think when I was at Hampden-Sydney.

I learned to organize thoughts and arguments, to understand the roots of arguments and where they lead. The professors here did not give me answers; they gave me questions. They gave me facts, they asked me questions, and they made me come up with answers. My Hampden-Sydney professors didn't grade me on whether they agreed or disagreed with my answers; they graded me on how well I supported my positions with facts and how well I explained my thought processes. That. That right there was worth the price of admission.

A LONG ROAD TO THE PULPIT

You earned your M.B.A. at William and Mary and had a successful career in business. How, then, did you decide to leave the business world and enter the ministry?

I worked for the Reynolds Corporation in Williamsburg, then for Caterpillar in Roanoke and Richmond. BP American sent me to Charleston, South Carolina, and eventually Cleveland, Ohio. After I left the corporate world, I ended up in Tallahassee, Florida, at a management consulting firm working with higher education and non-profits. Although it was interesting work, the travel was difficult. So eventually I went to work for a general contractor in Tallahassee because I could be home every night with my two sons.

This “calling” thing unfolded gradually. In 2002 a Presbyterian retirement community needed help filling its pulpit, and even though I thought, “I have two kids, a wife, a career. I don’t have time for this,” it became my ministry for almost ten years. Monday through Friday I worked as a general contractor, while Sundays I led two worship services at the center.

I figured out fairly quickly that I had no idea what I was doing, so I started taking distance classes at a seminary. Eventually I enrolled in a Master of Divinity distance cohort at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, driving 1,100 miles from Florida to Iowa twice a year for several weeks of intensive classes. On one of those long drives home from Dubuque in 2009, I ended up going north in a cloverleaf instead of south. At that moment, driving toward Chicago rather than Florida, I understood for the first time that I was called to be a full-time pastor.

So a wrong turn on the road clarified the right direction for your life. Was the path clear from there?

In 2011, I accepted a call from a church in Ohio. On the 12th of May I graduated from seminary, on the 20th of May I was ordained, and on the 29th of June the church facility was destroyed in a storm. It’s kind of strange. You get ordained in a building and one month later it’s blown down—it’s somewhat worrisome.

Perhaps the most important thing that I learned through that experience is that despite our differences—within a congregation, within a denomination, and within the universal Christian church—we can come

to agreement and even grow closer through our differences. I’ve thought about this a lot since I’ve been back at Hampden-Sydney. When we really come to an understanding of what we believe and aren’t threatened anymore by what someone else believes, we can enter into an honest dialogue with one another. Then we can have true conversation and true love the way God intends.

CALLED HOME TO ALMA MATER

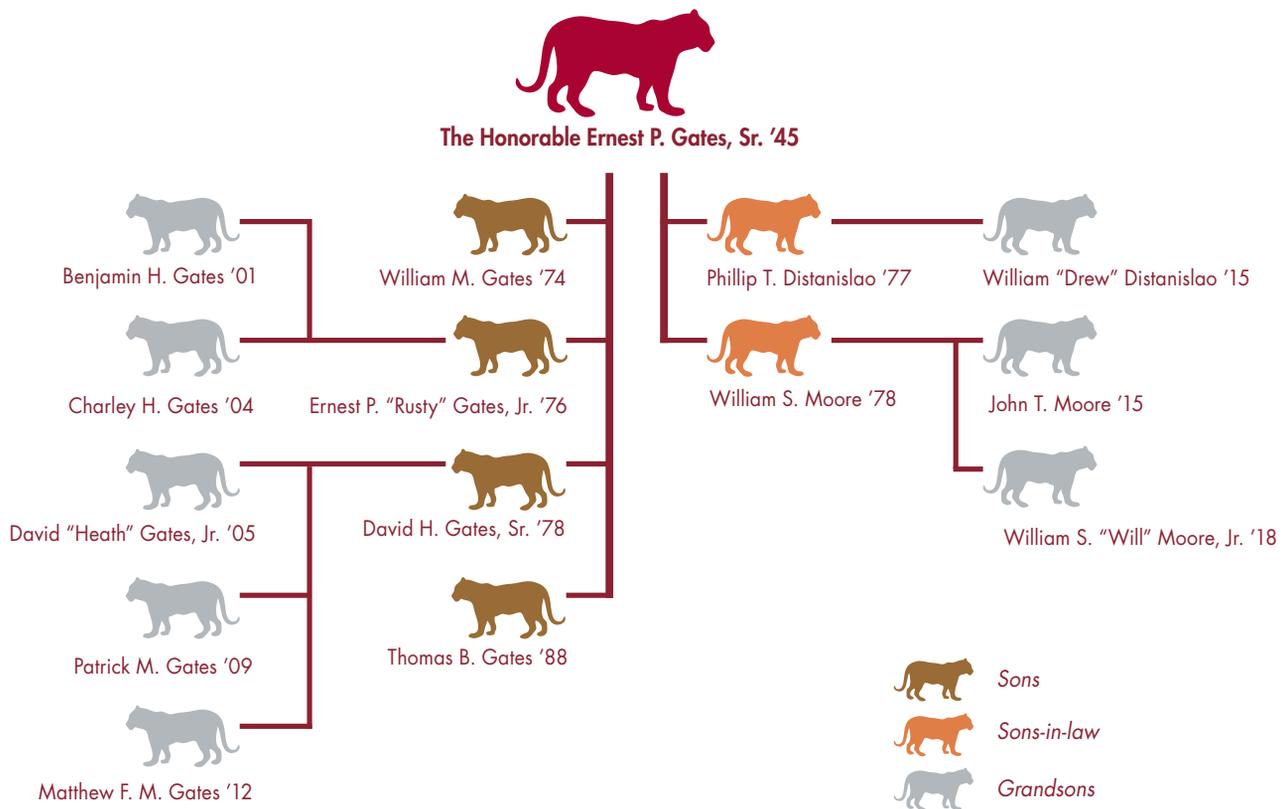
After five years literally and figuratively rebuilding a church, you’ve returned to the College as Chaplain. Tell us about your vision for the young men at Hampden-Sydney.

I’ve moved my whole life, so Hampden-Sydney is the closest thing to a home I’ve ever had. Being here again, the idea that this congregation can make a difference in so many lives intrigues me. Think about it: we have 1,100 students across the street. If we impact just 10 young men a year, the effect will grow exponentially throughout the years. In order to do that, I have to build relationships, and relationships are fueled by contact. So my plan is to be available and to model a Christian, ethical lifestyle.

This business of making good citizens and good men, it’s tremendously important. If our students are going to be good men, if they’re going to help the world, then they’ve got to come to an understanding of what grounds them. They have to know: What is my personal ethic? Am I going to be all about me and what I can gain? Whose lives will I impact? Will I shirk my responsibility as a citizen, or will I live it out? The question is not, “Will I be a role model?” The question is, “What will I model?”

We have to impact the lives of the those we can, then let them impact the lives of those around them. It’s what Jesus did when he got a group of fishermen and tax collectors to be his disciples. I think back to the Rev. Bluford, who impacted my father, who has changed so many people down the line. The other day, I talked to someone from my Ohio congregation who is entering ministry. I told her, “You’re just one in a long line of people impacted by this tiny college.” ■

GENERATION UPON GENERATION: ONE MAN'S HAMPDEN-SYDNEY LEGACY



The most famous Hampden-Sydney parent may well be Patrick Henry, seven of whose sons attended the College. While the Hon. Ernest P. Gates '45 can't equal Patrick Henry's record—Gates has only six children—he comes in a close second with four sons and two sons-in-law graduating from the College. Without a doubt, this alumnus has established a sizeable Hampden-Sydney legacy, one that numbers 15 alumni and counting.

Judge Gates' decision to attend Hampden-Sydney College back in 1941 was perhaps a bit arbitrary: he chose Hampden-Sydney "because it wasn't William and Mary." His two older siblings were W&M students, and the young Gates knew he wanted to find a place of his own. His first impressions of the College, however, were underwhelming. "I'll never forget walking into my dorm

room in First Passage; there was one bare light bulb hanging from the ceiling. I thought, 'Why did I select this school?'" Thankfully, his reservations were short lived. Although the facilities didn't impress Gates, his fellow students did. Within three days, he was in love with the Hampden-Sydney community, a feeling that remains equally strong today.

Playing on the football team and pledging Kappa Sigma, Gates quickly immersed himself in the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood, but his freshman year was interrupted by the December 7th bombing of Pearl Harbor. Like many of his classmates, Gates put his college studies on hold in order to serve his country. Although he initially hoped to become an Air Force pilot, a football injury prevented him from doing so. "Washington & Lee's star athlete hit me across the bridge of my nose during a game. I ended up with a deviated septum, and that ended my Air Force dreams," recalls Gates. Instead, he took the exams to become a naval officer.

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BY KAREN E. HUGGARD

Much to his surprise, Gates' first orders upon acceptance into the Navy were to return to Hampden-Sydney. His participation in the V-12 program at Hampden-Sydney, an experience he calls "one of the great joys of my life," allowed Gates to complete his junior year of college before service in the Pacific Theater. An injury sustained during the Battle of Okinawa meant that he couldn't play football upon his return to Hampden-Sydney, but Judge Gates did finish his degree at the College, because in his own words, "Hampden-Sydney was just a wonderful place to be."

After law school, Gates became a Commonwealth's Attorney and eventually a judge on the 12th Circuit Court. As he and his wife Gee Gee raised their six children, they frequently returned to campus for football games, a practice that instilled a love for the College in their children at an early age. Two of his sons, Ernest P. "Rusty" Gates, Jr. '76 and Thomas B. Gates '88, played football at Hampden-Sydney, as did his grandsons Benjamin H. Gates '01, John T. Moore '15, and Will S. Moore, Jr. '18. The Judge says it has been a joy for him to watch two more generations of Gates men play for the Tigers. He jokes, "I only wish I had been half as good a football player as they were!"

A love of football is not the only reason his sons followed in his Hampden-Sydney footsteps, though. Gates values the lifelong friendships, strong faith, and moral character that the College encouraged. "All of the students were so kind to each other, and the professors cared so much about the students," says Gates. The resulting relationships extended far beyond the college years; in fact, the 92-year-old judge had plans to meet a former H-SC roommate and fraternity brother for lunch later in the week. He also remembers many of the faculty



Three generations of Gates men surround Judge Ernest P. Gates (back row, 3rd from left) and his wife of 64 years, Gee Gee (middle row, center).

encouraging students to attend church each week, a practice that he continued throughout his adult life. Overall, Gates says Hampden-Sydney helped form him into a gentleman, and believes the same is true for his sons and grandsons.

It is a legacy that his sons recognize in their upbringing, which emphasized family, faith, and citizenship. "My parents felt strongly that church, honesty, and family always come first," says David H. Gates, Sr. '78. Hampden-Sydney re-enforced those values, according to David. "The college shaped my ethics. A Hampden-Sydney man's word is good and can be trusted." It is no surprise, then, that four of the judge's children have sent their own sons to H-SC for a solid academic, social, and ethical foundation. Rusty says, "I saw the College's mission come true in my own children. They left Hampden-Sydney as truly kind, intelligent, honorable young men."

