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FEATURING RANDOLPH’S 11TH PRESIDENT
Sue Ott Rowlands

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What an incredible first year it has been! As I near my first anniversary at Randolph College, I am amazed at how quickly time passes—and in awe of the welcoming, energetic atmosphere that exists behind the Red Brick Wall.

When I first accepted the position as Randolph’s 11th president, I was drawn to this institution’s rich history, as well as the innovative and excellent liberal arts experience that it provides students. I could not have chosen a better place to call home. Whether it’s our unique TAKE2 curriculum model, our new low-residency M.F.A. in theatre, or the numerous new academic and athletic programs we announced this year, our faculty and staff are passionate about pursuing initiatives that will enhance and better the student experience.

During the inauguration festivities, I was moved to see so many alumnae and alumni, trustees, trustee emeriti, and other supporters of the College join us on campus to celebrate. The event centered on my official installation as president. However, it was more important to me to celebrate the College and its wonderful community and amazing achievements. Inauguration weekend allowed all of us to reflect on Randolph College and what it means to so many.

If you were not able to come to campus for the event, I hope this special issue of the magazine will provide you with a taste of the experience. We have included a special commemorative pull-out poster that I know you will enjoy as well.

As we close out this current academic year and look toward the next, I want to thank everyone for the warm and gracious support. If I have learned anything this year, it is how incredibly devoted and committed our entire campus community—from faculty and staff to alumnae and alumni—is to providing the very best experiences for our students. It is this collaborative effort, this love of the liberal arts that will ensure Randolph College thrives in the years ahead.

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Sue Ott Rowlands
President

Randolph launches new Master of Fine Arts in theatre

Randolph College’s new Master of Fine Arts in theatre begins this summer with the first of five week-long residencies on campus. Each residency in the two-year program will be followed by a one-on-one virtual mentorship with a faculty member. The program is designed to fill a need in the American theatre industry. “We keep saying that we want more diversity. We want students with more life experience,” said Stephanie Earl, a theatre professor and director of the program. “Well, some students need a different way to get an M.F.A. We’re providing something that is more flexible and more inclusive for the students who need that.”

Yusef Salaam, author and activist, speaks during MLK celebration

Author and activist Yusef Salaam gave the keynote address during Randolph College’s annual celebration honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Salaam was a member of the Exonerated Five, a group of teenagers tried and wrongly convicted of rape in the 1989 Central Park jogger case—a conviction that was overturned in 2002. Salaam was just 15 when his ordeal began, and since his release, he has advocated for criminal justice reform, prison reform, and the abolition of juvenile solitary confinement and capital punishment. In 2016, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from President Barack Obama.

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New provost and vice president for academic affairs to start in July

Timothy Smith will join Randolph College as the new provost and vice president for academic affairs after a nearly year-long, highly competitive national search. Smith, who currently serves as interim provost at Birmingham-Southern College in Alabama, will begin his tenure at Randolph July 1. An art history professor with 17 years experience at Birmingham-Southern College, Smith served as associate provost for five years before assuming his most recent position as interim provost in March 2022. He also served as interim provost in 2018. He was a visiting assistant professor at DePaul University between 2002 and 2006, and he served as an instructor in art history for Florida State University between 1994 and 1996. Smith was also an art history instructor for the Florida State University London Study Center in 1996 and 1998.

Centra CEO Amy Carrier serves as Commencement speaker

Amy Carrier, president and CEO of Centra, served as Randolph College’s 2023 Commencement speaker. The ceremony took place on May 21. Before joining Centra in September 2021, Carrier served as the market president of Bon Secours Hampton Roads Health System and previously as chief operating officer of the Bon Secours Virginia Health System. She earned a bachelor’s degree in labor and industrial relations, with a focus in occupational sociology, from The Pennsylvania State University and a master’s degree in business administration from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Innovative juggler headlines SciFest

Greg Kennedy, whose performances combine his love of juggling with his engineering background, returned to campus in March for the 2023 Randolph College Science Festival. Kennedy, a professional juggler who has performed with Cirque Du Soleil, last appeared at the festival in 2017. His performance was one of many SciFest events, which drew hundreds to campus and included a Women in Science panel featuring Dr. Mary Betterton ‘81, Caitlin Jones ‘17, and Mehgan McCrickard ‘03; the popular A Scientist Goes to the Movies; Science Day for area children; and the Lynchburg Maker Faire.

