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SUMMER 2024

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Everyday activities on the Hampden-Sydney campus bring me great satisfaction. It is a joy to see, once again, our young men walking into and out of Venable Hall during my daily commutes on these beautiful fall days. Planning to take Venable offline for renovation in the fall of 2020, we pivoted and were able to use the building as vital quarantine space during the pandemic. We then planned and launched in 2022 a much more extensive renovation that has returned most of the interior to what it would have looked like when it was originally built. At about the same time, we were opening across Via Sacra our state-of-the-art Pauley Science Center, which adheres to the same simple but elegant federalist architecture of our earliest brick buildings—a trademark of our campus. In many ways, the 1820s Venable Hall and 2020s Pauley Science Center are a metaphor for Hampden-Sydney. Just as we have stewarded and remained committed to our mission “to form good men and good citizens” and our core values, the College has evolved and remained relevant for over two and a half centuries.

So, it’s appropriate that a theme of this issue of the *Record* is the importance of stewardship and gratitude for the work and contributions of the people of Hampden-Sydney, including our faculty and staff members, student leaders, trustees, Alumni Board members, and benefactors. We can only fulfill our College’s vital mission because so many devoted individuals contribute their time, talents, and treasure to the College’s educational program and our students.

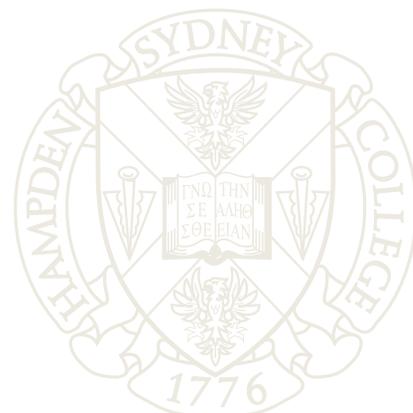
Like all issues of the *Record*, this edition highlights the vitality of the College and the quality of the educational experience we offer young men. You’ll find stories and statistics of last year’s senior and freshman classes—the classes of 2024 and 2027—and the College’s academic program, including the work of the Wilson Center, the opportunities our students have to engage in original research, and the contributions of the College’s fine arts programs. Throughout this issue, we highlight the accomplishments of our community members, not the least of which is our basketball team’s incredible journey to become NCAA Division III National Runner-Up last season. We also provide an overview of the College’s finances and how giving to the College and Hampden-Sydney’s endowment have grown over the last several years.

Consistent with our ongoing commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the College’s founding, this edition features an article by Archival and Digital Projects Librarian **Dawnelle Ion** about the significance of priceless letters written by our charter trustees Patrick Henry and James Madison that were donated to the College by Mr. **James N. Boyd '58** and Mr. **J. P. McGuire Boyd '64**. Carefully preserved, these letters are now on display in the central lobby of Bortz Library.

At the back of this issue, you’ll find the second installment of the Last Page Luminaries, written by Dean of Students **Richard Pantele '13**, who describes how the College encourages student-led stewardship of Hampden-Sydney’s unique campus culture and values that guide their lives even after they leave the Hill.

Because of the stewardship described in this edition, and countless other contributions by members of our Hampden-Sydney College community, we can be confident that this distinctive and remarkable College will thrive for another 250 years. I cannot say “thank you” often enough, so, I again offer my thanks and appreciation to everyone who makes Hampden-Sydney the special place of learning that it is.

Dr. Larry Stimpert
President, Hampden-Sydney College



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ON THE COVER:

Students walking from Bortz Library
Photo by Corey Nolen

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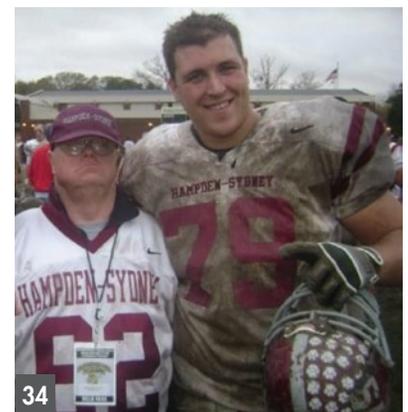
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SHOWCASING HISTORY

Epistolary Insights from James Madison and Patrick Henry

BY DAWNELLE ION, ARCHIVAL AND DIGITAL PROJECTS LIBRARIAN

In the quiet corners of historical archives such as Hampden-Sydney's lie treasures waiting to be unearthed. Recently, two letters were brought to my attention that shed light on the ideals and concerns of America's founding era. These letters, gifted in 2022 by **James N. Boyd '58** and **J. P. McGuire Boyd '64**, offer profound insight into the foundation of our nation.

The first letter, penned by James Madison on January 13, 1789, serves as a cornerstone of American governance—the United States Constitution. In this missive, Madison's eloquence dances across parchment as he delves into the principles underpinning this seminal document. His words resonate with the clarity of purpose, emphasizing the delicate balance of powers and the importance of safeguarding individual liberties. Written at a pivotal moment, before the Constitution was finalized, this letter from Madison to William Overton Callis, a Revolutionary War-era maternal ancestor to the Boyd brothers, explains Madison's beliefs and the importance of what would eventually become the Bill of Rights.

The second letter, authored by Patrick Henry, shifts the focus to matters of finance and indebtedness—a topic as pertinent today as it was in the 18th century. The letter, unfortunately only a fragment (we are unable to confirm the recipient and date although it is believed to have been for William Overton Callis around the same time as Madison's), highlights the perils of fiscal irresponsibility and the moral imperative of honoring debts. His words serve as a cautionary tale, reminding us of the consequences of profligacy and the importance of sound economic stewardship.

Beyond their historical significance, these letters offer a glimpse into the values that underpin the mission of institutions like Hampden-Sydney College. At the heart of this mission lies the commitment to forming not just good men, but good citizens—individuals imbued with a sense of duty, integrity, and civic responsibility. Madison and Henry exemplify these ideals through their contributions to the nation and their unwavering dedication to the common good.





In preserving these letters, I was struck by the resonance between their words and the ethos of Hampden-Sydney College. Just as Madison and Henry sought to shape a more perfect union, so too does the College strive to cultivate leaders who will uphold the principles of justice, liberty, and virtue. Through donations that preserve and promote the legacies of figures like Madison and Henry, we not only honor the past but also invest in the future, ensuring that generations to come will benefit from their wisdom and example.

The donation and later preservation of James Madison's and Patrick Henry's letters offer a window into the past while illuminating the path forward. As stewards of history and custodians of knowledge, we have a duty to preserve and disseminate these treasures, ensuring that their lessons continue to inspire and guide us in our quest for a more just and prosperous society. In doing so, we honor the mission of institutions like Hampden-Sydney College, where the formation of good men and good citizens remains paramount.



During a 2022 visit at his Richmond, Virginia home, McGuire Boyd showed his good college friend **Dave Wilson '63** two framed letters with signatures belonging to none other than Founding Fathers James Madison and Patrick Henry. Mr. Boyd relayed that these letters had been written to William Overton Callis, an ancestor of his mother's, and had been hanging on his back stairwell since he got married and started his household in 1969. He felt it was time for these letters to find their new home at the College, which counts these patriots among its own founding fathers.

"My brother and I are very fond of Hampden-Sydney, and we enjoy giving to the College because we had such a wonderful experience there," Mr. McGuire Boyd says. "Hampden-Sydney is a very appropriate home for these letters. The College looks to the past as well as to the future, just as these letters do."

Mr. Wilson supported this philanthropic gesture by acting as liaison between Mr.

Boyd and the College, a role he took on enthusiastically, saying: "Gifts to the College like these priceless letters serve to further anchor the College in American history. It reminds us all that we, as Hampden-Sydney men, have a precious responsibility as stewards of both our alma mater and our nation."



A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

BY ALEXANDRA EVANS

When the Pitts family invests in Hampden-Sydney, they aren't just writing checks—they are writing a legacy. A love affair that began when **Carson Pitts '15** was a senior at Virginia Episcopal School searching for the perfect college has blossomed into a full-family relationship between the Pitts and Hampden-Sydney. Carson's father, **Rodney Pitts**, is a member of the Board of Trustees and a tireless advocate for and benefactor of the work being done at the College to educate young men. Together, Rodney and Carson have established the Rodney Carson Pitts '15 Scholarship to enable qualified students from the eastern North Carolina counties of Brunswick, Carteret, New Hanover, and Onslow to experience the same high-quality education that Carson says he received at "the best college in the country." Carson has also given a gift to name a room in the newly renovated Venable Hall, where he lived junior year, leaving his mark on the college he credits with so much of his personal and professional success.

Members of the Pitts family have long been steadfast supporters of small-school education. Both Rodney and

Carson as well as their wives Elizabeth and Katherine, respectively, attended small boarding schools for high school. "The intimate relationships between students and faculty members at smaller schools is very compelling," explains Rodney, owner and chairman of Southern Elevator Group. "Students are able to get more out of their educational experience when they have that access. It is that kind of relationship that fostered the desire for learning in Carson. That and the school's mission to train good men and good citizens is the hallmark of everything that we do."

"Our lives have been changed by attending smaller schools," adds Katherine, who is also experienced in higher education advocacy as a former director of major gifts and then director of communications and engagement at Virginia Episcopal School, where she and Carson met. "Knowing that you can have an impact on a place that means a lot to you, whether you are working with a donor who is able to make a gift to the school or you make a gift yourself that is going to impact the school for the rest of its

history has been really transformational for me.”

Being philanthropic and involved community members is a habit that dates back to Rodney’s grandfather and father. “You saw it in their lives every day,” Rodney says. An entrepreneur from Glen Alpine, North Carolina, Rodney’s grandfather only had the opportunity to attend formal school through the eighth grade. His keen mind for math and problem solving and a predilection for giving back, though, helped him become a successful entrepreneur in the lumber industry, a respected member of his community, and a role model to young Rodney. “When my parents would go on summer vacations, I would spend two weeks with my grandparents and just go wherever my grandfather went,” Rodney says. “He would go to a bank board meeting, and I would go along and sit in the corner and observe what he was doing. Through those experiences, I had a great example of how to conduct myself in professional settings.”

His grandfather’s belief in the importance of education passed to his son, Rodney’s father, who became the second neurosurgeon in North Carolina and founded Carolina Neurosurgery and Spine, now the largest practice of its kind in the country. A graduate of Charlotte Country Day just like Rodney, his father became a lifetime trustee at Country Day, helping the small, struggling school to eventually flourish. He later became active at his alma mater, Duke University, establishing the William R. Pitts Scholarship, which provides funds for students from Burke and Mecklenburg counties in North Carolina to attend Duke. This was the inspiration for the Rodney Carson Pitts ’15 Scholarship established by Rodney and Carson at Hampden-Sydney.

Rodney himself now sits on the boards of Hampden-Sydney, Duke University, Charlotte Country Day, and The John Locke Foundation—providing his time to supporting educational institutions in addition to generously donating funds. In true Pitts fashion, Carson and Katherine have built upon this family legacy of philanthropy and community involvement, engaging with causes that matter to them including Hampden-Sydney; Virginia Episcopal School; their church; and Camp Kum-Ba-Yah, a nature center in Katherine’s hometown of Lynchburg, Virginia.

These philanthropic forays are not happenstance but rather a curated, thought-out approach to giving back to their local communities. “We absolutely talk about legacy,

and it’s ingrained as a part of who we are because of my dad’s example,” says Carson. “He has been very inspiring to Katherine and me with his ability and desire to be philanthropic.”

Carson has carved out his own niche in a very important part of his community as director of admission and outreach at Momentum Recovery in Wilmington, North Carolina. After getting sober in 2016, Carson was moved to get involved in the recovery community full-time. “A couple of months of sobriety, I started to love life again and realized how much easier my life could be,” Carson says. “That inspired me.”

“In a big picture kind of way, the way that my dad has taught me to be philanthropic and the way he models giving back to his community parallels the recovery process,” Carson continues. “Through the recovery process, you really learn to listen to others, you learn to be a part of a community, and then you also learn to help and give back to that community.”

“I didn’t think it was important that Carson follow my business career and go to work for Southern Elevator,” Rodney adds, “but the principles by which we guide Southern Elevator are principles of life that are good for all of us. Leadership that allows others within the organization to exercise responsibility, while quietly helping them out when it looks like they’re making some mistakes, as opposed to demanding they do something a certain way can lead to team members not only doing what needs to be done but also making it a part of their being. That kind of leadership can lead to a person to not only do what needs to be done but also make it part of their being.”

Leading by example is the foundation upon which the Pitts family legacy sits. Through their investments, both temporal and pecuniary, in the future of Hampden-Sydney and her sons, that legacy becomes all the more apparent and transformational.

“Hampden-Sydney was truly the best four years of my life and really shaped who I am today,” says Carson. “I think to be able to give back to places that change you is the whole point.” As Carson and Katherine enter an exciting new season of life as parents to their son, Sutton, the next generation of changemakers and community leaders is in good hands. After all, it’s a family tradition.

The Rivers Welcome Students Home

As the College continues its efforts to expand and refresh all campus housing, students moving into the Alphabets this fall were welcomed home to an upgraded, updated residence hall. Along with its cosmetic and functional upgrades, the 38,000-square foot complex previously referred to as the Alphabets now boasts a new name: the Rivers Apartments. Comprising five dormitories, the Rivers is home to Piney Hall, Rapidan Hall, Appomattox Hall, Shenandoah Hall, and Rappahannock Hall—formerly B, C, D, E, and F, respectively—and can house 140 students. For the \$13 million project, the College tapped MCWB Architects, the same firm that also delivered the stunning Venable Hall renovation.

Exterior upgrades include new site lighting; improved drainage solutions; cleaning and reparation of exterior wood, masonry, concrete, and windows; replacement of exterior doors and safety railings with architecturally appropriate alternatives; updated courtyard hardscaping and landscaping; and a porch upgrade on Rapidan Hall. Interior improvements include new flooring and paint throughout buildings; ADA compliance upgrades; cohesive signage upgrades; and new, more private restrooms.

Four-person suites in Appomattox are equipped with sleek, modern kitchenettes and spacious common areas.

Updated lower exterior of Rapidan Hall





Piney now boasts a lounge meant for game days and movie nights with a well-appointed kitchenette, welcoming seating area, and big-screen TV.



Bathroom facilities (Piney pictured) offer ample privacy and improved ADA accessibility.



The Rivers exteriors offer new porch railings, refreshed paint, structural improvements, and new hardscaping to create better outdoor living opportunities.

Projects Underway



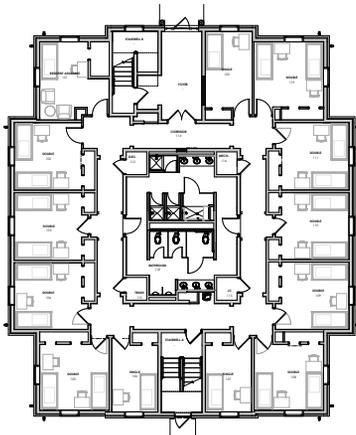
The rear lower level of Whitehouse was dug out and exposed to create more units and improve natural lighting. A covered porch and walkway was added, creating more opportunities for Whitehouse residents to enjoy the view of beautiful Lake Chalgrove.