The Gates family tradition continues to grow with the Judge's five great-grandchildren playing on the sidelines at H-SC football games. Judge Gates watches with pride as a fourth generation falls in love with Hampden-Sydney College, just as he did exactly 75 years ago. ■

ON THE HILL CAMPUS NOTES

Welcome Class of 2020

On August 24, the Hampden-Sydney community gathered on Venable Lawn for the Opening Convocation of the 2016-2017 academic year. As the sun drew low in the sky, President **Larry Stimpert** administered the oath of office to Student Government Officers and Honor Court members.

Newly inaugurated Student Body President **Eric N. McDonald '17** then welcomed freshmen and transfer students to their new home: "We are gathered here as a family to remind ourselves of our heritage, tradition, and brotherly values that have survived over 200 years." McDonald drew inspiration from those who went before him. "A Hampden-Sydney man lives by strong values based on honor, dedication, and perseverance. Our founders and alumni have upheld these values; we must maintain the standard." Drawing the crowd's attention to the majestic trees on campus, McDonald said, "Just like the trees, the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood has survived the test of time to blossom into the thriving community it is today."

After Dr. **Walter C. McDermott**, Interim Dean of the Faculty, presented the President's Awards for Academic Excellence, Dr. Stimpert delivered his first Convocation Address. He challenged the students "to be one of the best things you can be—a Hampden-Sydney Man," which he defined as a "complete man." Stimpert continued, "As a college we will always be focused first and foremost, on the development of your intellect, but here we seek to educate your physical, social, emotional, moral, and spiritual dimensions as well."



STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ERIC N. McDONALD '17

To that end, he supplied a few words of advice to the young men. Intellectually, he encouraged them to participate in class and read outside of class. He reminded them that "if you take care of your body, it will take care of you." Socially, he recommended "finding ground with people who are not like you, a skill that will serve you well throughout your life." He encouraged emotional maturity, defined not as "the absence of emotions, but the capacity for feeling and the ability to understand the feelings of others."

Lastly, Stimpert offered the "mothers' test" as a practical guide to the moral and spiritual dimensions: "Whenever you find yourself doing something that you wouldn't want your mother to know about, you probably shouldn't be doing it." The remark drew more than a few chuckles.

In his charge to new students, **Tyler J. Langhorn '17** imagined what he would say to his freshman self to make the most of his Hampden-Sydney experience. The advice was simple yet profound: be the best brother you can be.

Although brotherhood is an abstract ideal, Langhorn supplied the youngest H-SC brothers with tangible examples. He told them "to get up early and to get up with a purpose," to greet every person they pass, "not only because it's part of being a Hampden-Sydney gentleman, or because it's part of what makes our campus so magical, but because other students' smiles and salutations will rub off on you when you need it most." He encouraged the freshmen "to ask how someone is doing, then take the time to listen when they answer." In doing so, he said, we strengthen the brotherhood.

Langhorn remembered how the brotherhood supported him when his father was diagnosed with cancer. Whether at work or in class, his H-SC brothers and professors asked him what was wrong and took time to listen. "The safety net of brotherhood became less and less metaphorical with every pair of arms wrapped around me," he said.

The student body left Convocation ready to maintain the College's traditions of Hampden-Sydney men, citizens, and brothers.



Tigers Serve the Community

During Orientation Weekend, Tiger Serve put the College's mission of creating good citizens into action. Incoming students participated in service projects throughout the Farmville area, then reflected on the experience in small groups facilitated by faculty and staff.

Over 300 H-SC students, faculty, and staff members donated their time. Whether picking up litter along the roadways, cleaning the Southside YMCA, constructing a Habitat for



Humanity home, painting dugouts at the Little League park, sorting food at the local food pantry, or pulling

weeds at area churches, the newest members of the Hampden-Sydney brotherhood reached out to their community in a tangible way.

Another new member of the community pitched in—President **Larry Stimpert**. For two hours Dr. Stimpert worked alongside H-SC students, wielding a hammer in the August heat. R.A. **Andrew Marshall '17** said, "It's nice to know that Dr. Stimpert really has an interest in getting his hands dirty, engaging in service, and forming that connection with our community beyond the Hill."



An American in Paris

"Madame Kline" sends her warmest wishes to Hampden-Sydney alumni, faculty, and staff. Several current professors visited Dr. **Paule Kline** this summer in Paris, where she lives near family. Kline, who taught French at H-SC from 1983 to 1997, says she cherishes her memories of the Hampden-Sydney community. Anyone who would like to contact her may get her address from Dr. **Elizabeth Deis** (edeis@hsc.edu) or Dr. **Lowell Frye** (lfrye@hsc.edu).

A Hero Remembered

To mark the 50th Anniversary of the combat death of Lt. **Stephen Francis Snyder '65** in Vietnam, the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest hosted a ceremony at Memorial Gate.

Col. **Greg Eanes** (USAF-Ret), a Wilson Center Fellow, spoke on the common heritage between the US Marine Corps and the College, noting that both organizations were founded on the same day early in the American Revolution, November 10th, 1775. Although the exact number remains unknown, at least 130 Hampden-Sydney men have served in the Marines Corps. Three have been recognized with the Navy Cross for combat valor, including Lt. Steve Snyder.

Former Trustee **Julious "Joey" Smith '65** reflected on Snyder's time at the College. Addressing the young students gathered for the event, Smith noted the modern connotation of the word hero as "a Tom Cruise character or a Marvel super hero." Snyder's nicknames during his Hampden-Sydney days, however, proved that he was "just like one of us." On the basketball court he was known as Grandpa because he worked hard for each and every accomplishment. Among his friends who gathered each night to watch re-runs of *Leave It to Beaver*, Snyder was Wally, "the older brother you could go to when you had a problem." By sharing anecdotes of Snyder's unassuming personality, Smith proved that heroism has more to do with hard work and strong character than super-human traits. "Steve Snyder," he noted, "is the definition of a hero."

Col. **William T. "Bill" Anderson '67** (USMC-Ret) detailed Snyder's daring counter-attack and successful rescue of a trapped Marine platoon



STEPHEN RUANE '17 & JACK JAMES '19 HONOR LT. STEPHEN SNYDER '65

at the cost of his own life. Although the young lieutenant had been in Vietnam only a few months, he had established himself as one of the top platoon commanders in the unit. The general in charge looked to him to lead the rescue effort through enemy territory, a duty for which Snyder volunteered. "He knew what to do, and he acted," said Anderson. "Steve did what he knew was right, even though it put his own life in danger."

Providing a link between the past and the future, two current

Hampden-Sydney students who are enrolled in the Marine Platoon Leaders Course participated in the event. **Stephen Ruane '17** read Snyder's Navy Cross citation, and **Jack James '19** laid the wreath at Memorial Gate, a moment made even more poignant by the bells of Venable Hall echoing across campus.

Lt. Col. **Rucker Snead '81** ended the ceremony with a challenge to the young men gathered at the event: How will they spend their time at Hampden-Sydney College to prepare for lives of consequence?

Wilson Center Honors Alumni

Every year at their annual awards banquet, the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest recognizes the outstanding achievement of several alumni with Patrick Henry Awards. This year, in the 20th anniversary of the Center, the Wilson Center honored two distinguished alumni.

Colonel **Robert A. Burrell '78** served our nation for almost 30 years as an Army Officer. A native of Virginia, he graduated from Hampden-Sydney College as a Venable Scholar in 1978. Burrell then attended the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, graduating in 1981. He was commissioned through the Army ROTC program and in December of 1982 joined the JAG Corps, where he would remain for his military career. He served all over the world in various roles from advisor, professor, judge advocate, and finally as Dean and Academic

Director of the Judge Advocate General's School in Charlottesville. In 1989, Burrell earned his LLM in military law from the JAG's School, and he completed the master's program at the US Army War College in Carlisle, PA, in 2004. Col. Burrell retired from active duty military service in July 2010; the next fall he became the Chief of Advocacy/Attorney Advisor in the Criminal Law Division with JAG at the Pentagon.

Senator **Lynwood Lewis '84** graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a BA in History and Political Science and went on to receive his JD from the University of Richmond. Lewis continues the general practice of law in Accomac, Virginia, as a partner in the firm of Custix, Dix, Lewis & Custix, LLP. First elected to the House of Delegates in 2003, Lewis served on the Chesapeake Bay Commission and the Governor's Aerospace Advisory Council; in addition, the Speaker of the House appointed



COL. ROBERT A. BURRELL '78 (CENTER)

him to the Health Insurance Reform Commission. In January of 2014, he was elected to the Virginia Senate from the 6th District, where he sits on the Committees of Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources, Education and Health, and Local Government. Sen. Lewis serves as Co-Chair of the Tourism Caucus in the General Assembly and has been appointed to both the Joint Subcommittee to Formulate Recommendations to Address Recurrent Flooding and the Modeling and Simulation Advisory Council.

H-SC and Longwood Unite for Peace

Over 150 college and community members peacefully marched in heat and humidity down Farmville's historic Main Street at the *Am I Next?* program, a call for unification hosted by Hampden-Sydney College, Longwood University, and the Moton Museum. Its goal was to help law enforcement, African-Americans, and the wider community unite through respect, compassion, accountability, and open and honest dialogue. The program honored the lives of both African-Americans killed at the hands of law enforcement as well as law enforcement officers killed at the hands of civilians. *Am I Next?* highlighted the tragedies

that have occurred within both populations, while shedding light on the disproportionate rate of the killings of African-Americans.

Members of the Farmville community joined Hampden-Sydney and Longwood students, faculty, and staff to walk in solidarity from First Baptist Church to the Moton Museum. Once there, a panel comprised of former H-SC Chief of Police **Scott S. Williams '91**, H-SC Chaplain **Keith M. Leach '81**, H-SC Assistant Professor **Abigail T. Horne**, and two Longwood professors discussed stereotypes, public perception, and the role of the media. H-SC Assistant Dean of Students **Hakeem J. Croom '10** moderated the discussion.

"At Hampden-Sydney College, we're trying to bring community policing to our campus, and this is the perfect way for us to be part of the community," said Williams. "This is the perfect venue for us to get the conversation started."



TYLER LANGHORN '17 & JAMES TURNER '18



Sons of Alumni Take the Shelton Challenge

Driven by their desire to become better leaders, 30 young men convened on campus for the second annual Shelton Leadership Challenge sponsored by Hampden-Sydney College and The Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest. The six-day residential program for high school students explores leadership based on the values of honesty, integrity, compassion, diversity, and

social responsibility. The curriculum teaches concepts such as leadership models and goal-setting, while encouraging participants to apply those concepts in hands-on activities like ropes courses and a service project. This year the young men organized and executed a field day for a local YMCA camp.

Of the more than 60 Shelton Leadership Challenge participants to date, 18 have enrolled as Hampden-Sydney students. This year three sons of alumni attended the camp:

Walker M. Cullen '20, son of **John P. Cullen '91**; **Mason Sale '20**, son of **Meriwether Anderson Sale, Jr. '93**; and **Michael A. Tomkies '20**, son of **Michael C. Tomkies '83**.

In addition to giving him a taste of life at H-SC, Cullen says, "The Shelton Leadership Challenge refreshed me on what it means to be a leader, and helped me realize my own personal strengths and weaknesses. In other words, I was able to discover my personal leadership style."