Society of Physics Students recognized with national award

Randolph’s chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) once again won an Outstanding Chapter Award—a designation given to fewer than 15 percent of chapters at colleges and universities in the United States and internationally. Presented by the national SPS organization, the designation honored the group for its activities during the 2021-22 academic year.
Randolph holds first Student Success Summit

Tia Brown McNair, vice president for the American Association of Colleges and Universities’ Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success and executive director for its Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation Campus Centers, spoke during Randolph’s first Student Success Summit this semester. The summit focused on President Sue Ott Rowlands’ vision of becoming a student-ready campus. The basic idea involves changing the model away from if students are ready for college to if colleges are ready for them. It focuses on how an institution can best serve students by looking inward and also analyzing equity gaps or why certain processes work for some students but not others.

Cloven chosen for statewide advisory committee

Hannah Cloven ’24 was chosen to represent the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) on a statewide student advisory committee. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Student Advisory Committee is made up of one full-time student from all four-year public colleges and universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia; four students representing the Virginia Community College System; and two students representing private institutions—one junior and one senior selected by CICV. Cloven, an environmental science and chemistry double major, is the first Randolph student chosen to serve as a junior representative.

Lynchburg City Schools honors partnership with College

Randolph College was recognized for its 20-year partnership with Lynchburg City Schools (LCS) during the school system’s Partners in Education breakfast. Launched in 1990, Partners in Education is a joint venture between LCS and the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance designed to create linkages between the school system and area businesses, organizations, and institutions. Superintendent Crystal Edwards and Hylan “Hank” Hubbard, chair of Randolph’s Board of Trustees, presented the award.

Randolph celebrates mid-year graduates

Thirty-three students received their diplomas this winter—22 undergraduates, 10 who have completed the College’s Master of Fine Arts in creative writing program and one who has completed the Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership. Those students were honored during a luncheon in December. Mid-year graduates included: Parker Aaron, Zachary Aylor, Brandon Betts, Alissa Garcia Cruz, Carmen Gruebl, Bailey Kuettner, Kaila Lietz, Kayla Love, Diane Mahiai, Tyreck Mcfarlane, Stephanie Messi, Emily Pawlas, Patrick Peach, Andrew Webb, Lillian Tacke, Paxton Allen, Dagim Desta, Benjamin Gries, Artia Johnson, and Maria Tumminello. Erin Kehn will graduate with a Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership, while the following students will receive their M.F.A. degrees: Corinne Cordasco, David Gouldemans, Michelle Henry, Meridith De Avila Khan, Nina Knueven, Dudley Lawhorn, Alisa Otte, Marguerite Sheffer, Kelly White, and Ryan Woodard.
FACULTY AND STAFF

Selda Altan
Assistant Professor of History
Altan was recently awarded an ACLS/Henry Luce Foundation Early Career Fellowship in China Studies. During the nearly six-month fellowship, Altan did archival research at Stanford University, work that was supplemented with a travel grant from Stanford’s East Asia Library. She also received a Davidson Summer Stipend from the College to complete a book project this summer.

Suzanne Bessenger
Associate Professor of Comparative Philosophy
Bessenger was awarded the Ruth Borker Fund for Women’s Studies, which she will use to assist with her translation of the untitled biography of 14th-century female saint Sönam Peldren.

Bradley Bullock
Charles A. Dana Professor of Sociology

Emily Yap Chua
Catherine Ehrman Thoresen ’23 and William Erness Thoresen Professor of Music
Chua recently spoke at the University of Colorado Boulder’s College of Music as a guest speaker for the Entrepreneurship Center for Music Learning Lunch. She discussed music programs within a variety of higher education settings and presented about curricular strategies for graduate students in the Music Theory Pedagogy class and certificate program.

Jennifer Gauthier
Professor of Media and Culture
Gauthier contributed the chapter, “Reel/Real Resurgence: Pasifika Women Filmmakers and Media Activism” to the publication, The Routledge Companion to Art and Activism in the Twenty-First Century. She was also awarded a Davidson Reassigned Time Award from the College.

Blair Gross
Associate Professor of Psychology
The Randolph College Board of Trustees recently awarded tenure to Gross, who teaches psychology at the College.

Meghan Halbrook
Associate Professor of Sport and Exercise Studies and Founding Director of the Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership Program
The Randolph College Board of Trustees recently awarded tenure to Halbrook, who teaches sport and exercise studies classes and heads the College’s M.A.C.S.L. program.