Next up on the College’s campaign to provide all students with updated, well-appointed, exceptional living spaces are Whitehouse Quadrangle and the Carpenters.

WHITEHOUSE

Freshman housing option Whitehouse Quadrangle was offline for the 2023-24 schoolyear as MCWB began major renovations. Improvements include enlarged bathrooms, aesthetic upgrades, and improved facilities for congregating such as lounges and a deck added to the rear of Pavilion S.

\$13 million budget with a projected \$2 million tax credit
Began May 2023-completed August 2024



Updated floor plan of Carpenter X.
Courtesy of MCWB.

CARPENTER X AND Y

The interiors of Carpenter X and Y are currently undergoing updates to improve the standard of living and enhance the atmosphere of each building. The student rooms, hallways, and bathrooms are getting full makeovers. Other upgrades will include new HVAC and fresh air systems. Renovations on Carpenter Z are estimated to begin in May 2025 and last three months.

\$7.5 million budget
Began May 2024, 12 month estimated duration



A new building envelope, pool upgrades, and field house HVAC system improved moisture and climate control in the multi-use space.

KIRBY FIELD HOUSE

Other student amenities improvements include significant updates to Kirby Field House and TigeRec. Slated to begin in March 2025, phase two will include spectacular renovations to the fieldhouse—home to 2024 NCAA National Runner-up Tiger Basketball—improvements to TigeRec, and further pool renovations slated to begin in March 2025.

Phase 1: \$12 million budget to date; began June 2022, completed summer 2023

Phase 2: budget and timeline under development

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2023-2024

Hellmuth-Gibson Field: Sports lighting LED upgrade

Tennis Courts: Scoreboard, sports lighting

Ty Cobb Baseball Stadium: Sports lighting

Pannill Commons: Paint, floors, furniture

Elliott House: Bathroom Upgrades

Wright Point Pavilion at Chalgrove Lake

Memorial Brick Walk

Slate Hill Cottage: Roof, kitchen,
and bathroom upgrades

Phi Gamma Delta House: Roof and building
envelope improvements

Pi Kappa Alpha House: HVAC

Basketball Suite: Total renovation

Maples: HVAC

Westmerton: HVAC, painting

Middlecourt: HVAC

Penshurst: Kitchen upgrade

Wachope House: HVAC upgrade

Blake Apartments: Electrical service upgrades,
indoor air quality improvements

Brinkley: Building automation controls upgrade

Gilmer Greenhouse: HVAC upgrade

Thornton Place: Deck

Nelson House: Roof

Wellness Center: Back roof replacement

Blake Apartment E: Deck

Cushing Hall: Boiler replacement

Hemler House: Generator and security replacement

Manor Cottages: Inside painting and maintenance

Apiary: Constructed storage building for the apiary
and planted wildflower meadow

Utility projects: Infrastructure improvements at
Blakes, Kirby, Whitehouse, Rivers, and Venable



The ANNUAL REPORT

The CLASS of 2024 by the NUMBERS

With more than half of their college careers marked by a global pandemic, the Class of 2024 enjoyed a remarkably normal commencement ceremony, complete with hugs and high fives. In alignment with the 250th anniversary theme of civic virtue, well-known journalist and political and social commentator David Brooks offered the commencement address. Brooks noted that the journey to becoming a good man is inextricably linked with being a good citizen and that “joy comes when we forget ourselves, and feel part of the whole. Happiness comes from accomplishments. Joy comes from offering gifts.” Congratulations to the Class of 2024!



Josiah Hardy

Gammon Cup Winner

Winning the Gammon Cup is truly an honor. I am deeply thankful to God for placing me in an environment where my brothers, coaches, and professors consistently pushed me to become the best version of myself. Being a part of Tiger Basketball was one of the best things that has happened to me not just on the Hill but in my life. Through my four years on the team, I was blessed to help build a culture that strives to be the standard of excellence of Division III Basketball. To be part of a team with so much camaraderie and love for each other is truly special.

This award represents the culmination of my dedication to upholding the values of what it means to be a Hampden-Sydney man. Hampden-Sydney supports character development through an environment that emphasizes honor, integrity, and service. An environment where you can be vulnerable with your brothers whether that is in a classroom or a football tailgate on Saturday. An environment where professors push you out of your comfort zone, fostering personal growth and helping you gain a deeper understanding of your potential. An environment that will always form good men and good citizens.



Commencement Photos

167 Graduates

3.087 average GPA

126 Bachelors of Arts

41 Bachelors of Science

Top Majors

Economics and Business
Economics
History

Top Honor

Tommy Bishop



24 studied abroad
10 countries



117 in-state students
50 out-of-state students

GRAD SCHOOL BOUND

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Ph.D.

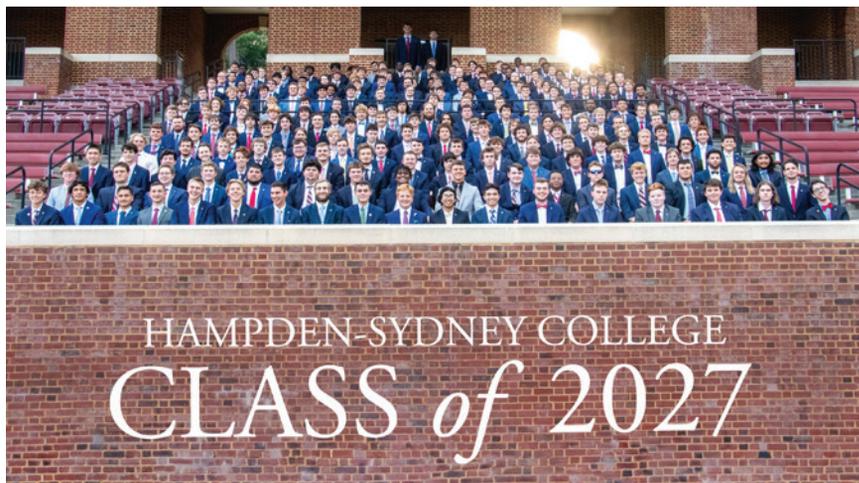
3
J.D.

2
M.S.

19
Master's

The CLASS of 2027 by the NUMBERS

Thanks to the generous 2023 investment by Endeavour Legacy Foundation, led by Mrs. **Katharine P.** and Dr. **Eugene W. Hickok '72**, that funded the Integrated Enrollment and Marketing Strategy, Hampden-Sydney's admission team has been able to dream big and achieve bigger. New classes matriculating at Hampden-Sydney are larger, more geographically diverse, with impressive resumes and higher retention rates year-over-year in part because of more selective admission criteria and increased funding for key recruiting roles.



 **2,222**
Applications Received

 **1,115**
Admitted

 **240**
Enrolled

 **50.2%**
Acceptance Rate

 **84.9%**
Retention Rate
(national average 68%)

Test Scores

ACT **27** 36
SAT **1148** 1600

 **147** In-state Students

 **89** Out-of-state Students

 **4** International Students

53
Students of Color
(3 unknown)

43
First-generation
Students

60
Pell
Recipients

49
Legacy
Students

Kalefah Sirleaf Charlotte, NC

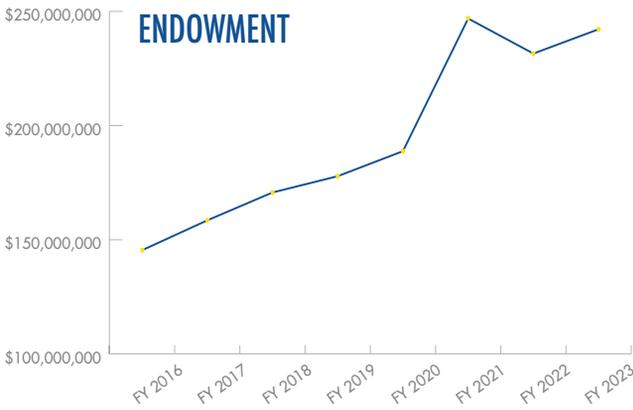
*I chose Hampden-Sydney because of the strong sense of community, academic rigor, and emphasis on leadership. The close-knit environment allows for genuine connections with peers and professors, creating a supportive atmosphere where everyone is invested in each other's success. This summer, I had an internship with **Rob Citrone '87** at Discovery Capital. Working in a dynamic environment like Discovery Capital significantly accelerated my development in the finance world, fueled my hunger for success, and made my goals in the industry feel much more attainable. The hands-on experience allowed me to see the real-world applications of what I'm learning, deepening my understanding and passion for finance.*

Peter Gonzalez Bakersfield, CA

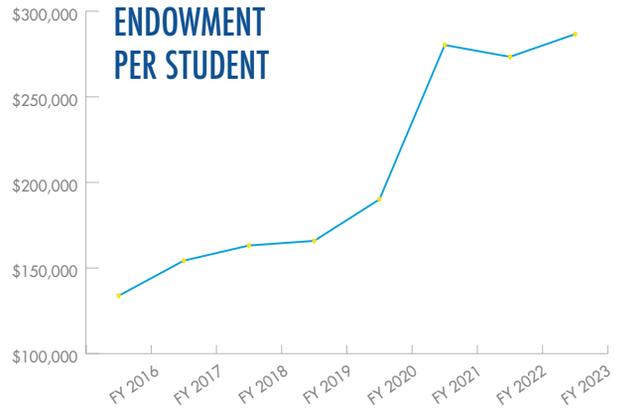
I chose Hampden-Sydney because of the rich history behind the College, the brotherhood, and the alumni network. My rhetorical skills have improved because of the great Rhetoric Program. Even my father has commented on how my conversational skills have improved. I've gotten involved in many clubs and extracurricular opportunities like the Ducks Unlimited Club, Fly Fishing Club, the swim team, and the Wilson Leadership Fellows Program. These opportunities have led me to make great friends and experience new things. I'm even working on establishing a water polo club. Hampden-Sydney had a water polo team back in the 1980s, and I'd love to be able to reintroduce it.

PHILANTHROPY

Every dollar that alumni, parents, students, and friends of the College donate to Hampden-Sydney is an investment in the future of this storied institution and is greatly appreciated. Hampden-Sydney is committed to responsible stewardship of all gifts to ensure that future generations of qualified young men have access to the exceptional and distinctive education that Hampden-Sydney has come to be known for.



▲ Figure 1
In fiscal year 2022-23, Hampden-Sydney's endowment rose to \$242,199,000 (up 4.6% from FY 2021-22). Strong endowment growth ensures that H-SC is well-positioned to offer an exceptional educational experience in perpetuity.



▲ Figure 2
In fiscal year 2022-23, H-SC's endowment per student rose 4.8% to \$286,626 putting the College in the top 20% of liberal arts schools in the country (number six in Virginia) for endowment spend per student.

Giving Day Report

\$758,396 Total giving

929 Total donors

70's Most active decade
with 134 donors, closely followed by 90's with 130 donors

Annual Giving Report

\$29,794,099 Total giving

\$1,785,554
Hampden-Sydney Fund giving

\$8,053,248 Annual giving



Major Gifts

In fiscal year 2023-24, the College received several exceptional gifts from numerous alumni, trustees, and community partners, declaring their belief that Hampden-Sydney is a college on the move.

Katharine P. and Eugene W. Hickok '72, principals of Endeavour Legacy Foundation, pledged \$20 million to fund the renovation of Gilmer Hall into a state-of-the-art teaching and learning facility housing the departments of Economics & Business and Government & Foreign Affairs and related co-curricular programs and activities.

John Corey '80 made a \$1 million gift to support the establishment of the Josiah Bunting III and Diana Bunting Endowed Professorship.

Salvatore Giannetti III '86 has pledged \$1 million to the Venable Restoration project for an endowed maintenance fund.

Bill '72 and **Shireen Kirk** donated \$1 million to enhance Everett Stadium and Fulton Field, including a new scoreboard and field improvements.

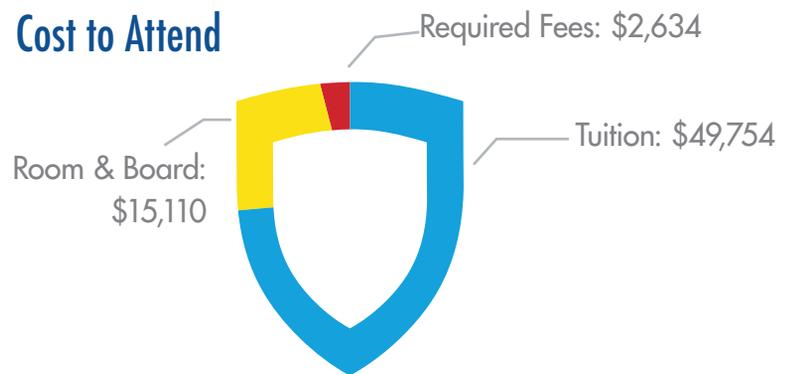
R. Carson Pitts '15 and College Trustee **Rodney C. Pitts** have given over \$1 million to the Rodney Carson Pitts '15 Scholarship. Read more about the Pitts family on page 6.



Scholarships

Higher education at any institution comes at a price. For the exceptional experience that Hampden-Sydney provides, that price is a premium. The belief that every qualified and interested young man should have access to this experience, though, is a driving factor in the College's mission to make Hampden-Sydney accessible to all students who deserve to be here regardless of their family's financial situation. Thanks to exceptional access to aid such as academic and leadership awards, grants, loans, and employment and work study, a Hampden-Sydney education is more possible than ever.

Cost to Attend



Scholarship and Grant Money Awarded



Generous scholarships and financial aid made attending H-SC feasible for me. The financial support that I received has allowed me to build lifelong friendships and enjoy an academic experience that would have been otherwise unattainable. Caden Furr '25

Ratings and Rankings

S&P "A/Stable" long-term credit rating

Forbes College Financial Grade GPA of 4.25, earning an A+ grade

President **Larry Stimpert** was appointed to the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) Board of Directors, representing Region IV, in April 2024. Region IV comprises Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. President Stimpert is one of seven members elected to three-year terms ending in June 2027, representing the association's eight national regions.

ACADEMICS

Hampden-Sydney's small class sizes and world-class faculty are cornerstones of the truly distinctive educational experience that young men receive on the Hill. Bolstered by expertly curated co-curricular programs like Compass, the Wilson Center, and study abroad, Hampden-Sydney students are exceptionally well prepared to translate their classroom instruction to real-world scenarios.



9:1

student-faculty ratio

Top Majors

Economics
History
Biology

Top Minors

National Security Studies
Rhetoric
History

Top Academic Headlines from the Hill

H-SC Named Fulbright Top Producing Institution

Hampden-Sydney was named a Fulbright Top Producing Institution by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. This honor is bestowed on colleges and universities with the highest number of faculty and administrators selected for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Hampden-Sydney is ranked as one of the top six Fulbright producing undergraduate institutions in the country.

College Welcomes New Dean of Faculty

Hampden-Sydney welcomed Dr. **Timothy Diette** as dean of faculty in January of 2024. Dean Diette comes to Hampden-Sydney from Washington and Lee University, where he served as an economics professor and the executive director and academic director of the Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty. Diette also served on Washington and Lee's senior leadership team as senior advisor to the president for strategic analysis.