Student Summer Stories: The World Is Our Classroom

Patrick Ryan Woolwine '17, a foreign affairs major, spent his second summer working as a Global Security Researcher for the defense contracting firm Cubic Global Defense. This summer he traveled to Manila to attend a National Biological Materials of Concern Write-Shop for the government of the Philippines. The event drafted a list of biological materials that pose a security threat to humans, animals, or plants; and made recommendations for establishing a regulatory mechanism for biosecurity.



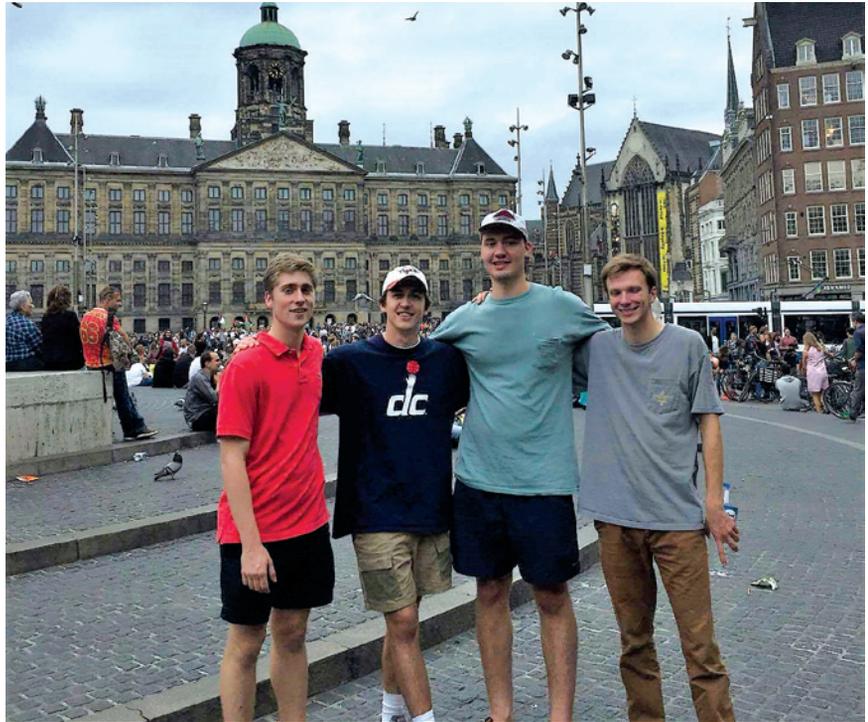
Evan Scott Glantz '18 took part in a groundbreaking internship program with SJ Technologies Inc. in Washington, D.C., aiding the company in policy writing as well as contract and project collaboration. The government major is grateful for the opportunity to take part in such a program in the nation's capital, while building valuable new skills applicable to the business world.



EVAN SCOTT GLANTZ '18

Ryan Rodes '18 worked for the Career Education and Vocational Reflection Department here at Hampden-Sydney. Over the 12-week internship he gained valuable professional experience in website development, marketing, and strategic planning.

Andrew Marshall '17 interned in H-SC's Office of Student Affairs, focusing on the College's Residence Life Program, the Student Justice System, Orientation, and Civic Engagement. He writes, "My summer on the Hill has been an incredible experience, not only for the outstanding professional experience and insights into higher education administration that I gained, but more so for the invaluable opportunity to build meaningful relationships with all the people who make this place so special."



JACK DEYERLE DAWSON II '18 (SECOND FROM LEFT)

Jack Deyerle Dawson II '18 participated in two study-abroad programs in Spain this summer, first in Madrid and then in Valencia. Pictured above, the foreign affairs major found time to connect with some Hampden-Sydney brothers who were studying in London: **Izaak Janowski '17, Chad Pisano '19, and Jack Weaver '19**. He discovered another Hampden-Sydney connection with one of his professors, **Carlos Lozano**, who had been a visiting instructor at H-SC.

Hunter Riley Williams '20, an incoming freshman, made his second humanitarian trip to Uganda with Sozo Children, a group that owns and maintains several children's homes scattered throughout the capital city of Kampala. He worked with orphans and impoverished children, assisting with daily schooling and extracurricular activities. Pictured below, Williams bungee jumps over the beautiful Nile River outside of Kampala, Uganda.



HUNTER RILEY WILLIAMS '20

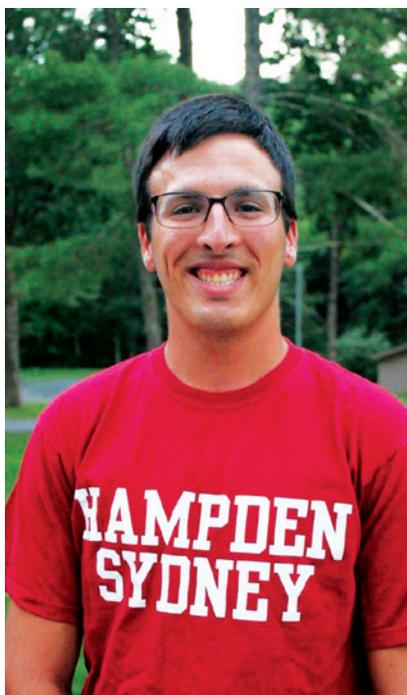
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CALEB BLAIR MIZE '17

Caleb Blair Mize '17, an economics and business major, completed an internship with Fortune Five Hundred Company McKesson Corporation at their Medical Surgical Headquarters in Richmond. He enjoyed working closely with financial analyst **Kyle Clark '13** throughout his ten-week internship on the Financial Planning and Analysis team.

John Burns Earle IV '19 spent a month of early mornings, hot days, and non-stop work volunteering as a lifeguard at a Young Life camp in Rockbridge. He had to give up his phone for a month, but he says it was worth it to see kids grow closer to Christ.



JOHN BURNS EARLE IV '19



THEO KOULIANOS '17

Theo Koulianos '17 is thankful to alumnus **Jonathan Hartley '97** for the opportunity to intern with the Federal Home Loan Bank, the second largest issuer of debt in the world behind the US Treasury. His work involved manipulating raw data into something more comprehensive to help his coworkers. Reflecting on what he learned this summer, the economics and business major writes, "Most importantly, I have Hampden-Sydney, its faculty, and its strong alumni connections to thank for my experience this summer."

Although his major is history rather than business, **Zach Miksovic '17** learned the ins and outs of sales, marketing, business, and insurance at the Hunter Wyant State Farm insurance agency in Charlottesville. The office also sent Miksovic out into the community to volunteer on their behalf at various food banks and the local Boys and Girls Club. Pictured below is Miksovic after a financial literacy program at the Southwood Boys and Girls Club.

Eleven H-SC students studied at St. Anne's College, Oxford University, this summer as part of the Virginia Program at Oxford. Rhetoric Professors **Elizabeth Deis** and **Lowell Frye** paid the young men a visit in July. Dr. Deis writes, "We couldn't get everyone in one picture, because the students met with us in two waves. They were being responsible and going to their Friday afternoon tutorials!"



ZACH MIKSOVIC '17 (LEFT)



H-SC STUDENTS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

HUNTER HOFFLER '19**H-SC SOPHOMORE IS IN THE LOOP**

One week before his freshman orientation at Hampden-Sydney, current sophomore **Hunter H. Hoffer '19** added World Champion to his list of accomplishments—a list which already included National Champion, Team USA captain, and business entrepreneur. Even though he only began fly fishing at the age of 12, Hoffer quickly established himself as a dominant force in the sport, qualifying for the men's national team three times before he was even old enough to compete on it.

As a 12-year-old spending the summer in Wyoming, Hoffer decided to give fishing a try. It wasn't long before angling was “consuming my life,” according to Hoffer. “Every single day I was waking up at dawn and coming back at dark.”

When his family returned to Georgia, Hoffer looked for trout waters closer to home, a rarity in the Southeast because of the warmer weather. His search led him to the Smoky Mountains of North Carolina, where a fishing guide quickly recognized the young angler's talent. He introduced Hoffer to a regional fishing team called Team North Carolina, and the rest is history.

Hoffer contends that within a year anyone can learn the muscle memory required of a good fly fisher, but the knowledge base a fisherman builds up over time is what separates him from the pack. By high school, Hoffer started home schooling so he could have the time and flexibility to fish more. “I would park myself at my desk and get weeks of work done, so I could go out and practice my trade a lot more than most people have the opportunity to do.” The advantage, says Hoffer, is that “I've experienced so many scenarios that I can often approach a piece of water I've never seen before, dissect it, and relate it back to something else I've fished.”

Hoffer has represented the United States at three world youth championships in Ireland, Poland, and Colorado. He takes great

pride in representing his country on the international stage, embracing what he calls a “team medal mentality.” The five team members “share everything with each other in hopes for Team USA to win, rather than trying to achieve a better individual placing.” This approach led to great success, earning the team one silver and two gold medals. Hoffer's individual gold in 2015 proved that “when you have a team medal mentality, everyone does better.”

In the midst of this success, the opportunity arose to create a television show. Hoffer, then 16 years old, joined forces with his mentor and Team USA coach Paul Borque to found Drift Media, a production company that films, produces, and edits the show in-house. Three seasons and 26 episodes later, *In the Loop—Modern Tactics on the Fly* is a staple on the World Fishing Network. *In the Loop* features Hoffer as the host—a young angler who learns from the sages of the sport, then transfers that knowledge to the audience. The show's cutting edge graphics and cinematography caught the outdoor television industry's attention, and now the company produces commercials, documentaries, and other television shows.

Despite his early success in competition and business, Hoffer knew that he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his brother, **Daniel Hoffer '16**, and attend Hampden-Sydney. The College fosters an environment of self-reliance that immediately appealed to Hoffer. He believes Hampden-Sydney prepares young men for the real world more than any other college he considered. Hoffer says, “From what I can tell from my business ventures and competitive fishing, when you get out there, nobody is going to hold your hand. That's what I love about H-SC: employers know that we will transfer the hard work we've done here into the work place.”



Jason Rostan '03 Named Head Lacrosse Coach

DAVIS YAKE '08, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Hampden-Sydney College Director of Athletics **Richard Epperson '79** has announced the hiring of **Jason Rostan '03** as the fourth head lacrosse coach since the program's first varsity season in 1976.

"Jason has earned this opportunity through his hard work and many years of dedicated service to our Tiger lacrosse program as our top assistant and our offensive and recruiting coordinator," said Epperson. "We have full confidence in his ability to lead our program and to compete for the ODAC Championship annually."

Rostan has been part of the lacrosse program for 17 years, serving as an assistant coach for the past 13. He has been extremely close to Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse his entire life, replacing his father **Ray Rostan**, whose retirement at the end of the 2016 season capped off an incredible 32-year career with the Tigers.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve my alma mater and our lacrosse program, as both have been extremely meaningful parts of my entire life," Rostan stated. "First, I would like to thank Richard Epperson,

Director of Athletics, along with Provost **Dennis Stevens** and the entire search committee, for the opportunity to lead Tiger Lacrosse in the future. I would also like to extend my appreciation to our current team, their families, and our alumni for their support throughout this process. I have been so fortunate to have assisted in every facet of the lacrosse program for the past 13 years while learning from one of the most respected men in the game, Coach Ray Rostan."

