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### **Pathologist and Hematologist Selected for 2008 Alumnae Achievement Award from Randolph College**

Lynchburg, – **Laura Geisel Sullivan**, a 1974 graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman's College (R-MWC), was awarded the 2008 Alumnae Achievement Award Sept. 20 in recognition for leadership in surgical pathology and hematopathology. She received the award during a Sept. 20 dinner honoring award recipients on the college's Lynchburg campus.

Each year since 1981, R-MWC, now Randolph College, recognizes remarkable alumnae, nominated by their peers, to receive this award. The Alumnae Achievement Award is conferred upon selected alumnae who personify the value of a liberal arts education and who have brought distinction to themselves and the College. Nominations for the Awards come from alumnae, and the recipients are selected by an awards committee that includes administration, faculty, trustee, and alumnae members. Each recipient receives an elegant Tiffany and Company crystal trapezoid on an ebony base that has been engraved with the College seal and their name.

Sullivan is a role model for women in medicine and has mastered life balance. Following medical school, she pursued a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology, and earned a fellowship in blood banking. She holds four specialty certifications from the American Board of Pathology: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, Blood Banking/Transfusion Medicine, and Hematology.

In 1991, she established the Laura Geisel Sullivan, M.D. Scholarship for pre-med studies which is preferably awarded to young women who are United States citizens and who have a strong desire to attend medical school. Recipients are considered by virtue of their academic record, personal qualities, good citizenship and leadership, and by their financial need.

Sullivan has also taught pathology for a number of years, first at University of South Florida, and later at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.



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While living in the Charleston area, Sullivan re-energized the area chapter of the R-MWC Alumnae Association, acting as chapter president as well as an Alumnae Admissions Representative for 15 years.

Currently, Sullivan is the staff pathologist and director of the hospital lab in the busiest hospital system in the country in Orlando, Florida. She spends the majority of her day with cells and the microscope to help with a speedy and accurate diagnosis for patient cases, but also oversees blood banking and transfusion services and teaches pathology in the residency program.

Outside the hospital, Sullivan is the mother of four young adults, including Kathryn Sullivan, Randolph College, class of 2009, and is training for a half-marathon. She still plays the piano daily, practicing Chopin or Gershwin for the Physicians in Concert series at Florida Hospital East.

Randolph College ([www.randolphcollege.edu](http://www.randolphcollege.edu)) is a private, coeducational, and nationally-recognized liberal arts and sciences college in Lynchburg, Va. Founded in 1891 as Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Randolph College offers women and men the best features of an honors education with a global perspective.

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