H-SC Inks 17th Graduate School Agreement

Hampden-Sydney entered into its second graduate school agreement with Christopher Newport University (CNU) to fast-track H-SC students into CNU's Master of Science in applied physics and computer science (MS-APCS). Along with a streamlined application process that waives both GRE scores and an application fee, the program offers conditionally accepted juniors the opportunity to perform summer research at CNU, contingent upon funding and faculty availability between his junior and senior years.

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program Receives Accreditation

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) has awarded a full seven-year accreditation to Hampden-Sydney College's Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program, one of only 101 programs nationwide, ranging from R1 research institutions to liberal arts colleges to earn such accreditation since 2013.

Curriculum Review

In March 2021, the Curriculum Review and Teaching Load (CRTL) task force was charged with bringing proposals for the implementation of a six-course teaching load before the faculty. The task force included three elected representatives, one from each of the academic divisions (Professor of Economics and Business **Anthony Carilli** representing Social Sciences, Associate Professor of Modern Languages **Jana DeJong** representing Humanities, and Patterson Professor of Biology **Alex Werth** representing Natural Science and Mathematics), an appointed junior faculty member (former Assistant Professor of Religion **Ashleigh Elser**), an appointed representative of the Dean's Office (Elliott Professor of History **Caroline Emmons**), and an appointed Chair (Professor of Psychology **Jennifer Vitale**). Proposed revisions to the faculty handbook were submitted to Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) and eventually brought before the faculty, which passed those revisions in the fall of 2022.

The amended teaching load for tenured and tenure-track faculty members is based upon a three-year cycle. In the first and second year of appointment, the faculty teaching load is normally between 18 and 21 contact hours each year. In the third year of appointment, the faculty teaching load is normally between 21 and 24 contact hours. This cycle (i.e., two consecutive years at between 18 and 21 contact hours and the third year between 21 and 24 contact hours) is then normally repeated for each subsequent three-year period. No faculty member will teach more than two years between 21 and 24 hours within any six-year period as part of regular load. If a faculty member is on leave or sabbatical from the College during a year when the faculty member would normally be teaching between 21 and 24 contact hours, the faculty member will teach between 21 and 24 contact hours the year that the faculty member returns to full-time teaching duties as opposed to the 21 to 24 contact hours each year.



The benefits of a decreased teaching load include increased time to invest in current courses; increased time to develop new courses or more experimental pedagogies for existing courses; increased time to work with students outside of the classroom; increased time to engage in scholarship and professional development; increased time to complete effectively administrative responsibilities and engage in College service; and increasing the attractiveness of the College to job applicants.

The CRTL also asked faculty to weigh in on curricular models through a survey in the fall of 2022 and proposals from faculty and other groups for changes to the existing curriculum. Throughout the winter and spring of 2022-2023, the CRTL brought these proposals before the faculty for small-group discussion. Based on the feedback, the CRTL moved forward in 2023 with the following ideas in mind:

- The core should be more cohesive and tell a better “story” about what our students are learning and how it connects to our mission.
- The core should maintain shared experiences, but also give students some flexibility and choice.
- The core should be smaller.
- The core should continue to expose students to concepts and methodologies across the three divisions of the college.

Given existing College-wide programs, resource constraints, and recent changes to the teaching load, the CRTL decided this was not the time to introduce entirely new College-wide programs or requirements. Instead, adjustments to the core curriculum synergistically support the reduction in teaching workload by making it easier for students to complete requirements thereby reducing the impact of fewer courses offered each semester.

ACADEMICS

Compass

Compass, Hampden-Sydney's experiential learning program, continues gaining steam. This year, Compass offered more courses and more funding for study abroad, internship, and research experiences than ever before.

\$166,000

Summer 2024 support for study abroad

\$100,000

Summer 2024 support for internships

54 On-campus courses offered

8 Off-campus courses offered

(plus summer internship and study abroad sections)

Students aren't the only ones benefitting from these exceptional opportunities. Faculty members who have received training in experiential learning instructional methods report feeling more energized to introduce new techniques and better equipped to help students create connections between subject matter, courses, and the real-world.

84% of full-time faculty members have completed EL training workshops as of December 2023

Students are seeing the benefits of focused experiential learning, with overwhelming numbers of students reporting high satisfaction on 2023-24 Compass satisfaction surveys.

Faculty Spotlight

As a result of her tireless championship and skilled leadership of Compass from 2019 to 2023, Johns Professor of English **Sarah Hardy** received a 2024 Sullivan Foundation Faculty Service Award at the April 12, 2024, Algernon Sydney Sullivan



Foundation awards ceremony. The Foundation noted that Compass “deepens student understanding and fosters a more nuanced grasp of the world around them.”

90% of students in EL courses responded “agree” or “strongly agree” to items about connecting their learning to the “real world”

e.g. I can identify and apply information from this course to real world problem(s); In my opinion, I will be more able to use what I learned from my experiential learning classes in the future compared to what I learned in classes that used only textbooks and lectures.

74.5% of students responded “agree” or “strongly agree” to items about reflection

e.g., I purposefully reflected on what I learned from problems I encountered during this course”; This course got me to think about what it means to be a member of the broader community beyond this class.

86% of students responded “agree” or “strongly agree” to items about connecting their learning to applied problem solving

e.g., I am more prepared to develop logical and reliable approaches to real world problems from this course; This course gave me a better understanding of real-world problems, and the tools I need to clearly articulate them to others.

What Students Say:

“Taking an EL course can help you to appreciate other class work in a new and exciting way.”

“I learned how to view different situations from all angles and how to try to understand someone else’s point of view if it differed from mine.”

“Taking time to reflect on the challenges of the week helped me to stay on top of things and kept the goal of the project clearly in my sights.”

“The EL environment gave me an opportunity to consider the difficulties and challenges I faced when working on my summer research project. Taking time to reflect on how I overcame the challenges before me permeated into my classwork for the following semester and I often found myself going through the same reflection steps that I learned during the pilot EL course.”



Wilson Center

The Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest was as busy as ever this year with new director, **Vinton Bruton IV**, at the helm. Students visited the historic homes of Founding Fathers, made their debut at the Leadership Challenge Event hosted by Washburn University, and explored historical and modern events through the expertise of an impressive roster of guest speakers.

Wilson Center Director

Mr. Bruton assumed the role of director of the Wilson Center on June 1, 2023. Mr. Bruton came to the College from the Blue Ridge School in St. George, Virginia, where he most recently served as associate headmaster for operations and previously served as assistant headmaster for co-curriculum programs. Prior to joining the faculty of Blue Ridge School as a history teacher, Mr. Bruton spent nearly a decade as an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps, with multiple deployments to the Pacific Rim, the Middle East, and parts of Africa.

2023-2024 Guest Speakers

The New Dominion: The Twentieth-Century Elections that Shaped Modern Virginia with John Milliken

Covering American Politics in Tumultuous Times with **Jonathan Martin '99**

Lincoln as Commander in Chief with Gary Gallagher

The Law of War and 21st Century Conflicts with Major General Charles Dunlap Jr.

An Elegy of War: Memory and Mourning on the Western Front with **Brian Grogan '73**

An Address in Honor of Samuel V. Wilson by Brigadier General **David Stewart '91**

Hampden District Town Hall with Dr. Odessa Pride

The Constitutional Character of the Federal Prosecutor with **Ken Simon '11**

9/11 Remembrance: Leadership in Crises with Jim Schwartz

Wilson Center Students Shine at Washburn

On March 2 and 3, **Connor Eickelman '24**, **Finlay Lee '24**, **Carter Spawn '25**, **Chase Crowder '26**, and **Joe Kreutzer '26**—advised by Director Bruton—brought home silver from the 14th annual Leadership Challenge Event™ (LCE™) hosted by the Washburn University Leadership Institute in Topeka, Kansas. The event, according to the LCE™ website, “is a unique inter-scholastic as well as inter-collegiate leadership competition which provides high school and undergraduate college students an opportunity to participate in an organized competition that simulates real-life experiences...The LCE™ simulates the real-world process of leadership through the two-day event, consisting of a live, interactive leadership simulation. Student teams of 5 will compete to fulfill the challenges and overcome the obstacles placed before them in a manner that demonstrates exemplary leadership knowledge and execution.”



“I have taken entire classes involving tabletop exercises, and the Washburn Leadership Challenge was more detailed and realistic than any tabletop I had done before. My experience with the Office of Emergency Management at Virginia Department of Health was definitely helpful in terms of giving me a good foundation for public health’s role in an incident such as the one in the simulation. Carter’s experience with Amelia County’s Emergency Management Office was also really helpful. Ultimately, the biggest factor contributing to the team’s success was definitely our ability to collaborate. We acted in unison and were constantly reviewing each other’s work, and that led to a good outcome.”

Connor Eickelman '24, biochemistry and molecular biology major

ACADEMICS

Arts Review

The Department of Fine Arts stole the show in the gallery, on the stage, and behind the mic. Students and community members alike explored culture and expressed their creativity with expert direction from faculty members.



Tiger Thespians in *Lombardi*

Theater

Hampden-Sydney's theatre program produced the Eric Simonson play *Lombardi*, directed by Barger-Barclay Professor of Theater **Shirley Kagan** in the fall semester and the Anne Washburn *Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play*, directed by Associate Professor of Theater **Matt Dubroff** in the spring semester.



The Tuesday Singers

Music

This spring, a special project called The Tuesday Singers brought faculty, staff, and community members together with Theory and Practice of Choral Music (MUSC 250) for a combined concert, with special guests, The Acousticals. The Tuesday Singers and H-SC Chorus sang a program called "Living in Song: Music of Work and Home" that celebrates the important place of music and particularly group singing in our everyday lives.



Myles Fallen '24

Fine Arts

The Student Fine Art Show was held from April 29 to May 11 throughout Brinkley Hall. **Myles Fallen '24** won the McClintock Gallery Award at the spring Student Fine Art show. Myles was introduced to photography by his grandfather Bill McClure and aunt Mollie McClure, both professional photographers. For his award-winning senior thesis project, Myles turned to his favorite sport for inspiration, basketball, photographing members of the basketball team at work and play.

"The visual arts program did fantastic things for me as an artist. Professors Ray Kleinlein, Pam Fox, and Brian Grogan were crucial in shaping my eye as an artist. They challenged me to see EVERYTHING

in a photo. From composition of the subject to making sure the lighting is evenly balanced. From the smallest details to the big picture, no pun intended. They were very important in making me what I am as an artist." Myles Fallen '24

Global Education

Encouraging global perspectives is imperative to forming good men and good citizens, and Hampden-Sydney's Office of Global Education provides exceptional opportunities for students to engage with the world around them, sponsoring more than 100 programs in 30 countries. More than just cherished college memories, study abroad and away trips are transformative and eye-opening, broadening the horizons of every Hampden-Sydney man who experiences it and rippling through our community as students return to the Hill with new perspectives.

Gilman Scholar Spotlight

The **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program** is considered one of the most prestigious scholarship programs in the United States. The scholarship is nationally competitive and funds study abroad and internship experiences for undergraduate students. The scholarship's mission is to increase the diversity of students who study abroad, and it recognizes colleges and universities that support equity, diversity, and accessibility in study abroad. The College boasts seven Gilman Scholars, and this year's Tiger honorees were **David Banks '24** (India) and **Pierce Gemborys '25** (Spain).

David participated in the Public Health, Gender, and Sexuality program offered by the School for International Training (SIT) in New Delhi, India. According to the program's website, the program explores innovations for inclusive and accessible reproductive and sexual health care in one of the most populated democracies in the world. In-person classroom sessions—facilitated by health strategists, experts, and activists—coupled with field and institutional visits enable students to learn how reproductive epidemiology informs healthcare delivery for women and sexual minorities in rural and urban contexts. Program participants conduct fieldwork and engage with community-based organizations and advocacy groups in rural communities to better understand grassroots approaches to healthcare access.



David (far right) with his cohort at a market in New Delhi

David celebrating his birthday with cake. One of his Hindi professors shared the custom of putting cake on the celebrant's face.

"This program centers on many of my personal and academic interests...I [wanted] to develop a new perspective on the world around me and change the way I think and interact with others... Fully embracing this experience and making the best attempt to immerse myself and respect the local culture allowed me to have a remarkable and life-changing experience." David Banks '24

Where in the World Did Our Tigers Go?



Buenos Aires, Argentina 15



Vienna, Austria 2



Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica 3



Prague, Czech Republic 1



Copenhagen, Denmark 1



London, England 12

Oxford, England 10



Paris, France 1



Berlin, Germany 4

Meunster, Germany 10



New Delhi, India 1



Dublin, Ireland 2

Galway, Ireland 1



Milan, Italy 1



Daugavpils, Latvia 1



Semester at Sea 1



Kohsiung, Taiwan 1

Taipei, Taiwan 1

TOTAL: 68 Students

ACADEMICS

Student Research

Hampden-Sydney's Office of Undergraduate Research was busier than ever this year. Dozens of students participated in research across disciplines including rhetoric, biology, English, psychology, and religion. Undergraduate research is the perfect complement to classroom instruction to empower students to launch their learning off the pages of a textbook. Facilitated by dedicated faculty members, undergraduate research allows students to explore their interests; become familiar with professional-level tools, techniques, and methodologies; and explore post-graduation opportunities.



Faculty Spotlight

Trinkle Professor of Biology **Kristian M. Hargadon '01** was awarded the 2024 Research Mentor Award (Mid-Career) from the Biology Division of the Council on Undergraduate Research. Dr. Hargadon has mentored 35 H-SC students through tailored, impactful research experiences; co-authored peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters with 31 of his students; and supported students as they presented at 58 state, regional, and national conferences. Over 90% of Dr. Hargadon's mentees have gone on to pursue advanced degrees in science and medicine. *"To have been nominated by two former research students makes this recognition particularly special. Working in the laboratory with students is one of the real highlights of my profession. To play even a small role in developing these future scientists is truly a privilege, and I hope my students realize that their impact on me is far greater than any impact I might have on them."* Kristian Hargadon '01



Student Spotlight

Bryson Smith '24 performed a comprehensive review of Hampden-Sydney's academic curriculum, outlining the changes that have been made since 1957 and evaluating the College's success in fulfilling its mission statement and niche as a liberal arts college for men from a curricular standpoint.

"I've been intrigued by [the topic of curriculum] for as long as I can remember, and this was my initial exposure to such a vast academic history... Starting my review in the 1950s was ideal because majors had received faculty approval and were introduced over the following decade."

Bryson Smith '24, history and religion major

Student Conference Presenters

Twenty students presented original research at professional conferences this past year. Participation in these conferences empowers students to develop public speaking skills, hone critical thinking skills while answering extemporaneous questions about their research, network with graduate and professional colleagues in the fields the students are interested in, and further refine their visions for their futures.



Student-Faculty Publications

Nine students got a taste of the satisfaction of publication this year as they shared bylines with the faculty members who encouraged and supported their undergraduate research.