"Our returning student-athletes, incoming recruits, and coaching staff have reason to be excited as we begin a new era of lacrosse at Hampden-Sydney," he continued. "We look forward to playing hard, intelligently, and fast. I expect every athlete in the program to enjoy his experience playing this great sport while working hard to reach our fullest potential as a team."

Rostan had a strong run as the Tigers' assistant coach, serving as both offensive and recruiting coordinator for the past eight seasons. He has been a vital part in recruiting and coaching 27 All-Americans, seven Academic All-Americans, 92 All-ODAC selections, and one ODAC Player of the Year. The Tigers have also won 127 games while annually competing in one of the toughest schedules in Division III lacrosse. This past season, he helped the Tigers tie a program-record 13 wins—a mark that was set in Rostan's junior season, and tied again in 2010 with Rostan as an assistant.

In 2007, Rostan was an assistant coach for the South in the USILA Division III North-South Game. Rostan has twice (2010, 2014) been recognized as a finalist for the Division III National Assistant Coach of the Year at the annual USILA Coaches Convention.

As a student-athlete, Rostan earned USILA First-Team All-American honors and was the ODAC Player of the Year in 2002. In 2003, he earned Second-Team All-American honors. He was an All-ODAC selection three times, twice on the first team. Following his final season, Rostan was selected to play in the USILA North-South All-Star game. A two-time team captain and 2002 recipient of Tiger Lacrosse's Howdy Meyers Award for leadership, character, and team MVP, Rostan remains fifth on the Tiger's all-time points list for midfielders with 143 career points. His 2003 senior class, which went undefeated in the ODAC regular season for three years, graduated as the winningest class in the history of Tiger Lacrosse after earning three NCAA tournament appearances and the ODAC Championship in 2001.

In the summer of 2005, Rostan was one of 120 players invited nationally to try out for Team USA, one of only a handful of Division III players to be invited. In 2007, Rostan was the fifth-round pick for the Los Angeles Riptide in the supplemental draft of Major League Lacrosse. The following year, Rostan was the fifth-round pick for the Denver Outlaws. Most recently, Rostan was inducted into the Hampden-Sydney College Athletics Hall of Fame in October of 2015, the 14th lacrosse alumnus to earn the honor.

Rostan graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in history. He currently resides in Midlothian with his wife, Amy, and his daughter, Carter.

Football Selected Second in ODAC Preseason Poll

DAVIS YAKE '08, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The Hampden-Sydney football team has been picked second in the annual Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Football Preseason Poll, as voted on by the league coaches. The Tigers, who received one first-place vote, tallied 41 points, trailing defending champion and league favorite Washington & Lee, who received six first-place votes and 48 points. Guilford College claimed the final top vote while finishing third in the poll at 35 points.

The Tigers come into 2016 after a 6-4 season in which they finished third in the conference standings at 4-3 in ODAC play. The team sees 10 starters returning, including four on the offensive side of the ball and five on the defensive end.

Returning under center is senior quarterback **Edgar Moore**. In his first year as starting quarterback, he threw for 2,513 yards and 19 touchdowns with nearly 60 percent accuracy. His top target from last season, First Team All-ODAC receiver **Cam Johnson** (58 rec.; 830 yds; 9 TD) will headline the receiving core, which also features veterans **Owen Costello** and **Carter Cunningham**. **Patrick Kline** will also see an increased role at tight end. The run game could be handled by committee with **Mike DeMasi** (31 car.; 149 yds; 2 TD) and **Jovan Burton** (19 car; 57 yds in three games) both showing strong talent. Anchoring the offensive line will be returning starters **Daniel Fogleman** and **Connor Kearney**.

Defensively, the team brings back five starters for a unit that led the ODAC in both scoring and total defense, allowing 27.5 points and 366.5 yards per game. Second Team All-ODAC defensive end **Benjamin Carson** (44 tkl; 11.5 TFL; 6.0 sack), nose guard **Ryan Jones** (23 tkl; 4.0 TFL), and **John Kline** (27 tkl; 5.0 TFL; 2.0 sack) return up front, while **Christian**

Wilder (41 tkl; 6.5 TFL; 2.0 sack) headlines the linebacker core. In the secondary, safety **Ryan Mallory** (51 tkl; 2 INT; 4.5 TFL) and cornerback **Brian Gwaltney** (18 tkl; 2 pass breakups) will resume their starting roles.

Also returning is Second Team All-ODAC punter **Jordan Chalkley**, who last year set the program's single-season punting record, averaging 42.7 yards per kick.

Strong Start Kicks off Soccer Season

BY SCOTT HARRIS, ASSISTANT SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR



ROBERT KERBY '17

Opening the 2016 season with four straight wins for the first time since 2002, Hampden-Sydney Soccer looks to rebound back to winning form in Head Coach **Ian McMichael's** second season. Numerous quality student-athletes return to the team flanked by an outstanding 17-man freshman class, several of whom will contribute from the outset of the season.

Leading the veterans are seniors **Robert Kerby**, **Cameron McFarlane**, **Andrew Parker**, and **Matt Sheffield**. Kerby, the 2015 ODAC Scholar Athlete of the Year, is the team's leading returning scorer with seven goals and 15 points. Entering the season, he ranks ninth in school history for career goals at 18. McFarlane will be the starting goalkeeper for the fourth consecutive season. A stalwart in net, he has a career save

percentage of 80% with a 1.02 goals-against average, ranking third in school history for shutouts (15) and fourth in total saves (224). Parker, another four-year starter in the midfield, has proven to be one of the Tigers' premier defensive players and has provided strong leadership on both ends of the field. Sheffield emerged as a starter midway through his junior season and has provided a quality offensive and defensive presence since.

Key juniors on the squad include **Thomas Carswell**, **Troy Hamner**, **Landon Moss**, and **Ryan Turner**. Carswell, a regular starter for the Tigers since his freshman season, is the most experienced defensive field player for H-SC, capitalizing on his size and strength, Hamner has been a part-time starter or a regular reserve player throughout his career. Playing both midfield and defense, he uses his strength and athleticism to his advantage. Moss shows tremendous improvement from last year and is expected to start on the Tigers' backline this season, after having played just one game in his prior two seasons. The Tigers count on Turner to be one of their top offensive players once again. The 2014 ODAC Rookie of the Year hopes to regain the goal scoring form of his sensational freshman campaign.

The sophomore class is just four players, but included in that group are two regular starters. **Hunter Weiland** had an impressive freshman season in 2015, as he posted 12 points on five goals and two assists. **Lucas Blankenship**, who played in 11 games with four starts last year, is expected to be an every-game starter as a sophomore.

After the first four games of the season, the Tigers rank 13th in the nation in goals against average, while freshman midfielder **William Jackson** ranks 18th in Division III goals per game and fifth in game-winning goals.



REGINALD JOHNSON '16

PITCHER STRIKES IT BIG



Photos by Hunter Reed



Fulfilling a childhood dream, **Reginald “Reggie” Johnson '16** signed with the Houston Astros in June, then spent a whirlwind summer as a relief pitcher for their Appalachian League affiliate in Greenville, TN. The minor league team maintained a frenetic pace of 67 games in just 10 weeks, with only three days off.

According to Johnson, “The toughest part was the mental struggle. Playing every day, you can’t carry the previous day—be it good or bad—into the next game.”

The odds of becoming a professional athlete were stacked against Johnson from the beginning. Although almost 8 million high school students participate in athletics each year, a mere six percent go on to compete in the the NCAA. Of those 480,000 elite student athletes, fewer than three percent play professionally.

So when, as an H-SC freshman, Johnson promised his ailing grandmother that he would one day play professional ball, it was a bold statement. Reflecting back on that goal, he cites the support of his family as critical to his success: “My entire family always told me no matter what, they’re proud of me.” Johnson’s parents saw their son pitch in several Greenville Astros games this summer—proud moments, indeed.

Johnson credits the coaching staff at H-SC with “continuing to help me train and preparing the workouts that led up to me signing with the Astros. They definitely did their research and gave me the best chance to show my talent.”

Perhaps a less expected connection is the one he makes between his academic work at the College and his success on the mound. The economics major worked hard during his

Hampden-Sydney years, which shaped his resiliency on and off the field. “H-SC academics helped me develop mental toughness,” says Johnson. “Hampden-Sydney is not an easy school, but the barriers I overcame developed me as a young man. The school and the professors are tough on students because they want the best out of them.”

As a Hampden-Sydney graduate, Johnson is a rarity in professional baseball. A 2012 study found that only 4.3 percent of MLB players have a college degree, a significantly lower percentage than other major league sports. Johnson recognizes the value of his completed degree: “A lot of guys on the team are younger than me, so they will have to go back to school. Some were even taking classes during the season. Having my degree finished means more time to focus on pitching.”

And that is exactly what Johnson plans to do. Asked if he’s looking forward to relaxing during the off-season, Johnson replied with a chuckle, “When you’re used to being on the go, you want to keep moving.” His plans include a part-time job and full-time training, incorporating the tips his Astros pitching coaches have given him. He hopes that after an off-season of serious training, he’ll be poised to move up the ladder quickly in the spring.

Asked to reflect on his first season, Johnson answered with understatement, humility, and a bit of advice: “It was a pretty good accomplishment that definitely took a lot of hard work. I’d say never give up; honestly, you never know what can happen.” With his talent, intelligence, and work ethic, this Hampden-Sydney man is representing the College well in the world of professional sports.

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An Evening with Coaches

A crowd of 35 alumni, parents, and friends gathered for a forum showcasing educators who use the lessons they learned as Hampden-Sydney student-athletes to impact young men in their communities.

The evening, hosted by the Hampden-Sydney Club of Lynchburg, featured three former football players who combined have nearly 70 years of coaching experience. **John "Pem" Apperson, Jr. '74**, former Heritage High School head coach, moderated a discussion with **Jeffrey A. Woody '01**, E. C. Glass High School head coach, and **Jon D. Meeks '02**, Brookville High School head coach.

Coach Woody shared how the values of his Hampden-Sydney education assist his efforts to change the culture of a program by appealing to students' work ethic and sense of honor. After successful stints in Lynchburg and Charlottesville that culminated in multiple state championships, his biggest challenge is getting current students to minimize the distractions of the digital age and focus on tangible goals.

Coach Meeks added to the discussion, sharing a story of adversity that focused on his return from injury to help the Tigers beat Randolph-Macon in his final college game. According to Meeks, one of the greatest rewards of coaching is to see a student fully commit to being the absolute best version of himself—a lesson that Hampden-Sydney Coach **Marty Favret** taught him.

The highlight of the evening, however, was Coach Apperson telling stories about playing for Hampden-Sydney Coach **J. Stokeley Fulton '55**. Apperson boomed with pride discussing the high school coaching profession, and young coaches like Woody and Meeks prove that nurturing the lives of young men carries on across generational lines.

