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Wow!

50 years have flown by! Our life experiences have been varied, but our shared experience at Randolph-Macon Woman's College has remained central to who we are today.

Who would have thought that a major in dance and a minor in history would have led to a full career at the college I hold near and dear to my heart? I have served for the past 49 years as the beloved mascot for Randolph-Macon Woman's College/Randolph College. I have so enjoyed cheering on the many women and men who have competed on behalf of the College. Believe it or not, I am not ready to hang up my pom poms yet!

Through adoption, I have raised two adorable WildCat kittens. We have grown together to become a very tight-knit clowder sharing the joys and celebrations as well as trials and tribulations as any family experiences. They are full grown and have now left the den, and are making their own way in the world.

Outside of my work at the College, I volunteer at the Humane Society. I find the work rewarding and enjoy educating new adoptive families about the feline species. I am looking forward to a trip to my ancestors' homeland in the Old Country this summer. A week of exploring and relaxation will be a treat prior to the start of the 2020-2021 academic year!

So 50 years later, our past and our present are colliding as we return to campus. I am thrilled to be a part of everyone's present and cannot wait to learn more about the full lives each of you has lived.

—*Vita Abundantior!*