Malate dehydrogenase: A story of diverse evolutionary radiation

Essays of Biochemistry, McGavacks Associate Professor of Biology and Director of Undergraduate Research Michael Wolyniak with coauthors Henry Loehr '24, Bo Frazier '26, and Pierce Gemborys '25

Determinants To Consumer's Shopping Preferences

Journal of Behavioral and Applied Management, Assistant Professor of Economics and Business Jason Matyus with coauthors Braxton Mergenthal '24, Zachary Gonzalez '24, and Teddy Bilodeau '24

Trace amounts of ranavirus detected in Common Musk Turtles (Sternotherus odoratus) at a site where the pathogen was previously common

Animals, Elliott Professor of Biology Rachel Goodman with coauthors Henry Carman '23, Paul Mahaffy '22, and Nathan Cabrera '24

CAREER PREP

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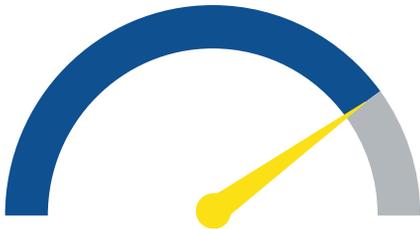
Best Schools for Internships



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Best Career Services

Summer internships are exceptional opportunities for students to explore professional opportunities, develop networking skills, and gain valuable career experience. Hampden-Sydney's Ferguson Career Center supports students through career coaching sessions; weekly workshops; resume advising; career fairs; and securing internship funding to help cover the costs of transportation, housing, food, and other expenses they might incur.



80% of the Class of 2023 entered grad school or were employed within six months of graduation.



Top 7%

national pay scale ranking
Early Career Pay: \$71,300
Mid-Career Pay: \$138,500

\$182,225

in internship funding provided by:

- Compass
- The Robison Internship Fund
- The Circle Internship Fund
- The Gottwald Internship Endowment
- The Sears Internship Endowment
- The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges-Enhancing Career Preparation Internship Fund
- The Career Education Internship Fund
- The Charles Wilder Watts, Jr. '31 Chi Phi Internship Endowment
- The Wilson Center Internship Scholarship

Top Employment Industries of Graduates

from 2019-2023



Construction



Insurance



Commercial Banking & Credit



Real Estate



Healthcare

No. Three Alumni Network + No. 12 Best Career Services = Top-tier Student Experiences

Hampden-Sydney is considered a Best Value College for its return on investment by The Princeton Review. An H-SC alumnus will earn more than graduates from other institutions, and he'll do it with support from the number three alumni network in the nation. Thanks to all of the alumni who have extended a hand welcoming current students to their places of business through internships and full-time employment opportunities!



Vice president of sales at Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Company **Greg Seamster '97** welcomed history major **Dominick Lazzauri '24** and economics and business major **John Alexander '24** as management trainees at Lancaster Tobacco last summer. With support from the Ferguson Career Center, Kappa Alpha brothers Dominick and John received Compass Program funding and \$1,500 from the Circle Internship Fund.

"The Career Center was an invaluable resource from the beginning. Without their wisdom and guidance, I wouldn't have ended up in this internship. It was a testament to the Hampden-Sydney attitude. If you have an opportunity, the College will make it happen and support you 100 percent through career advice, funding, or overall support of goals." Dominick Lazzauri

"Having the necessary funding while embarking on an out-of-state internship was huge. The funding helped us with housing, food, and out-of-state expenses, and overall, it provided an extra sense of stability. It was also amazing to see the alumni in Pennsylvania and the bonds between everyone. The Hampden-Sydney alumni network is truly incredible." John Alexander

Recent Notable Alumni Employers

The
JOYCEAGENCY

Todd Joyce '90

Luke Helfgott '24, employment
Patrick Coronado '25, internship



Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Company

Greg Seamster '97

Dominick Lazzauri '24, employment
John Alexander '24, internship



Rob Citrone '97

Uriel Aguirre '26, internship
Kalefah Sirleaf '27, internship

LAI Leading
Authorities, Inc.

Matt Jones '95

Ean Larsen '25, internship



Bartow Morgan '94

Patxi Risinger-Chopeitia '25, internship
Victor Ovalle-Mares '26, internship

HW Harris Williams

John Neuner '97

Waylon Gibson '25, internship



Michael Kehoe '88

Pieter Green '23, employment



George S. Dewey '94

Cody Carnes '25, internship



Dacre Knight '05

Evan Old '26, internship

STUDENT LIFE



Volunteer Work

Hampden-Sydney students put in 5,414 hours of volunteer work this past school year. Notable projects were Literacy Days, Hampden-Sydney Orientation, Prince Edward Food Market, Heart of Virginia Festival, Habitat for Humanity, FACES, Madeline's House, Virginia Children's Book Festival, Beat Macon Blood Drive, Taking Flight Bike Project, Adopt-a-Highway, and the Big Event.



High Adventure

High Adventure once again turned up the energy on campus hosting more groups than ever on the high and low challenge courses and zip line. Groups also took to the trails and waterways with Director of High Adventure, **Scott Schmolesky**, leading a three-day kayak camping experience on the Upper James Water Trail the week between finals and graduation.

#1

Most Active Student
Government

#5

Friendliest
Students

#12

Lots of Greek Life



Intramurals and Club Sports

Hampden-Sydney's 2023-24 Intramural Program brought out 387 students and faculty, staff, and community members to participate in ultimate frisbee, flag football, basketball, and softball. The SFS Ballers won the IM Basketball championship, and Club Rugby concluded an historic season with 14 victories and competed in 23 matches, the highest known totals in team history for a single year.



College Activities Council

Fun was never hard to find thanks to the efforts of the College Activities Council (CAC), chaired by **William P. Harrison '24**. CAC sponsored trivia and karaoke nights at the Tiger Inn, threw a stellar Homecoming Concert headlined by country trio The Castellows, hosted a Roaring '20s-themed Winter Ball that was the cat's meow, and put on a great Greek Week.

#13
Best College
Newspaper

#14
Their Students Love
these Colleges

#18
Most Engaged
in Community Service

The Princeton Review

ATHLETICS

KEEPING SCORE



#9

Students Love their School Teams
The Princeton Review



2.99

Student-Athlete Average GPA



40%

of the Student Body are NCAA Athletes



2

National DIII Ranked Programs
#2 Basketball | #21 Golf

ALL-AMERICANS



DAVIDSON HUBBARD '24

WILL PICKREN '24

NICK RUBINO '25

ADAM BRAZIL '25

RAY O'BRIEN '24

GAINES WEIS '25

CONOR KILFEATHER '25

THOMAS HARRY '24



COACH OF THE YEAR

Caleb Kimbrough, NABC District 6



ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Mo Wumpini '27, ODAC



ODAC Men's Golf Sportsman of the Year: Tommy Bishop '24

"I have always been a fierce competitor, and at Hampden-Sydney I met guys who matched me at that every day. But it was through this time that we all spent together competing, wanting to be the best, that we found mutual respect for one another and one another's accomplishments. I carried this team culture into competition. Additionally, Hampden-Sydney's Honor Code is real. It is intense, but I did my best to live it every day on and off the golf course. I also had a realization that my senior year was all I had left. It didn't matter how badly I wanted to play more tournaments—they were limited. This changed my perspective on competitive golf as a whole as I recognized the importance of enjoying something while you still have it."

Tommy graduated magna cum laude (3.54) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, while a member of both Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Alpha Theta honor societies. He served as the student body president during 2023-24 and on Student Senate for three years.

ODAC Sportsmanship Teams

H-SC is represented on the teams by

- Matthew Arnold '26
- Tommy Bishop '24
- Carter Burcham '25
- Drew Duffy '24
- Josiah Hardy '24
- Wills Huddleston '25
- Brandon Hyde '25
- Dillon McReynolds '26
- Kade Minton '25
- James-Ryan Salvi '24

Academic/Scholar All-Americans

- Tommy Bishop '24
- Adam Brazil '25
- Ford Burke '24
- Drew Duffy '24
- Thomas Harry '24
- Michael Leone '24
- Nick Rubino '25
- Patrick Saunders '24
- Peter Smith '24

Players of the Week

- Carter Sido '26
- Andrew Pucinelli '24
- Davidson Hubbard '24*
- Barrett Foster '25
- Nick Rubino '25
- Jack Barnes '27
- Jake Moore '27
- Conor Kilfeather '25
- Ray O'Brien '24

*National Player of the Week



Adam Brazil '25
ODAC Scholar-Athlete
of the Year



George Langhammer '24
William V. Campbell
Trophy Semifinalist



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



Mason Cunningham '26
DC Touchdown Club
Washington Metro College
Player of the Week



Thomas Harry '24
USILA Division III
Senior All-Star Game



GOLF

- * Ranked No. 21 in the final NCAA Division III Team Rankings
- * Second place finish at ODAC Championships
- * Division III PING All-America honorable mention Nick Rubino '25
- * ODAC Ted Keller Sportsman of the Year Tommy Bishop '24
- * Second Team All-ODAC Jack Barnes '27

Hampden-Sydney Golf completed 2023-24 ranked No. 21 in the final SCOREBOARD powered by clipped NCAA Division III Team Rankings. The Tigers, under the direction of seventh-year head coach and Director of Athletics Chad Eisele, averaged 298.19 per round through 10 tournaments and 26 rounds. The Garnet & Grey posted one tournament win and five Top 10 finishes among 10 Top 15 efforts overall, and were ranked 20th nationally in the final Bushnell/Golfweek DIII Coaches Poll, as well. H-SC finished second at ODAC Championships on April 28-30 in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Nick Rubino '25 earned Division III PING All-America honorable mention honors, as announced by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA), was also named to the PING All-Region IV Team, and garnered First Team All-ODAC honors. He was also an honorable mention All-American in 2022, becoming only the fourth H-SC golfer in program history to earn multiple All-America honors. Rubino was ranked 31st in Division III, and 20th in Region IV, in the final SCOREBOARD rankings with a collegiate-low 73.85 scoring average.

Jack Barnes '27 was named Second Team All-ODAC. Jack ranked 99th in DIII and 46th in the region with his collegiate-low 74.32 average, and posted a three-under par 67-74--141 that tied for first at the Kinder-Williams Invitational on September 11-12, 2023 in Harrisonburg, Pennsylvania. **Tommy Bishop '24** was chosen as the conference's Ted Keller Sportsman of the Year. Tommy ranked 93rd in the region with his collegiate-low 75.64 average and was named a member of the 2024 Academic All-District® Men's At-Large Team as selected by College Sports Communicators for his combined performances in the athletic realm and in the classroom, meeting the minimum cumulative GPA requirement of 3.50.

John Hutcheson '25 (75.85) and **Rece Lott '25** (76.04), ranked 77th and 84th in the region, respectively, joined Rubino and Barnes to compete in all 10 tournaments. Graduating team members include Bishop, **Reese Meyer '24** and **Cole Williams '24**.

H-SC could return as many as 19 lettermen for 2024-25, while adding a talented class of five newcomers, as the Tigers will look to qualify for their third appearance in the National Championship Tournament since 2019.



Jack Barnes '27



Nick Rubino '25

Lacrosse

- * **Second Team All-American Connor Kilfeather '25**
- * **Honorable Mention All-Americans Ray O'Brien '24, Thomas Harry '24, Gaines Weis '25**
- * **Fourth seed in the ODAC Men's Lacrosse Tournament**

Under the leadership of eighth-year head coach **Jason Rostan '03**, Hampden-Sydney Lacrosse completed a good 2024 season, posting an overall record of 12-6, including 6-3 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). The Tigers went on a run at the beginning of the season, winning 10 of 11 games, with the only loss during that stretch coming on the road against St. Mary's College of Maryland in overtime.

"I am proud of every man in our locker room for their work throughout the entire year. Leadership was the cornerstone of our season, and it was embodied by our captains and seniors who steered the team through every twist and turn," said Rostan. "The brotherhood was the glue that held our team together through an unprecedented challenge this season, and it helped our team to find success that resulted in a 12-win season. Our senior class graduates as the all-time winningest class in program history and I am thankful for all that these student-athletes gave throughout their careers. I am grateful for the support of our alumni, which is unmatched in college lacrosse; together we were able to accomplish some special things this past year that will help our program's goal of reaching new heights. We look forward to the next chapter in 2025 with the goal of an ODAC Championship."

H-SC played a difficult schedule that included seven games against teams that made the 2024 Men's Lacrosse NCAA Tournament. In those games, H-SC picked up wins against Pfeiffer University (NC) and took its first-ever victory against Cabrini University (PA) on February 27. The Tigers' record in ODAC play earned them the fourth seed in the ODAC Men's Lacrosse Tournament and hosted a quarterfinal rematch against fifth-seeded Randolph-Macon College. After taking a victory in Ashland on March 23, H-SC saw its season end in a 9-8 loss at Lewis C. Everett Stadium.

Three Tigers earned statistical milestones this year. **Ford Burke '24** and **Michael Leone '24** each reached the 100-point total this season becoming the 44th and 45th players in program history to reach the mark. **Ray O'Brien '24** reached two milestones this season, first becoming the 17th player to reach 100 goals. On April 6 against Roanoke College at home, O'Brien became the sixth player to reach the 200-point milestone. He finished his career with 214 points to rank fourth all-time.

The Tigers had eight players earn post-season conference honors, with **Thomas Harry '24**, O'Brien, **Connor Kilfeather '25**, and **Gaines Weis '25** earning First Team All-ODAC honors. **Campion White '25** and **Peter Smith '24** earned Second Team All-ODAC honors and Leone and **Patrick Saunders '24** were named Third Team All-ODAC. Four of the eight Tigers that earned conference honors also earned national honors. Kilfeather was named a Second Team All-American by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA). Harry, O'Brien, and Weis were all named Honorable Mention All-Americans by USILA.



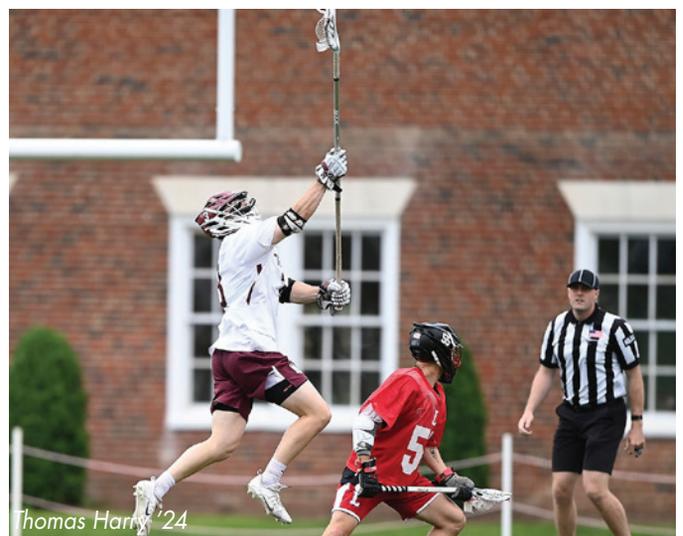
Connor Kilfeather '25



Ray O'Brien '24



Gaines Weis '25



Thomas Harry '24

Distance Track

- * **Most successful indoor and outdoor campaigns in the program's five-year history**
- * **New indoor 5,000-meter and outdoor 5,000-meter school record Kade Minton '25**
- * **New indoor mile and outdoor 1,500-meter school record Winston Ransone '26**
- * **New indoor and outdoor 800-meter school records Jackson Herndon '27**
- * **New 10,000-meter school record Kam Maldonado '27**
- * **New distance medley relay school record Haden VonCanon '27, Herndon, Ransone, Carter Burcham '24**

Hampden-Sydney Distance Track completed its most successful indoor and outdoor campaigns in the program's five-year history in 2024. The Tigers qualified five student-athletes in four events for the 2024 ODAC Indoor Track & Field Championships before qualifying five individuals in three events to the ODAC Outdoor Championships. In addition, new school records were established in eight individual events and one relay from among six team members.