—Corey B. Miles '07
Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

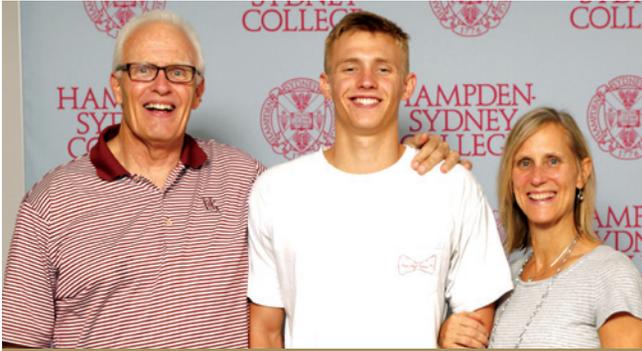
1 Coaches Jon Meeks '02 and Jeff Woody '01 pose with their Hampden-Sydney helmets on July 21st.

2 The Outer Banks Club came together on August 9th to send off members of the Class of 2020.

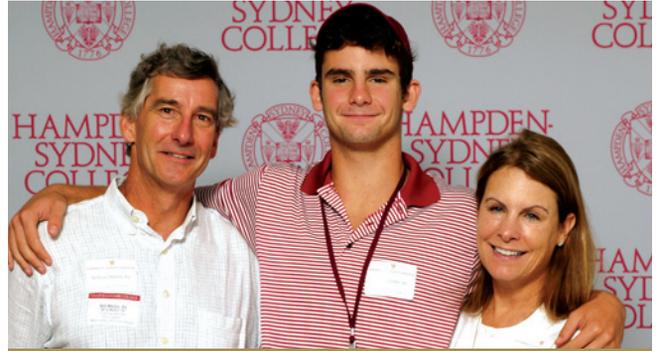
3 The Richmond Club enjoyed happy hour on June 8th at Buskey Cider, owned and operated by **Will Correll '12**.

Legacy Students

Alumni Relations welcomes the sons of alumni to the Class of 2020. During Orientation, the newest Hampden-Sydney men and their families joined President Stimpert for lunch at Pannill Commons.



GREG '77, MICHAEL '20, AND ELIZABETH DUNCAN



BILL '83, WILLY '20, & LOLLY MARTIN



VEE '84, JOHN '20, ANNE, & SCOTT PITTMAN



CAMP '91, WARNER '20, & LAURIE SOMMARDAHL

Class of 2020

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| M. Butler Bennett IV..... | Marvin "Bo" Bennett III '90 |
| R. Jackson Boydoh..... | Robert E. Boydoh, Jr. '88 |
| H. Davis Bryant..... | David W. Bryant '90 |
| Walker M. Cullen..... | John P. Cullen '91 |
| Michael G. Duncan..... | Gregory W. Duncan '77 |
| David G. Fluharty..... | Mathew D. Fluharty '94 |
| Andrew P. Howell..... | Brian L. Howell '84 |
| William J. "Willy" Martin VI..... | William J. "Bill" Martin V '83 |
| Nathan J. McVey..... | James B. McVey '90 |
| William P. Nottingham..... | James M. Nottingham '83 |
| John P. Pittman..... | Virginus S. "Vee" Pittman II '84 |
| Meriwether A. "Mason" Sale III..... | Col. Meriwether Anderson Sale, Jr. '93 |
| C. Warner Sommardahl III..... | Charles W. "Camp" Sommardahl, Jr. '91 |
| Jacob H. Spencer..... | Randolph H. Spencer '96 |
| Ian H. Tiblin..... | David B. Smith '87 |
| Michael A. Tomkies..... | Michael C. Tomkies '83 |
| Jake H. Waldrop..... | G. Robert Waldrop IV '87 |

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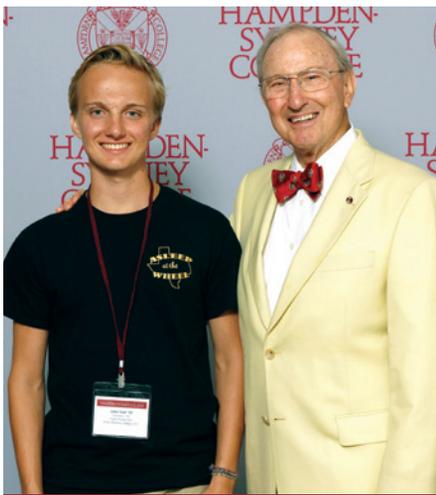
Save the Date — June 2-4 REUNION 2017

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

1950s

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

The Hon. **HARVEY B. MORGAN '52** attended Hampden-Sydney Orientation 2016 with his grandson, **William Watson "Jake" Vail '20**.



HARVEY B. MORGAN '52

1960s

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

DAVID LAIRD '62 was elected chairman of the 7th Judicial District of Colorado Community Corrections Board, which operates a 60-bed treatment facility for non-violent adult felons.

Dr. **THOMAS R. "TOM" McDANIEL '63**



retired from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina after 45 years as professor, dean, provost, vice president for academic affairs,

interim president, and senior vice president. Both Tom and his twin brother **John McDaniel '63** were professors and deans—John passed away in 2010. Tom is a prolific scholar with 250 publications in 60 different academic journals, 35 textbook chapters, and 8 books. Governor Nikki Haley awarded him the Order of the Silver Crescent for "outstanding contributions to the state and region." Tom continues to teach graduate courses and serves as executive editor of *The Clearing House*, a journal for educators.

JOHN M. "JACK" BOSWELL '65 (right)

was honored by the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives with the Distinguished Service Award for his 39 years of service to Southside Electric Cooperative (SEC) and his contribution to the development of rural electrification. He was joined by his wife Lynne and son **John M. Boswell, Jr. '08**. Now retired from SEC, Jack continues to practice law in Crewe and works on his family farm, Sunny Slope Orchards.

Col. **WILLIAM ANDERSON '67** is returning to the Wilson Center Board of Advisors. He is also adjunct faculty at the Command & Staff College, Marine Corps University in Quantico, and a coordinator for the Germanna Community College Veterans' Mentor Program in Fredericksburg.



JOHN M. "JACK" BOSWELL '65

RONALD TWEEL '68 was recently featured on NBC 29 in Charlottesville for his relationship with recently deceased boxing champion Muhammad Ali. What started as an attorney-client relationship became a true friendship between the two and their families for many years.

JOHN G. OVERSTREET '69 is stepping down from his post as the Appomattox County Attorney at the end of this year. He has operated a private law practice in Bedford since 1979.

1970s

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

WILLIAM "BILL" SELDEN '70 was recently featured in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for carrying on his family business at C. P. Dean, which sells a variety of game room tables that includes air hockey, table tennis, and shuffleboard tables. Seldon's grandfather, William Selden III, bought the company in 1903.

J. WILLIAM "BILL" DENNIS '72 had his portrait hung along with other pictures of Richmond-area veterans as part of "The Faces of Freedom, Stories of Service" exhibit at the Valentine Museum in Richmond. Subjects share their stories in conflicts from World War II to the present day and reflect on how these experiences have shaped their lives and values. The exhibit closes November 13.



J. WILLIAM "BILL" DENNIS '72

Dr. **G. THOMAS LUMPKIN III '74**, educator and award-winning researcher and scholar, joined the University of Oklahoma's Price College of Business on July 1 as the C.S. Trospen Chair in Entrepreneurship and as professor and director of the college's Division of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development.

EDWARD KELLEY III '76 is on the 2017 ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

CATESBY JONES '77 received the Paul R. Cramer Award for excellence in teaching at the Steward School in Richmond. In addition, he coached the Steward School golf team to the Division 2 State Tournament title and was named Division 2 Golf Coach of the Year.

STOKELY G. CALDWELL, JR. '78



of Robinson Bradshaw was named Elite Outside Counsel in *Sports Business Journal's* Power Player series. The list recognizes the sports industry's top law firms and attorneys, and Caldwell was noted for his prominent work in NASCAR and motorsports.

Dr. **EDWARD WOLANSKI '78** is retiring from obstetrics in November.

1980s

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

Rev. Dr. **J. SELDON "SEL" HARRIS, JR. '80** will travel to the Islamic Republic of The Gambia at the invitation of President Yahya Jammeh. While in Gambia, Sel will spend two days meeting with the president, as well as research the effects of the Atlantic slave trade on the economic development of West Africa.

WARREN M. THOMPSON '81 is the founder, president and chairman of Thompson Hospitality, which Gov. Terry McAuliffe recently praised in his Virginia Business Spotlight, calling it "a great Virginia company with great Virginia values." **Fred Thompson Jr. '79** serves as the group's chief administrative officer. Thompson Hospitality employs more than 4,000 associates and is the largest minority-owned facilities and food management company in the U.S.

ALEXANDER "SANDY" JORDAN '82 was named regional consultant at WealthVest.

ALEXANDER WARE '84 was appointed to the board of Barfresh Food Group, Inc. He currently serves as executive chairman of MStar Holding Corp.

CHRIS ALTIZER '84 and his wife Anne (Hollins '85) bailed on corporate life and the northeast to move to south Florida and start Altizer Performance Partners, focusing on integrating performance and wellness for leaders and teams. They are building on and integrating their passions for leadership, teams, fitness, nutrition, yoga, karate, and even SCUBA.



CHRIS ALTIZER '84

CHARLES ROEST '84 is an owner of the Sawmill Camping Resort in Dade City, Florida.

CLIFFORD CURLEE '85 joined Teleperformance in June 2014.

MAURICE JONES '86, former Trustee and Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade, was named CEO of Local Initiatives Support Corp, a nonprofit community development financial institution.

LITZ VAN DYKE '86 was named executive vice president at Carter Bank & Trust. He will be relocating to Martinsville from Charlottesville.

GORDON E. PARKER, JR. '89 was named a member of the 2016 Chairman's Cabinet of New York Life.

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Basketball Home Opener — Wednesday 7PM
Hampden-Sydney vs. Washington & Lee



1990s

Classes of '92 and '97

Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

ALAN BARR '90 was recently named headmaster at St. Gregory's School in Albany, New York.

CHRISTOPHER MEADOWS '90 was named managing director at Commerce Street Capital LLC.

Dr. **BRADLEY WALLET '90** was appointed associate editor of *Interpretation*, a peer-reviewed journal of the Society of Exploration Geophysics. He works as the director of the Crustal Imaging Facility in the ConocoPhillips School of Geology and Geophysics at the University of Oklahoma.

ANDY BALLOU '91 joined Janney Montgomery Scott in New York as a managing director.

KARL SCHNEIDER '91 was recently elected to the board of directors of the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council. Karl also serves on the governing board of the CIVA Charter School in Colorado Springs.

SEAN LENEHAN '92 attended the Republican National Convention this July. He and **Garrison Coward '12** (left) were both part of the Virginia delegation.



SEAN LENEHAN '92 (RIGHT)

Dr. **WILLIAM "SKIP" HOPE IV '93** was appointed physician co-leader at Vidant Bertie and Vidant Chowan Hospitals in Edenton, NC. He partners with the hospital president in accountability for hospital and community practices in the areas of quality, experience, and finance. Dr. Hope works to assure the use of patient care standards and best practices in both the inpatient and ambulatory settings, in addition to encouraging teamwork among physicians and multidisciplinary care teams.

DANIEL JOHN BURKE '98 and **FRANCESCA DE FEO** were married on April 23, 2016, at San Francesco d'Assisi church in Francesca's hometown of Avellino, Italy. The groom met his bride in Rome while posted to the American Embassy with the Department of State; Francesca was working in Rome as a travel agent. The couple currently resides in Alexandria.



BURKE-DE FEO WEDDING

ERIC SONG '98 is the new pastor at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Vienna.

Lt. Col. **SCOTT HUGHES '98** took command of the 375th Medical Support Squadron, Scott AFB, Illinois, on June 6, 2016. The change of command ceremony was attended by his wife Mary Katherine and their children Brooke, Gracie, and Hudson.



LT. COL. SCOTT HUGHES '98 (RIGHT)



From (L to R): **Andrew Watters '15, Raleigh Cooper '07, William Echols '17, and Brian Butler '92.**

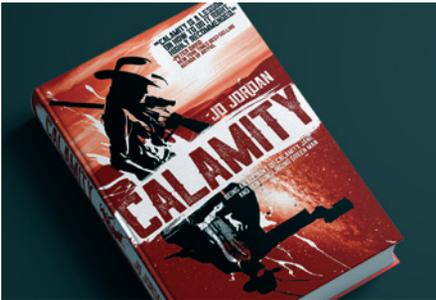
TIGERS IN NEW MEXICO

Four Hampden-Sydney men had a blast, literally, at a week-long training on Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing. The FEMA course, held on the campus of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, teaches law enforcement and first responders from around the country about the threat of explosives, IEDs, and incendiary devices. During their time on the Hill, **Brian Butler '92, Raleigh Cooper '07, Andrew Watters '15, and William Echols '17** all served with the Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and Prince Edward Volunteer Rescue. Cooper and Echols are both Basic Life Support providers, while Butler and Watters provide Advanced Life Support. With the October 4th Vice-Presidential debate occurring in Farmville, FEMA wanted first responders in the area to be as prepared as possible in these constantly changing times. Three decades of Hampden-Sydney men are now poised to provide up-to-date first response to whatever may threaten our community.

BENJAMIN "JAMIN" BARBOUR '99

visited the offices of Dr. **Ben Gates '01** on August 3, 2016, for a routine optometric exam. Dr. Gates noted that, unlike many patients, Mr. Barbour did not cheat during his peripheral vision test, whereupon they dutifully joined in a rousing recitation of the Hampden-Sydney Honor Pledge in tribute to alma mater. Dr. Gates pronounced Mr. Barbour fit for all alumni activities during the coming year, and added that (despite his advancing age) bi-focal lenses were not yet medically necessary.

JOHN "JD" JORDAN '99 released his debut novel, *Calamity: Being an Account of Calamity Jane and Her Gunslinging Green Man*, on September 1, 2016. Excerpts from the book, reviews, and a companion story can be found at o-jd.com.



JOHN E. MASON '99 was named managing director at StreamCo LLC.

2000s

Classes of '02 and '07
Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

To **NICK** and **CAREY PIRAINO '01**, a son, Theodore Hugh Piraino, on April 5, 2016. He joins his big brother Charlie.



ASHBY W. PRICE '01 has earned the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of CFA Society Virginia and CFA Institute. Ashby is a wealth manager and investment specialist with Capstone Financial Partners in Richmond.

BEN PINNELL '01 was promoted to president of family-owned Hickory Construction, Inc.

To **THOMAS '02** and **LINDSAY ASHTON**, a son, Bo Woodward Ashton, on May 26, 2016. He joins his older brother, Kyle Benjamin Ashton, who is nearly three years old. The family relocated to Idaho last year, where Tom is a contractor with the United States Air Force at Mountain Home AFB.

To **ANDREW '03** and **DILYN JACKSON**, a son, Graham Andrew Jackson, on July 6, 2016. Born 23.25", here comes H-SC basketball's next great center.



ANDREW JACKSON '03 FAMILY

ALLEN KIDD '03 became a partner at Sinnott, Nuckols & Logan, P.C., a civil litigation firm in Midlothian.

MARIO JULIUS STELLUTE '03 and **BRITTANY NICOLE BLACKWELL** were married on April 22, 2016, at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church in Newport News. **Michael Hatchett '03** served as a groomsman. Also in attendance were **R. Beale Pope '03**, **Dallas Christian '03**, **Major Jones '05**, **Michael Ayer '94**, **Stephen Abbitt '06**, **Gray Bowditch '06**, **Conner Byers '06**, and **Bert Bateman '80**. The bride is a graduate of Christopher Newport University and earned her master's degree from Liberty University. She owns several restaurants with her family. The groom is a plaintiff's attorney in Hampton, where the couple resides.



STELLUTE-BLACKWELL WEDDING

To **NATHANIEL '05** and **DIANE ARNATT**, a boy, Tristan Arnatt, on May 11, 2016. He joins his older brother Asher.



NATHANIEL ARNATT '05 FAMILY

Lt. **JAY GAUL '05** and **LOIS MOTTER MAPLES** were married on August 20, 2016, at the Army and Navy Club. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.



GAUL-MAPLES WEDDING

ROBERT HILLMANN '05 and **LYNSEY FERRIS** were married on September 26, 2015, in Pinehurst, North Carolina. In attendance were **Aaron Lewek '06**, **Cale Phillips '09**, **Troy Kaase '08**, **Matt Guill '06**, **Matt Partsch '11**, and **Mike Edwards '07**.



HILLMANN-FERRIS WEDDING



NOVEMBER 12, 2016

Hampden-Sydney vs. Randolph-Macon at H-SC 1PM

CLASS NOTES

JAMES HUNTER PICKELS '05 and **CATHERINE SEGUIN PEPPER** were married on August 29, 2015, at First English Lutheran Church in Richmond. **J. Brooks Honeycutt III '06** and **David Deeley '06** stood with the groom and **Matthew Moseley '05** and **Mark Kearney '05** served as ushers. **Christian L'Heureux '08**, **Andrew Sinclair '03**, **Jack Cocke '64**, **Collin Witte '04**, and **Wilhelm Meierling '04** were also in attendance. The reception was held at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.



PICKELS-PEPPER WEDDING

JASON R. LINDNER '06 started working at Merrill Lynch in Washington, D.C. in May 2016. He and his team strive to provide clear, well-researched advice and strategies for successful individuals, their families, and businesses.

BRYAN ROBERT MANGAS '06 and **JEANNINE MARIE BADER** were married on July 16, 2016, in Richmond. In attendance were H-SC baseball players **Christopher Padgett '06**, **Larry Greene '07**, **John Apperson '07**, **Daniel Prieto '08**, **Thomas Burke '06**, and their fearless RA **Matthew Moore '08**.



MANGAS-BADER WEDDING

THOMAS "TORREY" RAINEY '06 and **MAGGIE KNUTH** were married on October 10, 2015, in Seaside, Florida. Torrey is a senior associate with Crusier, Mitchell, Novitz, Sanchez & Zimet LLP. The couple lives in Atlanta. In attendance were **Christopher King '06**, **Matthew Heartwell '06**, **Brian McGurk '06**, **Ben Hutto '06**, **Will Guza '06**, **Tom Olcott '06**, **Nathan Tuebner '06**, **Christopher Runyon '06**, and **Jay Beckner '06**.



RAINEY-KNUTH WEDDING

STEVEN MICHAEL D'ANTONIO '07 is now a loan officer with Benchmark Mortgage.

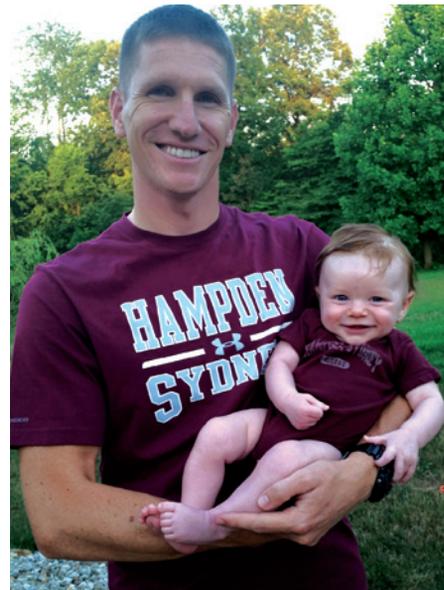
STEPHEN RYAN SHARKEY '07 was covered in the *Potomac Local* regarding Water's End Brewery, of which he is a co-owner.

BRIAN PAUL HILL '07 and **SUSAN GRAYSON MARTIN** were married on May 14, 2016, in Richmond. In attendance were **Andrew O'Brien '07**, **Philip Agee '07**, **Justin Paciocco '06**, **Bryan Robbins '07**, **Heath Gates '05**, **James Lloyd Hodges '05**, **Joe Farmer '08**, **Patrick Gates '09**, and **Gill Crittenden '82**.



HILL-MARTIN WEDDING

To Cpt. **DAVID '08** and **KATRIN GRISDALE** a son, Noah Grisdale, on March 23, 2016.



DAVID GRISDALE '08 FAMILY

To **WHIT '08** and **ASHLEY JACOBS**, a boy, Lawson Stephen Jacobs, on July 20, 2015. He joins his older brother Landon.



WHIT JACOBS '08 FAMILY

JOHN McLAMB '08 and **JENNIFER MUNN** were married on June 4, 2016, at the State Club in Raleigh, NC. In attendance were **Brien Bowlin '10**, **Justin Wisman '08**, **Chris Colgate '08**, **Mark Ransone '07**, **Carden Hedelt '08**, **Neal Eike '07**, **Garner Simpson '07**, **Billy Gresham '08**, **Justin Parrish '07**, and **Chad Pleasants '10**. The couple resides in Charlotte, NC.



McLAMB-MUNN WEDDING

GRANT HALL '09 and **SAMANTHA MILTON** were married on June 4, 2016, at Beliveau Estate Winery in Blacksburg. In attendance were **Tom Edwards '90**, **Kyle Kneeland '09**, **Andrew Jennings '09**, **Charles Sommardahl '63**, and Professor **Saranna Thornton**.



HALL-MILTON WEDDING

WILL HAMMER '09 won the Libertarian Party Patrick Henry Award this past summer. In his 2014 campaign for Virginia U.S. House, District 6, against Bob Goodlatte, Hammer garnered 12.3% of the vote in a three-way race, the highest vote percentage for a Libertarian running for federal office in the state's history.

To **ANDREW SELLERS '09** and **AMANDA HREIZ**, a son, Sterling Nicholas Sellers, on May 15, 2016.



ANDREW SELLERS '09 FAMILY

2010s
Class of '12
Reunion Weekend: June 2-4, 2017

JOHN PRESCOTT "SCOTT" ANDERSON, JR. '10 and **CAROLINE BLAIR** were married on May 7, 2016, at Childress Vineyards in Lexington, NC. In attendance were **Spencer Conover '10**, **Mike Crincoli '10**, **James Darling '10**, **Rob DuPuis '84**, **Alex Kolt '10**, **Clay Parker '11**, **Henry Skiba '10**, **Garrett Smith '10**, and **Penn Stephenson '10**. The couple resides in Durham, NC.



ANDERSON-BLAIR WEDDING

MATTHEW HUDGINS '10 serves as the research and rapid response director for United States Senator John Boozman's re-election campaign.