Kade Minton '25 posted a school-record time of 16:19.47 in the indoor 5,000-meter run to finish 20th at the conference championships on February 25 in Salem, Virginia. Kade ran a school-record time of 16:17.01 in the outdoor 5,000 at the WildCat Track Festival on April 6 in Lynchburg, Virginia. **Winston Ransone '26** posted a school-record time of 4:40.22 in the indoor mile run to finish 15th at the conference championships. Winston ran a school-record time of 4:15.93 in the outdoor 1,500-meter run to finish 15th at the conference championships on April 27 in Bridgewater, Virginia. **Jackson Herndon '27** posted a school-record time of 2:01.92 in the indoor 800-meter run to finish 15th at the Indoor Pre-Nationals on February 10 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Jackson ran a school-record time of 1:58.35 in the outdoor 800 at the WildCat Invitational on April 20 in Lynchburg. **Carter Burcham '24** posted a school-record time of 9:31.52 in the indoor 3,000-meter run at the JDL Last Chance on February 17 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. **Kam Maldonado '27** posted a school-

record time of 36:17.96 in the outdoor 10,000-meter run to finish 20th at the conference championships. In addition, the distance medley relay consisting of Burcham (1200, 3:27.39), Haden VonCanon '27 (400, :55.40), Herndon (800, 2:06.62) and Ransone (1600, 4:45.72) posted a school-record time of 11:15.14 at the Indoor Pre-Nationals.

H-SC expects to return 11 of 13 team members for 2025, including each of the six involved who set new school records.



Tennis

- * **2023-24 ODAC Academic All-District® Tennis Team Dillon McReynolds '26**

Hampden-Sydney Tennis completed the 2024 season under the leadership of sixth-year head coach Byron Balkin with a 6-14 overall record and a 4-5 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) record to finish eighth in the league. The ODAC record was good enough to earn the eighth seed in the ODAC Men's Tennis Tournament, where the Tigers were beaten by the eventual tournament champions, Washington and Lee University in the quarterfinals.

Team members included **Nick Beaudoin '25, Barrett Foster '25, Taylor Fox '25, Matt Kendrick '25, Henry Singleton '25, Tanner Allison '26, Casey Coffey '26, John Glassner '26, Dillon McReynolds '26, Thomas Davis '27, and Ben Mays '27.**

Davis led the way in both singles and doubles in his first year on the Hill, posting team-high wins in both singles (10) and doubles (14). Also earning consistent playing time on the court were Fox, who ranked second on the team with 10 doubles wins and tied for second with eight singles wins; Singleton, who was tied for second with eight singles wins; Allison; Coffey; Kendrick; and McReynolds.

The Tigers earned one individual honor this season, as McReynolds was named to the 2023-24 Academic All-District® Tennis Team for his performance on the court, in the community, and the classroom.

"I am really proud of the effort our team put in this last season," said Balkin. "Our group competed hard and represented our beloved college with great honor and pride. With all of our players returning this year I am very excited about what is in store for next season including having five seniors and the addition of four new freshmen. Roll Tigers!"



Dillon McReynolds '26



Nick Beaudoin '25



Taylor Fox '25

Baseball

- * All-ODAC Third Team **Grayson Harris '25**, **Christian Lancaster '25**, **Jacob Williams '26**
- * ODAC Baseball Player of the Week April 15-21 **Jake Moore '27**

Hampden-Sydney College Baseball finished 2024 with a final record of 16-19 overall, including 9-13 in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC), for ninth place. The Tigers enjoyed a pair of three-game winning streaks during the season, and won five of their final seven games; however, and undoubtedly—the biggest highlight of the campaign was a thrilling 3-2 come-from-behind home win past the University of Lynchburg on March 28 on Yank Bernier Field at the Ty Cobb Ballpark-Wurdeman Stadium.

Lynchburg, the 2023 NCAA Division III National Champions and ranked 17th nationally at the time of this year's game, led 2-0 through five innings before H-SC rallied with two runs in the sixth inning and what proved to be the game-winning run in the seventh. In the sixth, **Grayson Harris '25** (3-4, RBI) led off with a double down the left field line and moved to third base when **Jaxon Masterson '25** (1-3) singled to center field. **Matthew Arnold '26** (3-4, RBI) followed with a run-scoring single to center field that scored Harris to make it 2-1. A sacrifice bunt by team captain **Christian Lancaster '25** (1-3) moved Masterson to third and Arnold to second, and Masterson crossed the plate on an RBI ground ball off the bat of **Tillman Butler '24** (RBI) to tie it at 2-2. In the decisive seventh, **Jack Wilson '26** drew a two-out walk and stole second base, scoring the winning run when Harris contributed a clutch and game-winning RBI single to left field to provide the home team with the final margin of victory. **Jackson Barnett '26** gained his first collegiate pitching win in relief, recording two outs, while allowing no hits and no runs with no strikeouts and no walks. **Alex Fitz-Hugh '26** earned the mound save with the final 2.0 shutout innings, allowing one hit with one strikeout and one walk against the visiting Hornets, who also advanced to this year's Division III World Series. **Sterling Austin '26** had started on the mound for the Tigers and pitched the first 6.0 solid innings, scattering seven hits and two runs, both earned, with three strikeouts and no walks.

Christian Lancaster was voted All-ODAC Third Team, and was also named a member of the 2024 Academic All-District® Baseball Team as selected by College Sports Communicators, along with Grayson Harris and **Jacob Williams '26**.



Jacob Williams '26



Christian Lancaster '25



Grayson Harris '25

Jake Moore '27 was named the ODAC Baseball Player of the Week for the period April 15-21.

Graduating team members include **Jack Bourdon '24**, **Lucas Burnette '24**, **Julian Franks-Pollock '24**, team captain **Trent Jones '24**, **Ryan Portes '24**, **Cameron Shields '24** and Tillman Butler. These seven outstanding young men led the program to 74 overall wins during their four years, including 44 ODAC wins. H-SC could return as many as 42 lettermen for 2025.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Scott Anderson '10



Walter "Shorty" Simms and Anderson

When **Scott Anderson '10** was being recruited to play college football, his choices came down to the University of Georgia and Hampden-Sydney College. The allure of playing big time college ball in Sanford Stadium as a preferred walk-on was pulling him to Athens until his father gave him some advice that he took to heart.

"My dad said 'If you go to Hampden-Sydney, you're going to do so much more than just eat, sleep, and play football,'" Anderson remembers. "And he was right."

As a Tiger, Anderson was a Hampden-Sydney Fire Department volunteer, Young Life leader, Student Senate chairman, Student Finance chair, and an economics major with a double minor in military leadership and national security studies and public service. He also played some pretty good football. The offensive lineman was part of the 2009 squad that went undefeated in Anderson's senior year.

All these years later, Anderson is still finding ways to do more thanks to Hampden-Sydney. Despite a busy career as vice president of sales and marketing with Luxfer Gas Cylinders and a busy home life with his wife, Caroline, who is a morning news anchor for Spectrum News 1 NC, and keeping up with their three-year-old son, Anderson has served

as president of the Alumni Board since 2021. His motivation is making sure that other alumni benefit from the nation's number three alumni network as much as he has.

"I can see how much opportunity the alumni network opened up for me," Anderson says. "It's been able to provide me and my family with a nice life, and I want to make sure that we strengthen our network so that we can put guys in the same position to succeed just like I was given a chance to."

It was a chance encounter with Rob DuPuis '84 on a rainy Sunday in Greensboro, North Carolina, that led Anderson to his career with Luxfer. While waiting for her parents at a restaurant, Anderson's wife, Caroline, noticed a gentleman wearing a Hampden-Sydney sweatshirt and encouraged Anderson to introduce himself. As chance would have it, DuPuis was the captain of the 1983 Tiger Football team and now an executive with Luxfer. He is also the father of current tiger football player Nate DuPuis '27. Anderson was surprised to get a call from DuPuis several months later offering him a position at Luxfer. Happy with his position as district manager with E. & J. Gallo Winery, Anderson wasn't looking to make a change.

Anderson's parents once again gave him a piece of good advice: call DuPuis back and hear him out. Before Anderson had the chance to call him back, DuPuis phoned him again the next day. "Good persistent Hampden-Sydney man," Anderson laughs. "Very, very thorough. He convinced me to come meet him for lunch in Greensboro again. That lunch was four and a half hours, and the rest is history. He really took me under his wing."

At Luxfer—a leading manufacturer of high pressure and aluminum composite cylinders for industries including alternative fuel, aerospace, firefighter SCBA, medical, and fire extinguishing—Anderson rose through the ranks. Starting as a salesman, Anderson joined DuPuis on the leadership team in 2021 as director of product management and marketing. In 2023, he was named vice president of sales and marketing.

"I never thought I'd do anything with firefighting after being a volunteer at Hampden-Sydney," Anderson says. "Now I'm calling on the biggest firefighting accounts in the world, and I've overseen several multi-year contracts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars in supplying cylinders to the fire extinguishing industry. It's been really rewarding."

Anderson connects much of his life now to experiences he had or people he met because of Hampden-Sydney, and he works hard to pass it forward.



Caroline, Prescott, and Scott Anderson

“It’s been an incredible journey, and it wouldn’t have been possible without Hampden Sydney,” Anderson says. “That story always makes me smile. It’s one of the reasons I love Hampden-Sydney, and why I want to try to do the same. So when I’m back on campus, it’s usually for a career fair or helping out with the Alumni Board.”

Anderson explains that the Alumni Board is responsible for the general welfare of the alumni network, uniting alumni in an effective organization that’s dedicated to the promotion of the College. A few ways the Board accomplishes this mission is through engagement, philanthropy, mentorship, and recruitment. The Board serves as a liaison between the College and alumni, communicating current events, news, and opportunities to engage. Additionally, the Board supports admission efforts, recruiting the next generation of Hampden-Sydney men, as well as supporting current students and alumni with career preparation and professional networking.

When asked how alumni can get involved with the Board, Anderson says, “We’re always looking for volunteers. Get connected with your regional alumni chapter. Participate in Giving Day or become a Founder if you have the means. Also, get back to campus. Alumni Weekend, football games, basketball games, Homecoming: they’re all great opportunities to relive your favorite Hampden-Sydney memories. Finally, just sharing Hampden-Sydney with people you meet does a lot for the College. Share posts on social media, connect a prospective student with admissions. It all helps.”

“It’s been really special for me,” Anderson says “Hampden-Sydney was always special, but giving back through the Alumni Board is the cherry on top.”

Anderson’s stewardship of the Alumni Board is emblematic of why Hampden-Sydney’s Alumni Network is ranked number three in the nation. With devoted servant leaders like Anderson, it’s only a matter of time before the network takes the top rank.

If you are interested in engaging with the College as a volunteer, visit alumni.hsc.edu to find opportunities.

GREEK LIFE UPDATE



Total Chapter Size: 4
Chapter GPA: 3.18
New class size: 1



Total Chapter Size: 26
Chapter GPA: 2.91
Volunteer Hours: 118
New class size: 4



Total Chapter Size: 47
Chapter GPA: 3.15
Volunteer Hours: 249.5
New class size: 6



Total Chapter Size: 49
Chapter GPA: 2.92
Volunteer Hours: 174
New class size: 12



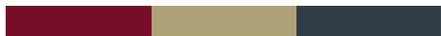
Total Chapter Size: 1
Chapter GPA: 3.32
New class size: 0



Total Chapter Size: 21
Chapter GPA: 2.85
Volunteer Hours: 30
New class size: 4



Total Chapter Size: 25
Chapter GPA: 2.55
Volunteer Hours: 171.5
New class size: 8



Total Chapter Size: 41
Chapter GPA: 2.79
Volunteer Hours: 95.5
New class size: 5



Total Chapter Size: 29
Chapter GPA: 2.92
Volunteer Hours: 40.5
New class size: 9



Total Chapter Size: 32
Chapter GPA: 2.86
New class size: 7



Total Chapter Size: 20
Chapter GPA: 2.91
New class size: 6



Total Chapter Size: 31
Chapter GPA: 2.91
Volunteer Hours: 296.5
New class size: 11

THE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Hampden-Sydney is partnering with Publishing Concepts (PCI) to compile and publish an oral history in commemoration of the College's 250th anniversary. You may have already received an email, postcard, and/or phone call from PCI asking for updated contact information and a story about your time on the Hill. You can also reach out until February 21, 2025 to the Hampden-Sydney College Update Line at 888-373-1214 or email customerservice@publishingconcepts.com to share your story. PCI will send you a personalized link for you to share your written story and photo. Visit hsc.edu/oral-history-project to learn more.



JANUARY 18, 2025

A memorial reception for Elliott Emeritus Professor of History and Wilson Center Teaching Fellow **Jim Simms** will be held on January 18, 2025, at 11 a.m. in Snyder Hall, Kirk Athletic Center. The family welcomes all those who wish to celebrate Dr. Simms' life to gather for a time of remembrance and fellowship.

PHOTO GALLERIES 2024



Commencement



Alumni Weekend

1970s

MIKE BAUGHAN '77 retired from his optometry practice on April 22, 2024, after 23 years of service to the citizens of Elizabeth City, North Carolina.



1980s

Dr. **MICHAEL ACKERMANN '80** has joined the Circular Genomics Scientific Advisory Board. He is founder/director for a number of investments and startups for Global Life Sciences and is based near Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



EDWARD OWENS '80, one of Hampden-Sydney's all-time great basketball players, was profiled in a March 28, 2024, *Richmond Free Press* article. Ed has served as mayor of South Boston, Virginia, since 2012 and is the owner of Ed Owens Insurance Agency in Halifax, Virginia.

JAY D. MITCHELL '85 was appointed to the Georgia State Use Council Board according to a January 18, 2024, Georgia governor's office press release. Jay is general counsel for Jackson Healthcare.

College Trustee **MICHAEL P. KEHOE '88** "has been appointed Chairman of the Board in addition to his role as Chief Executive Officer" of Kinsale Capital Group according to a company news release on January 5, 2024.

1990s

MARC W. POLLINA '90 published *The Boston Marathon Handbook* on February 6.

L. MARK STEPANIAN '93 will fill the seat of vice chair of the Virginia ABC Board of Directors reported on April 23, 2024, news release. Mark is former owner of Loveland Distributing Company, Inc. in Richmond and former chair of the Virginia Beer Wholesalers Association.

JEFFEREY BIEDERMANN, JR. '93 has been named to Morgan Stanley's Master's Club, "recognizing his consistent creativity and excellence in providing a wide range of investment products and wealth management services to clients."

STOVER HENRY "HANK" CREASY IV '93 has been named senior vice president and chief legal officer at Centra in Lynchburg, Virginia, according to an April 26, 2024, company press release.

ANDREW SHERROD '96, partner/attorney with Hirschler in Richmond, Virginia, has been accepted for membership into the International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC), a highly selective, invitation-only network of approximately 2,500 attorneys and insurance executives worldwide.