ROGERS DEY CATHEY III '11 and **LAUREN GABOR** were married on June 25, 2016, at the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk. In attendance were **Rob Peterson '11**, **Jacob Andrews '11**, **Kyle Martin '11**, **Mac Reed '11**, **Ian Giles '12**, and **David Barrett '12**.



CATHEY-GABOR WEDDING

LANNIE "WILL" CROPPER III '11 has earned the Retirement Income Certified Professional® (RICP®) designation from the American College of Financial Services.

WALKER FRANCIS '11 joined Kinsale Insurance as an associate underwriter-professional liability.

PETER "JACK" QUINN III '11 left Long & Foster real estate and has joined Engel & Volkers.

ARNE ULBRICH '11 earned his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December 2015. He now works as a senior chemist in the Analytical Science group within Core R&D at The Dow Chemical Company in Midland, Michigan.

S. "RICH" PUGH IV '11 and **SHELBY ALLISON** were married on April 16, 2016, in Louisville, Kentucky. In attendance were **Kyle Powers '11**, **Richie Holzapfel '10**, **Shad Harrell '11**, **Peyton Lambert '11**, **J.B. Mitchell '12**, **Matthew Gates '12**, **Henry Jones '12**, **William Moss '10**, and **John Mohrmann '11**.



PUGH-ALLISON WEDDING

EVERTON BATISTA '12 recently earned a Master of Finance from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. He is currently the finance manager for Georgetown's Innovation Center for Biomedical Informatics, overseeing the center's financial operations and developing budgets for the University's Oncology Department. In the coming year he hopes to take the CFA exam to become a Chartered Financial Analyst. **Dereck Parada '12** is pictured on the right.



EVERTON BATISTA '12 (LEFT)

NATHAN COHEE '12 and **RACHEL WILKERSON** were married on May 7, 2016, at The Commonwealth Club in Richmond. Alumni in attendance were **Joe Stiles '10**, **Darden Barrett '11**, **Will Massey '12**, **Ryan Davis '12**, **Clay Draughton '12**, **Chris Avellana '12**, **Alexander Dyer '13**, **Andrew Near '13**, and **Brandon Gregg '14**. The couple lives in Richmond.



COHEE-WILKERSON WEDDING

CHRISTOPHER GRIGGS '12 completed his Master of Fine Arts from the University of Massachusetts. Christopher is currently residing in Mechanicsville while exploring career opportunities.

To **CHARLES "CHARLIE" '12** and **STEPHANIE PARRISH**, a son, Charles Lucas "Luke" Parrish, on June 2, 2016. The Parrish family can't wait to bring the future H-SC graduate of 2038 to Homecoming.



CHARLES PARRISH '12 FAMILY

CHARLES PRIZZIA '12 and **KATIE DOUGHERTY** were married on May 14, 2016.



PRIZZIA-DOUGHERTY WEDDING

Lt. **DAVID SHUFORD, JR. '12** and **MACKENZIE KING** were married on August 26, 2015, shortly before Lt. Shuford reported to his post at Camp Pendleton in California. He commands an infantry platoon in Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines.



SHUFORD-KING WEDDING

CODY JOYNER '14 graduated with a Master of Public Administration from Old Dominion University.

DAVID MADISON CAMPBELL '15 is employed by the Department of Defense and purchased his first home, located in King George County, in July.

2nd Lt. **JOHN EDWARD WIRGES '15** and **RACHAEL LEIGH SCHNEIDER** were married on July 16, 2016, in Virginia Beach. In attendance were Dr. **John Eastby**, **Andrew Sperr '14**, **Michael Larkins '13**, **Andrew Craver '13**, **Kolin Atkinson '15**, **Peter Chiglinsky '16**, **Hunter Gibson '15**, **Joshua Gaskill '15**, **Preston Moore '15**, **Christopher Hall '15**, **Spencer Wiles '15**, Dr. **Warner Winborne '88**, and **Max Zbinden '15**.



WIRGES-SCHNEIDER WEDDING

STEPHEN LESTER WOODALL II '15 received his Master of Physiology from North Carolina State University in May and is now attending St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada.

TIGERS IN THE DESERT

The Hampden-Sydney brotherhood truly extends around the world, as three Virginia National Guard soldiers discovered during their deployment in Qatar. Infantryman **Robert "Bobby" George '18** and Line Medic **Matthew Molesky '18** put their studies on hold when they were called up for Active Duty with the 1st Battalion-116th Infantry Regiment. Both will return to Hampden-Sydney in the fall of 2017 and graduate in the spring of 2018. They are serving with H-SC alumnus **Zach Matthews '15**, an Infantry Scout with the same regiment. Says Bobby, "I truly love that no matter where I am in the world, I have Hampden-Sydney brothers with me."





Seventy-five Hampden-Sydney Tidewater alumni enjoyed a beautiful day at the 17th annual golf outing with the H-SC coaches in Virginia Beach on June 2, 2016.

fine arts HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE FALL 2016 EVENTS

November 10–12 and 17–18

H-SC Fine Arts Presents

Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues*

Directed by Shirley Kagan

November 10–12 & 17–18

Johns Auditorium — 8PM

Free and Open to the Public

December 2

H-SC Men's Chorus Presents

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

December 2

College Church — 7:30PM

Free and Open to the Public

Construction Update



The Brown Student Center

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

<http://www.hsc.edu/Strategic-Plan/Student-Center-Project.html>





FORMER CHAIRMAN BOINEST REMEMBERED

WILLIAM "BILL" BOINEST '54 died on June 24, 2016. A member of Kappa Sigma during his time at Hampden-Sydney, he served three years of active duty with the U.S. Coast Guard in Alaska, retiring from the Coast Guard Reserve in 1973 as a lieutenant commander. In 1958 Bill began his career at F. W. Craigie and Company as a trainee, rising through the ranks to become president of the investment firm in 1972 and chairman and CEO in 1979.

After his retirement in 1997, he expanded his already significant involvement with numerous non-profits, notably serving as chairman of the board for the United Way, the Bon Secours Richmond Health System, and the Greater Richmond Chapter of the Red Cross. He was twice honored by the Central Virginia Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, first as Philanthropist of the Year, then for lifetime achievement.

Bill's philanthropic work extended to his alma mater, as he devoted 19 years to Hampden-Sydney's Board of Trustees, the last nine as Chairman. Reflecting on Bill's character, former President Gen. Sam Wilson said, "In the course of my entire professional career, I have never worked for a man who was more decent, a more active listener, thoughtful, considerate, unselfish, giving, and always thinking of others." Wilson considers Bill "one of the most decent men I have known in my 93 years."

Former President Walter M. Bortz III also reflected on Bill's untiring devotion to the College: "Working with Bill Boinest during my first three years as President was an honor and a pleasure. Bill was a paragon of what a college's Chairman should be. His bold leadership during the *Through These Gates* campaign mirrored his many and significant contributions to his College, helping to ensure its future and relevance."

Hampden-Sydney recognized Bill's service with the Keating Medallion, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the Society of Founders Award, an Alumni Citation, and a Trustee Citation. Bill Boinest repeatedly showed his loyalty, love, and undying concern for the College through his generous and untiring support. He will be sincerely missed.

OBITUARIES

1940s

DEWEY WILSON MANN '40



died on June 28, 2016 at the age of 99. A true WWII hero, Dewey was one of the most decorated

soldiers from West Virginia, earning the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and the French Croix de Guerre, among other medals. After the war, he owned and operated Andrews Floor and Wall Company.

REGINALD L. VASSAR '40

died on March 7, 2015. He joined the U.S. Air Force during WWII, entering France just after D-Day. Reginald retired as a Lt. Colonel, then worked as an electrical engineer at GE and International Harvester.

CHARLES REEVES '44

died on June 10, 2016. He spent time in the U.S. Navy during WWII, stationed on the Atlantic Coast. He was a Mason, as well as a member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, the Lions Club at University Heights, and the Gold Wing Riders Association.

CHARLES CARRINGTON

HERBERT '45 died on August 11, 2016. He joined the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving as the commander of a submarine chaser in the South Pacific. Carrington later settled in Laurens, SC, on Cedar Valley Farm. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and storyteller.

ALLEN YOUNG STOKES, JR.

'46 died on August 10, 2016. He was an Army surgical technician in France and Belgium during World War II, later settling at Orchard Hill Farm to raise cattle and tend a large apple orchard. An

active member in the community, he served as Chairman of the Rappahannock County Planning Commission, President of the Virginia Beef Cattle Improvement Association, Director of Lord Fairfax Community College, and Director of First Commonwealth Insurance Company of Richmond. He was an Elder and Deacon at Culpepper Presbyterian Church.

1950s

RICHARD BASTO '50



died on June 25, 2016. Richard proudly served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS *Panamint*.

In 1961, he was transferred from Richmond to Winston-Salem where he and his wife raised their four children. For 25 years Richard worked as a pharmaceutical representative for A.H. Robins.

Dr. MARCELLUS E. WADDILL '52



died on August 24, 2016. He was a graduate of Worsham High School in Farmville and the first of his family

to attend college. A member of Sigma Chi and Phi Beta Kappa at Hampden-Sydney, he graduated as the valedictorian of his class. He earned an MA from the University of Pittsburgh and served three years as an officer in the Naval Reserves, then completed his Ph.D. in mathematics in 1962. He taught at Wake Forest University for 35 years, serving on over 30 committees and winning numerous awards. Dr. Waddill was honored for distinguished teaching, excellence in community service, and was named Professor of the Year. He was an active member of College Park Baptist Church.

Dr. **WILLIAM P. "BILL" KNOX III '53** died on August 17, 2016. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he graduated from the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine, built the first veterinary hospital in York County, and practiced veterinary medicine until his retirement in 1999. Bill served two terms on the York County Board of Supervisors and attended two Republican National Conventions as a delegate.

RONEY ROWLAND '53 died on June 27, 2016. Roney enlisted in the U.S. Army and became a military policeman, serving nearly two years.

Dr. **HENRY J. "SUNNY" TUCKER, JR. '54** died on June 19, 2016. He graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1958, entering the U.S. Navy as a shipboard physician from 1959 to 1962. He returned to Johnston-Willis Hospital to complete his residency in general surgery. In July of 1967 he moved back to his hometown of Halifax, joining the Fuller Roberts Clinic in South Boston, where he worked until his retirement in 1994.

HORACE E. COSTLEY, JR. '55 died on July 20, 2016.

ALEXANDER DILLARD, JR. '59 died on July 18, 2016. After graduating from T.C. Williams School of Law in 1962, he was admitted to the Virginia State Bar. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career, practicing law until his death. Mr. Dillard was well-respected by his peers and received the Virginia State Bar's Tradition of Excellence Award in 2002.

1960s

HUGH KIRKPATRICK "PAT" LEARY '61



died on August 20, 2016. After graduating *cum laude* from Hampden-Sydney, he served in the U.S. Army Reserve until 1967. Pat had a 33-year career with the Trust Division of Sovran

Bank (later Bank of America), ending as Executive Vice President and Director of Trust from 1989 to 1995. For the next 15 years he was the Executive Director of the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation and the William H., John G. and Emma Scott Foundation. He served on the boards of many organizations, including the Science

Museum of Virginia Foundation, the Sons of the Revolution, and the Richmond Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

ROBERT HALLER '64 died on July 13, 2015.