JD JORDAN '99 recently qualified and is the Democratic nominee running for Georgia's 56th state Senate district to represent the North Atlanta suburbs of East Cobb, Roswell, and Woodstock. He was motivated to run for office by recent government overreach that restricted the healthcare access of his LGBTQ-identifying children. JD is an awesome dad, killer novelist, design unicorn, and cancer survivor who believes he can translate his experience as a user-centered product designer to bring everyone in his district "regardless of ideology" the best possible constituent experience so they feel heard, valued, and supported. Since H-SC, JD's become a veteran visual and user-experience design leader with experience with some of the biggest agencies, consultancies, and brands in the country. He was co-founder of the #1 Clutch-ranked UX agency, J+E Creative, and is currently a partner at the omni-channel experience design agency, Sharpen Partners. He's the author of the acclaimed novel, *Calamity*, an occasional contributor to *Newsweek* and

Paste, and an experienced design educator and public speaker. JD taught UX design at General Assembly, The Creative Circus, and The Atlanta College of Art. He also taught history at the University of Georgia.



JD JORDAN '99

GEORGE "TOBY" ALBRIGHT III '99 has joined D.A. Davidson as managing director in investment banking according to a February 1, 2024, Washington Business Wire release.

2000s

JOHN W. HANNA, JR. '01 was appointed President/CEO of CareDX, Inc. according to an April 16, 2024, Business Wire release.

STUART P. WINSTON '03 has been promoted to senior vice president and chief underwriting officer of Kinsale Capital Group per a company news release on January 5, 2024.

CHRISTIAN WHITE '03 has been named Birmingham market executive at the Regions Bank headquarters. He will also serve as Commercial Banking District director for the Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida Panhandle markets. The news was reported in a January 8, 2024, article on *Doing More Today*.

KRIS HILSCHER '04 is now a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers (AAML). The AAML is an elite group of family law attorneys selected based on their proficiency in negotiating and litigating family law matters. Fellowship is reserved for attorneys with the highest possible standards. Kris is one of only 38 fellows in North Carolina.



RANDY REVERCOMB '81, BOB JOHNSON '78, LEIGH HUFF '79, BILL "STEVI" STEPHENSON '81, DAVID "DABO" NOFTSINGER '81, and JIM WEAVER '81 (pictured left to right) gathered for a golf getaway at Stevi's Roaring Gap, North Carolina, home the weekend of October 14, 2023. "A total of 12 gentlemen attended," Bob says, "including others from Roanoke, however, the Tigers in attendance accounted for the majority of the stories and laughs."

2010s

MATTHEW '10 and **LISA COMPTON** welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on September 5, 2023.



MATTHEW COMPTON '10 FAMILY

Dr. **JOHN B. "DEVIN" WATSON '06** has recently separated from active duty in the U.S. Air Force (USAF) after nearly 14 years. He was most recently a troop commander and chief surgeon for the USAF's first vascular surgery humanitarian mission. He and his family will be moving to Roanoke, Virginia, where Devin will be starting a vascular surgery practice at Lewis Gale Medical Center.



JOHN B. "DEVIN" WATSON '06

JAMES SAMUEL COREY '08 was named president/chief investment officer of CSC Leasing Company according to a February 5, *Yahoo! Finance* article.



Dr. **BARRETT W. R. PETERS '02** and **CHRIS SCHICKLING '01** serendipitously crossed paths while attending a conference in Miami on private equity in healthcare. Chris is a managing director of private equity and mergers and acquisitions with Gallagher in Nashville, Tennessee, and Barrett, while remaining clinically active in Charlottesville, Virginia, serves as a venture capital scout with Hoplite Healthcare and is pursuing graduate studies in product and health care innovation at VCU da Vinci Center.

CLASS NOTES

JOSHUA B. HAMILTON '12 married **CARLY GREENLIEF** on March 23, 2024, in Warrenton, Virginia. Carly is a graduate of Lynchburg College and works as a teacher in Fairfax County. Joshua is an IT Associate at Ankura Consulting. The couple currently resides in Leesburg, Virginia, with their son, Luke, and their two dogs. Tiger in attendance (far right): Cam Adams '12

GENERAL '12 and **MATTIE JENKINS** welcomed General Dakota Jenkins Jr. on June 29, 2023. The family resides in Bedford, Virginia.



GENERAL JENKINS '12 FAMILY

TAYLOR '12 and **MARY WARREN** welcomed their first child, Hunter Alexandra, on March 7, 2024. Taylor is a CFP® practitioner for Concentric Wealth Partners, and the family resides in Richmond, Virginia.



TAYLOR WARREN '12 FAMILY



HAMILTON-GREENLIEF WEDDING



BRINSON WHITE II '13 FAMILY

BRINSON C. WHITE, II '13 and his wife **LIBBY** welcomed their second daughter, Ann Carter White on January 10, 2024. The family resides in Lynchburg, Virginia.

TOM DRURY '14 will serve as Southeast Regional Sales Manager at Finish Thompson per a January 30, 2024, Accesswire article.

MICHAEL GOAD '13 will step down as academic dean at Fork Union Military Academy at the end of this school year to accept a role as an executive at Superior Signs. The news was reported in a March 11, 2024, Fork Union Military Academy article.



HOPKINS-WOLFGANG WEDDING

WILL HOPKINS '16 married **MEGAN WOLFGANG** on August 5, 2023, at St. Peter's Pro-Cathedral with a reception at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia.

ZACHARY BOYD MIKSOVIC '17 married **PAIGE CHRISTINE SHANNON** on December 31st 2023 in Charlottesville, VA. Zach and Paige currently reside on the Upper West Side in New York, NY. Tigers in attendance included (l to r) **Brandon Reilly '17, Ryan Kluk '17, Andrew Marshall '17, Harold Willis Jr. '16, Stephen Ruane '17, Kevin Trapp '17,** and **Bill Chapman '89.**

JACK TRIGG '18 transitioned to a new role as associate financial advisor with the Lipscomb, Gregory & Young Group of Davenport & Co. according to a February 5, 2024, Richmond Times-Dispatch article.

2020s

BEN ANDERSON '20 was promoted to senior associate at Collier's in Norfolk per a March 14, 2024, company press release.

CHASE J. OVERTON '21 has joined Guidehouse, a global business consulting and services company with headquarters in McLean, Virginia, as a data scientist-consultant. Overton earned a Master of Science degree in commerce-business analytics from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia in 2022 and previously worked as a risk and compliance consultant at Protiviti in McLean.



MIKSOVIC-SHANNON WEDDING



PRESTON ROWE '19, K. RILEY PETERS '19, and **JASPER GREEN '19** are attempting to navigate modern content creation. The *Trash Talk Tailgate* is their flagship football media platform, hosted on Youtube. They do entertaining short videos, edited videos, and livestreams featuring a D1 football coach (Preston Rowe '19) and entertaining personalities. The *Trash*

Talk Tailgate hopes to present top-notch football content and accurate analysis in a landscape that is littered with dry and often wrong coverage. Stop by the *Tailgate* and hangout!

OBITUARIES

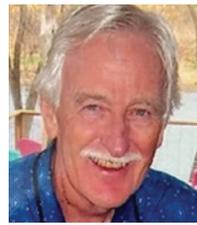
1950s

SIDNEY STERLING NEBLETT '51 died on March 7, 2024. Sterling studied at Hampden-Sydney College, where he was a member of the track team and a Lambda Chi Alpha brother, before joining the Marines in 1948.



Sidney entered the Naval Air Training program at Pensacola, Florida, in 1951 and received his wings in June 1953, flying with the Marines as a second lieutenant. While serving a tour of duty in South Korea, his Douglas AD-4B Skyraider had engine failure, and he was forced to make an emergency landing in a rice paddy. At the end of the Korean War, in 1954, he flew a top-secret clearance mission from Atsugi, Japan. After leaving active duty, Sidney continued his education at the University of Southern California, receiving his Bachelor of Science in geology in 1959 and his Master of Science in geology in 1967. He continued flying in the Marine Reserves until retiring in 1965 as a captain in the United States Marines Corps. In 1964, Sidney began his career as an engineering geologist with certifications in Orange and Los Angeles counties and was certified as a dually Registered Geologist in both California and Idaho. In April 1976, he was named executive vice president of Pacific Soils Engineering. He developed a reputation within the earthwork construction industry as a specialist in problem solving during mass grading operations and difficult landslides studies. He later became president of Pacific Soils Engineering and retired as president, director, and chief financial officer in 1995. In 1997, Sidney founded Neblett & Associates, Inc., a consulting engineers and geologist company. Sidney served as president until retiring in 2009 at the age of 80. Over the years Sterling enjoyed flying his Cessna 182; building his home in Lake Tahoe, California; and vacationing at his condo in Maui, Hawaii. He enjoyed traveling, cruising with family and friends, and opening his OPA home to many charitable events. Sterling enjoyed attending Marine Aviation reunions and USC football games. Sterling is survived by his loving wife, Dorothy; two stepchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Dr. **BENJAMIN RIVERS OGBURN '52** died on March 14, 2024. A Chi Phi brother and member of the Glee Club, Ben graduated from Hampden-Sydney before continuing his education at the Medical College of Virginia, where he



obtained his medical degree. He set up a family medicine practice in Lawrenceville, Virginia, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy to become a flight surgeon. Ben always had a love for flying, and through his service as a flight surgeon, he was able to obtain his private pilot license. He enjoyed traveling the world and completed cruises on the USS Ticonderoga (CVA-14) and USS Saratoga (CVA-60), where he traveled throughout the Mediterranean and the Far East. Ben completed a residency in psychiatry at Duke University and later worked as a psychiatrist at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Gainesville, Florida, and with the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee, Florida. He remained in the Naval Reserves while working as a psychiatrist. He continued his Naval career on active duty with service in Pensacola, Florida (Naval Hospital, NAMI), Brunswick, Maine (VP-44), and London (US Navy Clinic). Ben will be remembered by the way he cared for those he loved and his sense of humor. Ben was a true Southern gentleman and was always the first to support his family and friends. He was an avid runner and completed three marathons. He loved outdoor activities including golf, tennis, skiing, hiking, and observing nature. He also loved to share his homes and a good bottle of wine with friends. Ben is survived by one son, two stepdaughters, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Dr. **MELVIN DAVIS CHILDERS, JR. '54** died on February 5, 2024. A *Tiger* staffer, tennis team member, and Sigma Chi brother, he graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a B.S. in chemistry and then received his medical



degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1958. In 1959, he spent the summer at the Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He then served his internship at Roanoke Memorial Hospital. He served his residency in ophthalmology in New Orleans at Louisiana State University at Charity Hospital in 1962. In 1965, he completed the Certified American Board of

Ophthalmology. He served as the president of the Charlotte Ophthalmology Society and chief of service at Presbyterian and Mercy Hospitals. He was the first ophthalmologist in Charlotte, North Carolina, to perform outpatient cataract surgery with intraocular lens implantation at Presbyterian Hospital, and he also performed the first radial keratotomy for nearsightedness. He was a member of the American Keratorefractive Society and the American Intraocular Lens Society. He was also a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. His surgical specialty was in cataract extraction and the implant of intraocular lenses. He practiced medicine for over 39 years. He enjoyed playing the piano; fishing in Santee Cooper, South Carolina; and tarpon and sail fishing in Sarasota, Florida. He also enjoyed playing tennis and golf as a member of both Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, and The Oaks Club in Osprey, Florida, where he retired. He also enjoyed traveling at home and abroad. But, most of all, he enjoyed and loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Peggy; his daughter; and three grandsons.

JOHN WIMBISH CRADDOCK '55 died on April 14, 2024. A Pi Kappa Alpha brother and *Kaleidoscope* staffer, John graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a Bachelor of Arts and then returned to Lynchburg,



Virginia, to work for Mason and Lee as a financial advisor. Upon the onset of Covid, he retired from Baird at the age of 87 years old. He loved both his colleagues and his clients, most of whom he worked with for decades. He served on the NASDAQ board and was an elder at First Presbyterian Church, where he was a lifelong member. John was an avid sports fan from his early childhood days of listening to the Cincinnati Reds on the radio to following all UVA sports. He loved crosswords, geography, working on puzzles with his family at North Litchfield Beach, picnics on the Parkway, traveling with friends, and spending time with family. He is survived by his three children—**Clay Craddock '84** and **John Craddock '81**—four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

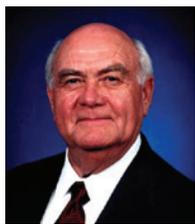
ROBERT FRENCH ROBERTS III '55



died on February 28, 2024. Robert attended Hampden-Sydney, where he was a brother of Chi Phi; served in the United States Army; and was a member of the Charlotte County Ruritans. He

worked at Spaulding Equipment Company for many years. After his retirement, he enjoyed fishing, bowling, dancing, and working in his yard. He also loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Robert is survived by his wife of 53 years, Anneliese; five children; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CHARLES GORDON BAGGETT '56



died on February 29, 2024. Charlie proudly served his country in the Korean War as a marine with Howe Company and saw extensive combat and survived the Battle of Bloody Ridge,

which he described to his daughters by simply saying "several hundred went up the hill and days later only a handful came back down." He wrote a book of his experiences titled *Rite of Passage: The Korean War Through the Lens of a Young U.S. Marine*. Upon completion of service, he attended Hampden-Sydney College, where he became a Pi Kappa Alpha brother, and then completed his studies in advertising with what is now Virginia Commonwealth University. He began his career in advertising with Sears in Richmond, Virginia, before transferring to Travelers Insurance and moving to Houston, where both daughters were born. Upon returning to Richmond, his career evolved to a position in the Correspondence Division of what was then United Virginia Bank (now Truist). He remained with the bank until he retired and relished many aspects of the opportunities his role offered. Charlie had many interests and committed fully to everything he pursued. He had an unending love of learning, an appreciation of beauty and nature, and found joy in debate and philosophical discussions. Community, friendship, and service were highly valued, and we remember the many interests and associations Charlie enjoyed. He served as president of Richmond Gentry, Three-Chopt Recreation, and the Sleepy Hollow Civic Association. The list of his accomplishments does not effectively reflect the caliber and breadth of his life. Charlie was authentic in every aspect; loved his country;

and valued honesty, integrity, and loyalty. These values and strengths were instilled in his children and grandson and leave a lasting legacy for a life well lived. He is survived by his loving wife of 77 years, Jo; one daughter; and one grandson.

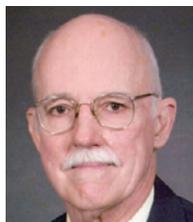
WARREN B. CARTER '57



died on January 17, 2024. A Kappa Alpha brother and member of the basketball and baseball teams, Warren graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a Bachelor of Science. He leaves a lifetime of

memories for his family and friends. He was known as a gentle giant, showing love, kindness, and generosity. He loved God, his family, friends, and people in general. He made and maintained friends from all walks of life. He taught and coached at West Point, John Marshall, and Douglas Freeman high schools. After retiring from coaching and teaching, he worked part time at Burkwood Swim & Racquet Club and enjoyed going out to breakfast with his work buddies. He was a three-time hall of fame inductee who enjoyed going to ball games, fishing, hunting, and driving on country roads in his truck. Warren is survived by his wife, Nell; two daughters; four stepchildren; four grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

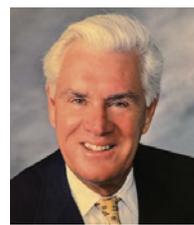
Rev. Dr. **JOHN ELLIOTTE HARWOOD,**



JR. '58 died on April 3, 2024. A Theta Chi brother, John graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts from Hampden-Sydney. He served for 41 years as a

United Methodist Minister with the Virginia and North Carolina United Methodist Conference before retiring in 2002. Following retirement, he was an educator at Strayer University and Alamance Community College for eight years. John's motivation throughout his life was to care for others, shown first in ministry to his congregations and, after he retired, in teaching his community college students the critical thinking skills that would benefit them in whatever paths their lives took. John was an avid nature lover and photographer and enjoyed capturing nature in pictures. He also loved music, playing the piano, and collecting fountain pens. John is survived by his wife of 51 years, Gail; two children; four grandchildren; and brother **Scott Harwood '65**.

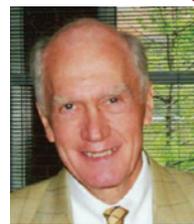
PETER T. MCKINNEY '57



died on March 21, 2024. A Sigma Chi brother, Pete graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and the Wharton School of Business before building a career on Wall Street, retiring from

Oppenheimer and Company in 1997. He was a member of the Sea Bright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club in Rumson, New Jersey, and The Seabright Beach Club in Sea Bright, New Jersey. He was an avid tennis and paddle tennis player, swimmer, and sailor. He is survived by his wife, Sigrid; three children—**Ted McKinney '86**—and six grandchildren.

SUMNER R. PUGH, JR. '57



died on April 19, 2024. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and then received a Masters of Education from Longwood College. He was principal of Gloucester County High

School and Page County High School. He was manager for the Virginia Employment Commission for the region of Southside Virginia. He was a long-time member of the Lions Club, where he twice served as president. He was a devoted lifelong member of the Episcopal church serving on the vestry of Johns Memorial including senior warden. He enjoyed the camaraderie of his bridge friends, working in his garden, playing tennis, and traveling. Sumner is survived by his wife of 67 years, Patty; three children; two grandchildren—**Sumner Riddick Pugh IV '11**—and two great grandchildren.

MALCOLM REESE MYERS '57

died on December 24, 2023. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney with a B.S. degree, he entered the Navy, where he proudly served his country. An exceptional manager, Malcolm served as president, CEO, and then chairman of Cloyes Gear and Products, Inc. He also served as a director of Fairfield-Arkansas Community Land Corporation and director of Standard Products Company in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, he was a lifetime trustee of both University School and Hampden-Sydney College. After retirement, he went back to sea on cruise ships, visiting each continent and developing friendships around the world. He avidly enjoyed fishing in the fresh waters of Canada and the world's oceans. He was also a huge Cleveland Browns and Guardians fan, as well as an Ohio State Buckeye fan. He is

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survived by two children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

PHILIP COLEMAN DAVIS '58



died on March 28, 2024. A Sigma Chi brother, he graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1958. After teaching school in rural Virginia, he entered the Medical College of Virginia and graduated in 1964. After an internship at the Medical College of Virginia, he completed his residency in gynecology and obstetrics at Emory University and Grady Memorial Hospital from 1965 to 1968. He served in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1968 to 1970, reaching the rank of major. He returned to Atlanta from 1970 to 1972, completing a fellowship in gynecologic oncology at Emory University. In 1972, he moved to Asheville, North Carolina, and joined Asheville OB-GYN Associates and subsequently Campbell-Davis GYN Associates. He was a member of The American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and The South Atlantic Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology. As president of the Western Carolina Medical Society in 1991, he was one of the founders of Project Access, which to date has served over 15,000 uninsured and underserved patients, providing a savings of over \$50 million dollars. Because of his work with Project Access, he was presented with the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Physician Community Award in Las Vegas in May 1997. He was named the Outstanding Physician Teacher by MAHEC in June 1997. Philip is survived by two children and three grandchildren.

NATHANIEL P. NEBLETT '58



died on March 5, 2024. Nat attended Hampden-Sydney College before graduating from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in architecture in 1960. He served on active duty as an officer in the United States Coast Guard from 1960 through 1964 and retired from the Coast Guard Reserve with the rank of commander in 1981. He was employed as an architect with various firms in Virginia from 1964 through 1974, worked for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., from 1974 to 1980, and concluded his

career in the field of historic restoration as a private consultant. Concurrent with his pursuit of private practice, he earned a master's degree in planning from the University of Virginia in 1985. He was appointed chairman of the Fort Christanna Site Planning Commission by the county board of supervisors and oversaw the development of the site as a scenic attraction. He completed a detailed survey to certify downtown Lawrenceville as a historic center and was involved in other projects associated with efforts to revitalize downtown. He was also active in many community affairs in his retirement, including serving on the board of the Southside Senior Citizens' Center for over 20 years. Nat was a faithful member of Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church and served as a lay minister there for several years, during which time he took divinity courses at Duke University. He also preached at Ogden Chapel, a Presbyterian church in rural Brunswick County, for many years. Nat was tireless in his efforts to ensure the welfare of his intellectually disabled son Nathaniel, founding a non-profit group home, Hebron, in 1984 that housed Nathaniel and, for a time, three other intellectually disabled adults. Nat will be remembered as an accomplished man and devout Christian. He possessed a tremendous intellect and had great compassion for the welfare of people and animals alike. He will be greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him. Nat is survived by two sons and one granddaughter.

1960s

WILLIAM G. BENSON '60



died on March 12, 2024. After turning down offers to play football at William & Mary and the Air Force Academy, Bill accepted an offer to Hampden-Sydney, where he was a four-year starter and All-American running back. He also set the state record for the 100-yard dash, which he held for several years. Bill started his career as a teacher and head football coach at Jefferson High School in Roanoke, Virginia, followed by many years working for Texaco and C&J Oil Company. In Richmond, Virginia, Bill worked for and retired from Blue Cross and the Bureau of Insurance at the State Corporation Commission. He was an avid fan of UVA football and spent many a weekend in Charlottesville, Virginia, or wherever UVA was playing. Bill is survived by two children, three stepchildren, eight grandchildren, six step-

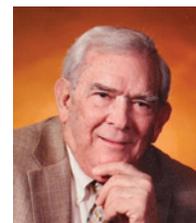
grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

Dr. HAWES CAMPBELL III '60



died on January 18, 2024. After graduating from Hampden-Sydney College, he earned his postgraduate degree at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Campbell was one of those physicians who knew from a very early age that he would spend his life practicing medicine. Hawes served as a captain in the Army Medical Corps in Korea. He spent the majority of his career practicing as a general practitioner in Yorktown, Virginia, joining the practice of Drs. Rives Bailey and Ken Joyner, later becoming TPMG. Dr. Campbell's office hours were when he was awake, always ready to remove an errant fishhook from a young patient or a splinter from a barefoot bather. The Yorktown and Gloucester Point population benefitted from his caring and expertise for many years and remain grateful for his contributions to those communities. There was just something special about being in the hands of the "Doc." He is survived by his wife, Candy; two children, and two grandchildren.

Dr. BENJAMIN M. CROWDER '60



died on March 2, 2024. A Kappa Alpha brother at Hampden-Sydney, Ben graduated from the University of Florida undergrad and medical school. Ben was an ophthalmologist in Winter Haven, Florida, for nearly 50 years. He loved being a doctor, his family and friends, and the Florida Gators. He also attended Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. Ben served as an officer in the U.S. Navy for two years. He served on the board of trustees of the Winter Haven Hospital and as chair of the hospital surgical section. Ben is survived by his wife Ellie; two sons; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WAYNE COMMIE McLEAN '60



died on February 19, 2024. Wayne received an athletic scholarship to play baseball and football at Hampden-Sydney, where he received his bachelor's degree with an emphasis in business. In 1961, Wayne was scouted and

signed by the Detroit Tigers to play professional baseball as a catcher, which he did for several years including with the Durham Bulls and the Duluth-Superior Dukes. After leaving professional baseball, Wayne worked for Texaco for over 20 years, finally stepping down to start his own successful petroleum and home heating oil business, WACO, Inc., in the early 1980s. His skills as an entrepreneur included multiple real estate developments in Northern Virginia, all of which reflected his excellence and acumen in the field of business. Though he wore many hats professionally, Wayne's favorite was being dad to his three daughters, who were his greatest source of love, pride, and joy. His love for the outdoors was evident in his lifelong enjoyment of hunting with friends and family, most memorably, quail hunting with his loyal dog-companion Buster. He also enjoyed decades of riding, showing, and training registered quarter horses, culminating in leading Zippos Social Bar to become the AQHA Two-Year Old Grand Champion of the Year. He loved playing golf and range-shooting and did so regularly until recent years. Wayne is survived by his daughters, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

EDWARD KIRKWOOD GODSEY, JR. '61



died on March 22, 2024. A member of the Student Assembly, Edward graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 1961 with a Bachelor of Science and then earned his master's degree from

the College of William & Mary in 1974. He taught at Barron Fundamental School, retiring as a fourth-grade teacher in 1994. An avid coin collector, he also enjoyed shooting pool and reading books. He was a member of the National Educator's Association and the American Federation of Teachers. Edward is survived by his daughter and two grandchildren.

WAYNE A. MORRISON '64 died on December 25, 2023. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother and *Tiger* staffer, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampden-Sydney and his Master of Arts degree from George Washington University. He was employed for many years at the Office of Personnel Management in Washington, D.C. After retirement he lived in Wake Forest, North Carolina, for several years, where he volunteered extensively at the local Boy's and Girl's Club and for Meals on Wheels. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; his step-

daughter; and three grandchildren.

RICHARD RIDDICK HARRELL '66 died on



April 13, 2024. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother while at H-SC, Richard owned and operated Suffolk Forest Products for over 30 years. He served on Suffolk City Council and was actively involved in his community, including the Suffolk Jaycees. Richard enjoyed golf, fishing, time at Nags Head and Topsail beaches with family and friends, Yankees baseball, and flying a plane to horse races. Richard loved to tell a good story and laugh all the way through. He especially loved chocolate cake. Richard will be celebrated for his love of family, kindness and never-ending sense of humor. Richard is survived by his wife, Nora; three children; and eight grandchildren.

PETER B. SMITH '66 died on March 15,



2024. Pete earned a Bachelor of Arts from Hampden-Sydney in 1966, followed by a law degree from the University of Richmond. He served his entire career as senior counsel

of the State Corporation Commission of Virginia until his retirement in 2008. Pete is survived by his daughter and grandsons.

1970s

THOMAS C. TRINKLE '71 died on



February 29, 2024. A Sigma Chi brother at Hampden-Sydney College, Tommy graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in business, finance,

banking, and real estate. He was always proud of the fact that he put himself through college. Making that last college payment years after graduation was a day of celebration. After graduation, Tommy initially went into the banking business, then real estate development, and finally property management. He was president and owner of Trinkle and Associates, Inc. for 45 years. His company managed very successful apartment complexes from Wise to Clifton Forge. He was still going into the office just days before his passing. His happiest times were spent at his Smith Mountain Lake vacation

house, whether sitting on the dock with friends or out on the water in his boat. His favorite times were filling the house with friends and their kids and grandkids. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Stuart.

JERRY DALE MILLS '71 died on

January 5, 2024. At Hampden-Sydney, Jerry was a Sigma Chi brother and member of Eta Sigma Phi honor society. After graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Jerry worked for the commonwealth as a parole officer until retiring in 2004. During retirement, he enjoyed several years of driving the school bus for York County Public Schools. Jerry loved his family and watching his boys play sports. He never knew a stranger and was never afraid to spark up a debate. He really enjoyed finding common Virginia heritage in anyone he talked to. Jerry is survived by his wife, Deena; three sons; and three grandchildren.

CHARLES MICHAEL JOHNSON '73 died on

April 19, 2024. A member of the *Garnet* and Eta Sigma Phi honor fraternity, Mike graduated from Hampden-Sydney in 1973 and Indiana University in 1978. Mike retired from public affairs with the U.S. Army Cadet Command. He is survived by his brothers—**Bob Johnson '77** and **Mark Johnson '84**—and nephew **Casey Johnson '14**. His father was the late **Robert M. Johnson '53**.

LEWIS R. WRENN '75 died on



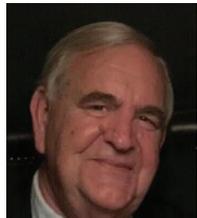
September 27, 2023. Rusty attended Hampden-Sydney and the University of Miami, where he studied oceanography. From an early age, Rusty was drawn to the great

outdoors, where he developed his passion for tennis, golf, fishing, and boating. He was always most happy on the water and spent many summers with his family at the river. Shortly after school, Rusty began his career in landscape design with an emphasis on golf courses. One of his early successes was the significant landscaping renovation of the practice facility at TPC Sawgrass. In the late 1990's Rusty worked as a yoga instructor for Bikram Choudhury at his famous studio in Los Angeles, teaching many celebrities of the day. By the early 2000's Rusty returned to his landscaping career in Encinitas, California, where he made his home for the last 20 years. Charismatic and genuine, Rusty was known for his ability to strike up a conversation with anyone and for his avid love of reading, history,

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travel, and outdoor adventure. His personality, friendship, humor and ever-present smile will be sorely missed. Rusty is survived by his mother, sisters, step-brother, and grandparents.

JAMES BRIAN O'HARA '76



died on January 16, 2024. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney, where he played football, majored in history, and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. Jim began his

sports journalism career as a sportswriter for *The Farmville Herald*. Upon moving to Georgia, he worked at *The Carrollton Times* and finally at *The Rome News-Tribune* for over 20 years, where he became the sports editor. Jim covered the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, multiple Super Bowls, and World Series; and participated in multiple Atlanta Braves locker room celebrations. A graduate of Leadership Rome, he served as a Heisman Trophy Award voter, longtime member of ALTA Georgia, Rome High School substitute teacher, and was the Shorter University Athletics Department public relations coordinator, and Berry College interim coordinator. He worked at the Rome Braves as an official Major League Baseball scorekeeper for many years through 2023. Jim spent his entire life reading, watching or volunteer coaching almost every sport, discussing history, enjoying the beach, and singing. He had a glorious Irish tenor voice, singing with the St Mary's Catholic Church choir and at weddings and funerals for decades. He loved all music, especially rock from the '60s and '70s. He loved going to live concerts. He had a remarkable memory and loved history—especially military history—and was able to visit Normandy, France. He loved going to high school and college reunions and stayed in touch with scores of his buddies. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Patricia; two sons; and four grandchildren.