RANDALL WAYNE POWELL '67 died on July 25, 2016. He earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He completed his residency in general surgery at Naval Hospital San Diego and his fellowship in pediatric surgery at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Randy was on the Class of '67 planning committee for their upcoming 50th Reunion.



WILLIAM FRANK COTTY '68 died on July 23, 2016. After earning his law degree from USC Law School in 1974, Bill worked for the SC Wildlife Department as an attorney. He was instrumental in securing coastal properties for the



state of SC using the Heritage Trust Act, which he helped write. For this work he was named the Legislative Conservationist of the Year. He went on to practice law for 40 years, specializing in real estate. He often referred to himself as a "dirt lawyer."

1970s

PETER S. "PETE" VIELE '72 died on August 21, 2016. Pete had a successful career as a fundraiser for non-profit organizations, most notably the USS *Arizona* Memorial Museum in Pearl Harbor, where he helped raise the funds to rebuild the Museum and Visitors Center.

THOMAS PETE TUCKER '74 died on July 22, 2016. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and camping. Tommy loved spending time with his family, friends, and dogs Max and Molly.



CHARLES L. "CHARLIE" CROCKETT III '75 died on August 22, 2016. A lover of sports, music, and the great outdoors, Charlie valued most his connections with family and friends. He cherished lifelong kinship with his Kappa Sigma brothers.

DAVID SCOTT MILLER '77 died on July 5, 2016. A Life Scout and an Order of the Arrow in Scouting, David was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity at Hampden-Sydney and went on to become a Certified Public Accountant. David was the president of Miller Enterprises, which consisted of several family-owned businesses. A devoted family man, he was heavily involved in his children's extracurricular activities. He especially enjoyed family fishing trips.

H. FENTON DAY III '78 died on June 17, 2016. A biology major at Hampden-Sydney, he then attended graduate school at William and Mary and worked as a sub-contractor for the federal and state governments doing field surveys.



Fenton was an avid lover and collector of books about birds, trees, insects, snakes, butterflies, flowers, and all subjects a biologist would love. He was known throughout Virginia as the person to call with questions about birds.

Staff

Dr. OWEN LENNON NORMENT, JR.



died on June 26, 2016. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, he went on to earn his Master of Theology from Union Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. in Christian

Ethics from Duke Divinity School. Dr. Norment's 32 years as professor of religion at Hampden-Sydney included service as Department Chair and Dean of the Faculty. Professor Elizabeth Deis remembers Norment "for the depth and breadth of his knowledge and for the way his every word and action expressed an extraordinary mix of kindness, integrity, generosity, wisdom, and humor." The College awarded him numerous honors, including the Thomas Edward Crawley Award, the Cabell Award for Excellence in Teaching, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, and the Senior Class Award. As an ordained Presbyterian minister, he supplied vacant pulpits and served as interim pastor throughout his career and well into retirement. During his time at Hampden-Sydney, Dr. Norment was an active member of College Church. He was an avid reader, vegetable gardener, and church choir member.



GENTLEMAN

AT ALL TIMES

Efforts are underway at Bortz Library to inventory and digitize the Hampden-Sydney Archives, a process that frequently uncovers College memorabilia of days gone by. Archive librarian Maryska Connolly-Brown recently rediscovered the *Laws of Hampden Sidney College*, a 15-page pamphlet published by the Board of Trustees in 1819. The fragile document lays out the “laws” to which the president, faculty, and students must adhere, and the “punishments” they will incur if they fail to do so.

Perhaps most amusing to alumni and current students would be the chapters entitled “Of Punishments” and “Religious Worship and Moral Conduct.”

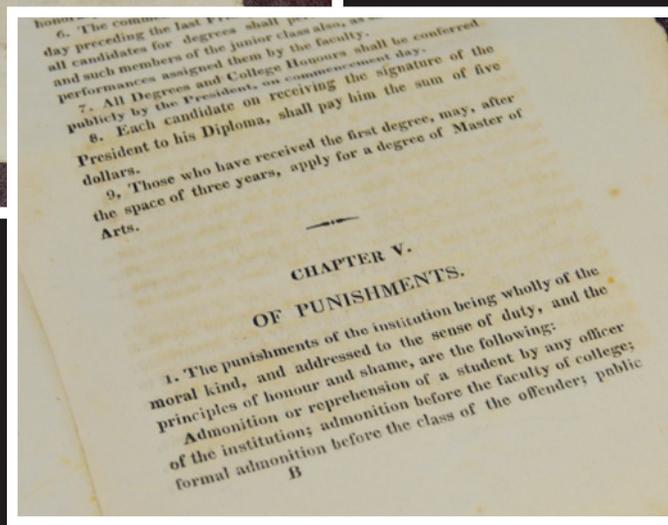
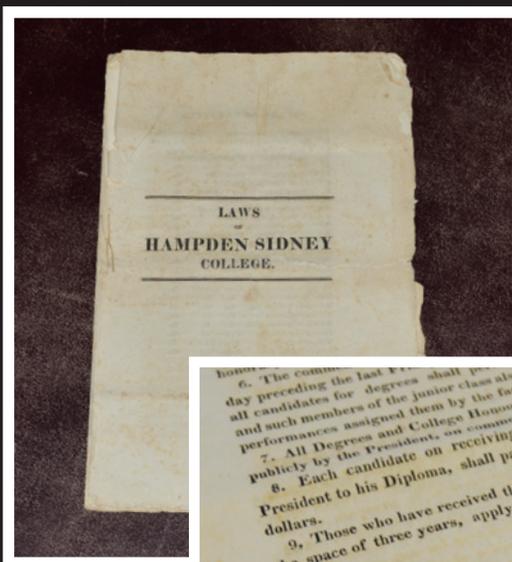
Chapter V lays out public admonition as the College’s primary means of discipline in the early 19th Century, although particularly egregious or repeated infractions could result in suspension or expulsion. This form of punishment was seen as *wholly of the moral kind, and addressed to the sense of duty, and the principles of honor and shame*, a sentiment echoed in the Hampden-Sydney Honor Code and Code of Conduct.

Many of the forbidden activities, however, provide a glimpse into a by-gone era. A list of *atrocious crime* includes blasphemy, dueling, fornication, and forgery. Students were furthermore strictly forbidden *to play at cards, dice, or any unlawful game...; to use prophane (sic), indecent, or obscene language; to associate with persons of known bad character; to attend at any places of vain and idle sports; to visit taverns, ordinaries, or tipling places, without liberty; or to*

become intoxicated. Reading their expectations for student conduct, one wonders what the 1819 Board of Trustees would make of the upcoming Macon Game. One thing is certain, though. The former Trustees would be pleased to know that Hampden-Sydney students still pledge to behave as gentlemen at all times.

The Bortz Library, in conjunction with the Atkinson Museum, plans to share this document and other archival holdings at a spring 2017 exhibit entitled “Echoes from the Past: Letters, Manuscripts, and Images from the Hampden-Sydney Archives.” As Connelly-Brown says, “Aside from the

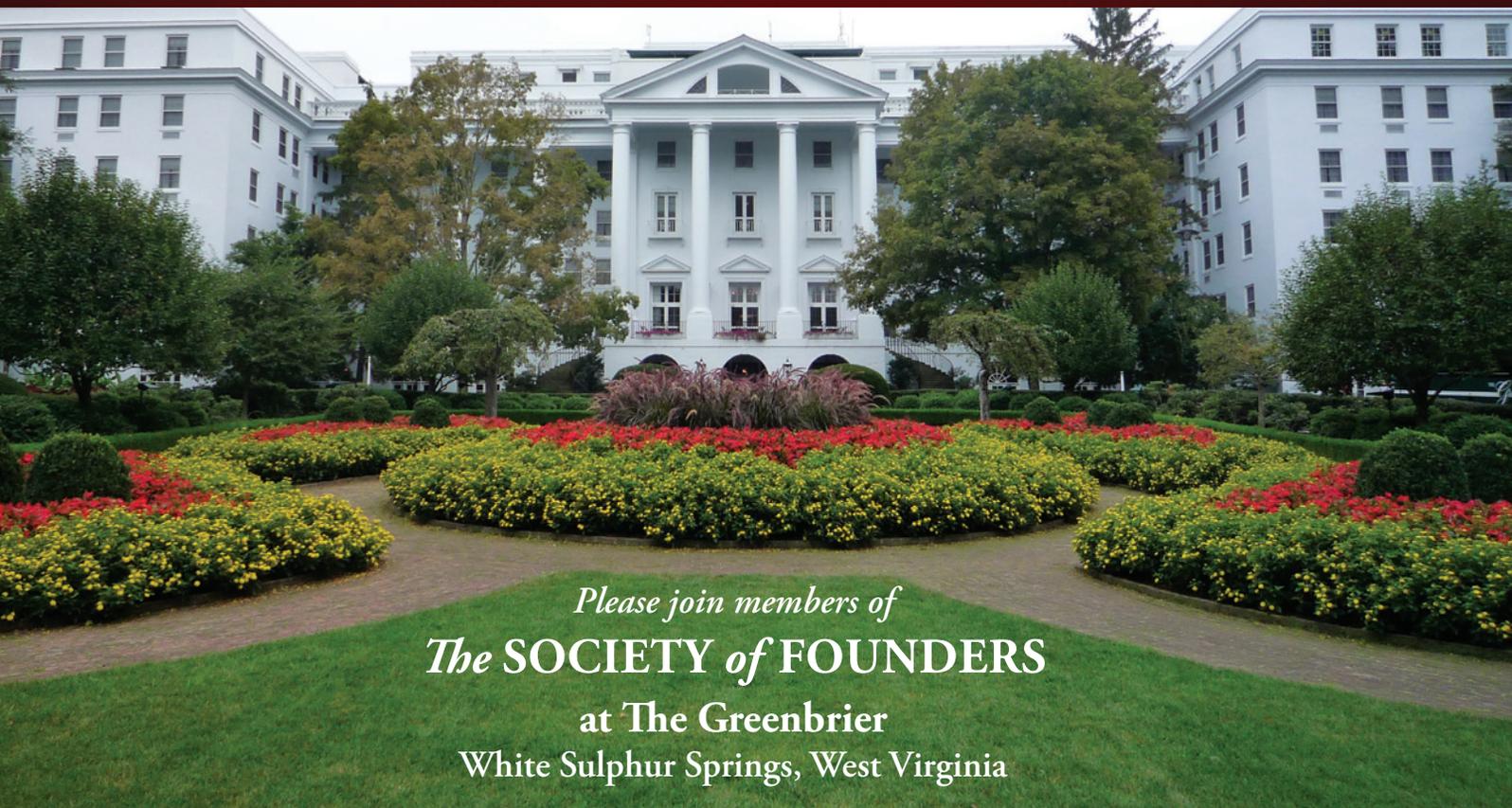
obvious historical value, knowing our archives helps us know who we are as a college, where we came from, and helps us tell our story. It builds our cultural identity and demonstrates the ways in which we are unique.” ■



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