THOMAS BRYAN WALKER '77



died on April 21, 2024. His love of the H-SC Tigers ran deep, never missing a Homecoming game or celebration with his Kappa Alpha brothers. Coupled with his passion for H-SC, he purchased

land in nearby Prospect, Virginia, affectionately known as Dog Hill. It became his sanctuary, a place for fellowship, and a place for lifelong memories for people of all walks of life. After college Tom worked in the construction and

real estate industries, eventually forming and operating two successful businesses: Walker-Hudson Construction and Walker Realty. Tom's zest for life carried him to fill many roles, and his life was enriched by the countless services he selflessly performed. Tom was a dedicated member and past president of the South Richmond Rotary Club. He embodied their motto "service above self," earning one of their highest awards, The Golden Spur. Tom's philosophy of unselfish volunteer service through Rotary helped to provide humanitarian aid to local and international communities. Tom was also a board president at the Sacred Heart Center of Richmond, board member of North Star Academy, and active member and past president of the Richmond Property Owners Association. Greater than all of his life accomplishments was his unwavering love for his family. His family and friends are left to cherish many memories and lessons learned on Dog Hill, boat rides at the river, family holidays, tailgates, and numerous church and Rotary events. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Roslyn; three children—**Louis Walker '05**—and six grandchildren.

GORDON CONDON "GORDY" LEE '79



died on Friday, February 2, 2024. At Hampden-Sydney, Gordy was a brother of Chi Phi and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry. Gordy was a loyal and deeply valued

employee of Revcar Fasteners, now Würth Revcar Fasteners. Gordy had a keen wit, a ready laugh, and an appreciation for both the treasures and absurdities of life. He was a gifted woodworker and possessed remarkable savvy about all things in the realm of technology. Many an evening stirred wonder and gratitude for Gordy Lee as he watched the sun glide behind the blue Alleghenies from his foothills home near Bonsack. Gordy is survived by his partner, Susan.

GERALD MICHAEL "MIKE" PACE, JR. '79



died on January 8, 2024. At Hampden-Sydney, he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and co-captain of the golf team. He earned a Juris Doctorate from

Washington & Lee University School of Law in 1984. In his career, Mike was most proud of his work in creating the Virginia Law Foundation/Virginia Bar Association Rule of Law Project,

which has focused on partnering judges, lawyers, and teachers with middle- and high school students to teach them the importance of the rule of law as the basis of the rights and freedoms we enjoy so they will become active and engaged citizens as adults. This led to co-founding the Center for Teaching the Rule of Law at Roanoke College with his close friend H. Timothy Isaacs. In addition to his work with the Rule of Law Project, Mike was a former managing partner at Gentry Locke. He served on the boards of LEAD Virginia, the Business Leadership Fund, the Business Council, the Roanoke Regional Partnership, SunTrust Advisory Board, and other civic and charitable boards. He was a former trustee of Hampden-Sydney College and a past president of the Hampden-Sydney College Alumni Association. He served as an adjunct professor at Roanoke College and Washington and Lee University School of Law, where he founded a practicum for third-year law students that is now implemented statewide. Mike was a member of The Virginia Bar Association (2008 president), the Virginia State Bar, the Roanoke Bar Association (2000-2001 president), the American Bar Association, the National Conference of Bar Presidents, and a member and a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. He was also a fellow of the American Bar Foundation and the Roanoke Law Foundation. Mike was a member of the National Council for the Social Studies, the Virginia Council for the Social Studies, and the Virginia Consortium of Social Studies Specialists and College Educators. Mike is survived by his wife of 39 years, Nancy; two daughters; his younger brother, **Jon Pace '82**; and nephew, **Jack Pace '18**.

1980s

KEVIN LEE BEALE '80



died on January 18, 2024. Kevin graduated from Hampden-Sydney, where he served as treasurer of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and earned a Bachelor of Arts in managerial economics.

He owned and ran his own medical supply company for 44 years and served as chairman of the Virginia Arthritis Foundation. Kevin was a passionate tennis player starting at Kanawha and captaining many USTA teams as well as CCV's Club Challenge team. Following his transplant, he became a pickle ball enthusiast. Among his favorite places was Bon Harbors where he spent summers with close friends who became family. Kevin never met a stranger,

always had time for everyone, never failed to assign you a nickname, and had a G-D great sense of humor. Kevin's roles as husband, father, and grandfather were the ones he cherished most deeply. He is survived by his beloved wife of 38 years, Beth; two daughters; and one grandson.

GORDON E. BURKS III '81 died on



January 9, 2024. At Hampden-Sydney, he was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha. Gordon loved golf, a good cup of coffee, spending time at both Ocean Isle Beach and on the shores of the

Rappahannock River, and maintaining the nicest lawn you have ever seen. He had a green thumb; a warm heart; a positive attitude; a loving, goofy sense of humor; and an eager smile. He loved to tell stories, watch movies, listen to yacht rock, and could strike up a genuine conversation with anyone he met. Gordon is survived by his beloved wife, Nita; two children; and three grandchildren.

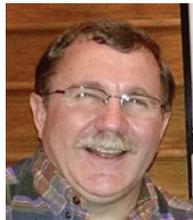
WILLIAM SCOTT CAMPBELL III '82



died on April 4, 2024. Scott graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and West Virginia University Law School. He worked as a litigator for several law firms during his career,

including Jackson Kelly of Charleston, West Virginia; Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and most recently was working for the Charleston office of the Virginia Beach-based law firm Samuel I. White PC. He enjoyed collaborating with and mentoring colleagues throughout his career. Scott inherited his fierce loyalty to family from his mother and his love of reading, kindness, and sense of humor from his father. He loved the beach, especially the Outer Banks of North Carolina, where he vacationed as a young child and later with his own children. Scott loved music, especially jazz and Jimmy Buffet. Scott adored his children and stayed engaged and interested in anything they liked whether it was their love of animals or shooting baskets. Scott loved sports. His favorite lullabies were listening to NBA or MLB games. He was a long-time West Virginia Mountaineer Football fan and Pittsburgh Steelers and Penguins fan, having lived in Pittsburgh for six years. He also had a passion for the Yankees. Scott is survived by his two children.

GREGORY KENT NEAL '83 died on



March 12, 2024. Greg graduated from Hampden-Sydney with a degree in mathematics. Following his graduation, Greg embarked on a successful career in the information technology

field. He dedicated 35 years to Media General/BH Media and in 2019 joined Patient First as a senior network engineer. Greg exhibited unwavering commitment and professionalism in his work, always going above and beyond to fulfill his responsibilities. Greg will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor and infectious laughter that brightened the lives of those around him. He was a devoted son and brother who took care of his family with unwavering love and dedication until his last day. Greg will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy of kindness, dedication, and laughter will continue to live on in the hearts of those who were touched by his presence. Greg is survived by his father and two brothers.

JOHN MICHAEL KUTRIK III '88 died on



December 28, 2023. At Hampden-Sydney, John was a Sigma Chi brother and graduated with a degree in managerial economics and Spanish. John is survived by his beloved husband,

George.

1990s

PATRICK JEREMY RHEA '94 died on



April 7, 2024. A member of Pi Sigma Alpha and Phi Sigma Iota honor fraternities, Patrick received his bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney with a major in political science and a minor in French and completed a year of law school at Villanova University. Patrick was a delightful boy, a studious and athletic teenager, and an academically gifted college student who matured into a wonderful man. He was a loving son and a fun and caretaking older brother. He was caring and nurturing to many from all walks of life. He is survived by his wife, Sarah.

FRIENDS

Dr. JAMES YOUNG SIMMS, JR., H-SC Elliott



Emeritus Professor of History and teaching fellow in the Wilson Center, died on April 25, 2024. Before joining the faculty of Hampden-Sydney in 1968, Dr. Simms served in the

United States Marine Corps following graduation from the University of Maryland in 1958. He also taught at Eastern Michigan University and George Mason University. In addition to his service as faculty member, Jim helped establish the Hampden-Sydney soccer team and served as the first varsity soccer coach, leading the program from 1968 to 1980. Subsequently, in 2010, the soccer locker room at Hampden-Sydney was dedicated in his honor. Dr. Simms also coached little league soccer and baseball. Dr. Simms is the only tenured faculty member at Hampden-Sydney to be inducted into the H-SC Sports Hall of Fame. In 2005, Dr. Simms became the director of the Military Leadership and National Security Studies program. His area of expertise was Russian agriculture-peasant wellbeing in late Imperial Russia. He published several articles, op/eds, book reviews, papers, and co-authored *Modernization and Revolution: Dilemmas in Progress in Late Imperial Russia*. Throughout his tenure at H-SC, Dr. Simms was a dedicated faculty member. He served on committees including Budget, Publications, Academic Affairs, Faculty Affairs, Athletics, Gender Issues, and more than a few dean of faculty and presidential searches. Dr. Simms served as an advisor to the College Republicans and Union-Philanthropic Literary Society and performed in plays for the Fine Arts Department. Dr. Simms was also an avid dancer, teaching dance classes on campus. In 2009, Dr. Simms received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for Distinguished Service. He received the four Fuqua Teaching Awards, the Crawley Award for Distinguished Service, and the Cabell Award for Distinguished Teaching. He was awarded several National Endowment of the Humanities grants and a Fellowship of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University grant. The senior class of 2009 presented Dr. Simms with their recognition award and the Board of Trustees presented him with their Prize for Teaching and Research at the 1990 commencement. Dr. Simms is survived by his partner, Kay; one daughter; three stepchildren; and five grandchildren.



Cultivating Culture

DR. RICHARD PANTELE '13, DEAN OF STUDENTS

Among the many characteristics that make this College distinctive, one unique feature serves as a line of demarcation between Hampden-Sydney and our peer institutions and that is cultural stewardship. At Hampden-

Sydney we define cultural stewardship as an individual responsibility for preserving the unique niche the College occupies; cultivating the individual gifts each student brings to the brotherhood; and helping each of our brothers grow within an environment and culture where our mission is clear, our students prosper, and our values and ethics guide every decision and all of our interactions. Our students and community take responsibility for the direction of the College, keeping our historic mission at the forefront of all we do.

Nearly 250 years ago, our founders were driven to create a college for men that was drenched with the virtues of liberty and intellectualism, and interwoven with the new-found freedoms associated with thoughtful, public expression. Diverging from Crown-controlled institutions, our founders foresaw the need to create our nation's next leaders who would continue to embrace the tenets of our new Republic. They wanted to create a college for developing men of high character and intellect who would be productive and active citizens. It was their view that there was a great need to liberally educate and prepare young men for ethical leadership, active citizenship, and civic virtue, and, of course equip them with the ability and skills necessary to inspire other citizens to embrace the same responsibilities.

While our founders were concerned about the intellectual development of the students, they were also focused on ensuring that Hampden-Sydney students could put into practice the virtues associated with the creation of American society. They believed that educating a young man in a sound liberal arts environment while instilling in him the importance of becoming an active citizen was necessary in order to sustain the lifeblood of what would become the greatest republic in human history. Our founders created a college where students can practice the possibilities of "a more perfect union." These noble goals are still at the core of what makes Hampden-Sydney College great and it continues to drive the motivation behind the cultural stewardship of our College.

Though our world is drastically different from the world that existed during our nation's founding, our society needs good citizens, whose sense of honor, character, and ethics are indefatigable, now more than ever. In this regard, while our current students are engaged in acts of stewardship for maintaining our unique campus culture, so too are they being prepared to take that culture into the world beyond our gates and put what they have learned into practice.

One of the greatest blessings in my role as dean of students is being able to witness how passionately our students and our community take to heart the responsibility for the stewardship of our culture. I have the pleasure of working alongside students, faculty, and staff who work unwaveringly to support the goal of making this place the most transformational college experience to be found for young men. On the Hill, it is understood that there is no greater resource than the young men who choose our College. It is through their passion for this place and their understanding and ownership of the idea of cultural stewardship that the College continues to accomplish the vision our founders established and the vision that we have for our future.

The distinguishing curricular features of Hampden-Sydney only comprise one half of a student's way of life on the Hill. On this campus, coupled with the opportunity of the curriculum and the search for a lasting identity that naturally occurs among all members of the age-group in question, there is a truly distinctive, additional feature of the Hampden-Sydney man's way of life. Indeed, we believe what makes the Hampden-Sydney experience so valuable and so cherished among its students and alumni—who, regardless of identity, class year, fraternity, social group, race, religion, or country of origin, fondly and reverently call each other brother—is this College's commitment to teaching and refining the character and values of its students. We continue to teach our young men how to think, not what to think. Our young men are allowed to engage in civil discourse, unabashedly taught sound rhetoric where they learn to articulate and defend their beliefs, encouraged to share their beliefs while respecting and learning from the diverse opinions of their peers and community members. Our young men are taught the value of community, citizenship, and refinement of character through the tangible and inimitable brotherhood that exists here. After all, one of the most important aspects of cultural stewardship is the hope that the men of Hampden-Sydney will carry within their hearts and minds the tenets of our Codes of Honor and Conduct throughout their lives. The culture here is worth reinforcing and preserving, and we are fortunate to have an environment where cultural stewardship is celebrated and energized by our students and our community.

The men of Hampden-Sydney are the College's most important resource for the fulfillment of our storied mission, and, in my opinion, the world needs the men of Hampden-Sydney now more than ever. We are determined to enable every young man who enrolls here to develop into an ethical, informed, and productive participant of a rapidly changing world, as well as a connected, contented, and virtuous man: a modern gentleman and a good steward of our College, our nation, and our world. What an amazing legacy to uphold and carry forward into the future.

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DAVID SCHULTHEIS '74



“I’m not wealthy—I had a regular job and made regular money; my support up to this point has been with gifts to the Annual Fund. I don’t know what I’ll need later in life or what will be left after I’m gone, but Hampden-Sydney will get a percentage. Every dollar counts.”

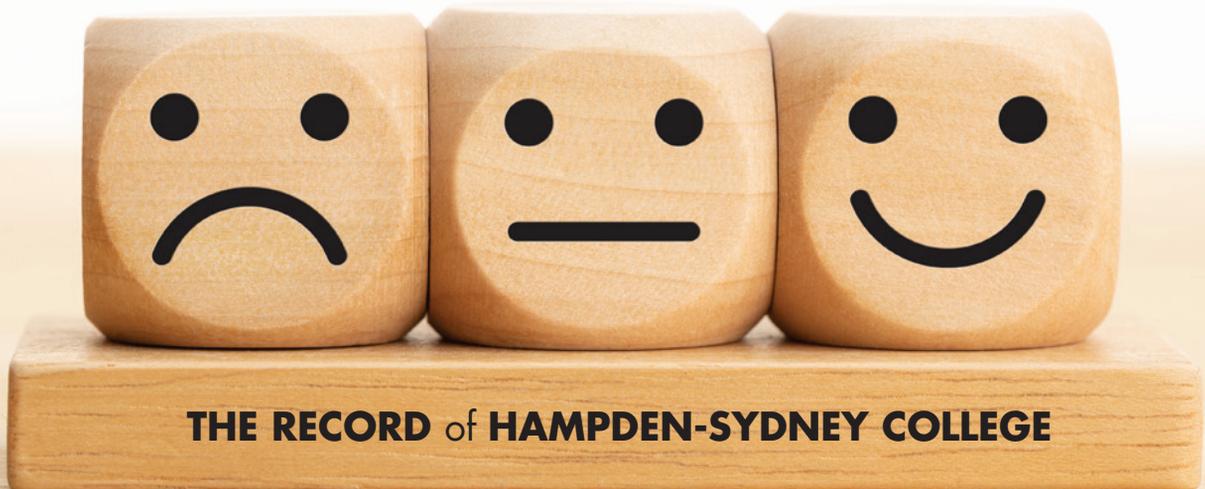
—David Schultheis '74

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