Heidi Kunz
Katherine Haas Eichelbaum ’32 Professor of English
Kunz will present her research to the 16th International Fitzgerald Society Conference in Sweden in June. She will also utilize a Davidson Reassigned Time Award from the College to expand her conference presentation into a book chapter for a forthcoming volume of The Routledge Companion to F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Michael Penn
Associate Professor of Mathematics
Penn presented “Will I ever use this? Why we study pure mathematics” during Trondheim Science Week in Norway. Held in March, the festival is arranged by students at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology to motivate and inspire passion for science.

Lesley Shipley
Associate Professor of Art History
Shipley co-edited The Routledge Companion to Art and Activism in the Twenty-First Century with Mey-Yen Moriuchi, a professor at La Salle University. The book brings together a wide range of geographical, cultural, historical, and conceptual perspectives in a single volume of new essays that facilitate a deeper understanding of the field of art activism—both as it stands today and looking toward the future.

Karim Warren
Herzog Family Professor of Environmental Studies & Science
In April, Warren presented “Extreme Heat in Lynchburg: How Can Neighborhoods in Urban Heat Islands Build Climate Resilience?” at Many Voices, One Community’s 2023 Race and Social Justice Conference in Lynchburg along with Laura Henry-Stone, an environmental sciences and sustainability professor at the University of Lynchburg. The pair, who have been studying climate resilience in Lynchburg since 2018, shared results from their 2021 heat-mapping study and described their ongoing efforts to address climate resilience in the region, including a collaborative project to plant a forest garden at a local elementary school located in a heat island and a food desert.
Hailey Gilman ’22 conducts research on National Science Foundation-funded vessel

Not long after graduating from Randolph, Hailey Gilman ’22 found herself worlds away on a diving trip with her father, navigating the marine environments of Palau, a small island nation south of Guam. A lifelong sailor, Gilman met with active researchers there, an experience that cemented her decision to pursue a career in oceanography.

She recently continued pursuing that dream through STEMSEAS, a program that provides ship-based experiences for students aboard National Science Foundation-funded research vessels.
On these trips, students sail with experienced faculty and graduate students, engaging in geoscience and oceanography activities. 

“If you’re interested in marine science or oceanography, going on one of these trips shows you’re able to be at sea,” said Gilman, who majored in physics and minored in music and mathematics at Randolph.

Gilman was originally accepted to sail on a vessel traveling to Bermuda from the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts. But Hurricane Fiona, which hit in early September, scuttled the trip.

“We were the first STEMSEAS cruise to get canceled with students ready to go and on the pier,” said Gilman, who also served as program coordinator for Randolph’s SUPER program and as the Science Festival assistant in the fall.

In October, Gilman was finally able to set sail, joining another STEMSEAS trip on the Hugh R. Sharp. Originating from Lewes, Delaware, the Sharp and its crew traveled north to the Delaware Canal, south to the mouth of the Potomac River, and then circumnavigated the Chesapeake Bay.

Along the way, students and their mentors collected data for two different projects—one using shallow sediment samples to study hurricane history, and the other analyzing the concentration of microplastics in the Bay.

The vessel had a wet lab and a dry lab and utilized a variety of equipment to collect samples, from drills to a fine mesh net dragged behind the ship.

“Sediment can tell you a lot about the climate of the water,” Gilman explained. “The sediment has thousands of little phytoplankton, or algae, fossils. Phytoplankton have incredibly fast life cycles, so they adapt very quickly to changes in their environment. By looking at their composition in the sediment samples, we can tell what the water acidity, temperature, water clarity, nutrient content, and salinity was when they were alive.”

Gilman’s next step is to apply for grad schools with an eye toward coastal or marine engineering. She’d also like to continue her efforts in science outreach and education.

“Like all of science,” she said, “there’s a place for everyone.”
Randolph history professor Selda Altan spent a month this spring immersed in the archives of Stanford University’s Hoover Institution and East Asia Library collections.

Her goal: To read the papers of Helen Foster Snow, an American journalist who was in China and reported on the developing revolution there in the 1930s.

The research will be featured in a book Altan is writing about women-led efforts to help United States-China relations during World War II, when China was under Japanese occupation.

A group of Western women connected with Chinese women to provide humanitarian aid, create industrial cooperatives, and open orphanages and schools between 1938 and 1951.
“There was this kind of transnational women’s network,” said Altan, who received an Early Career Fellowship from the Henry Luce Foundation/American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) in China Studies to continue working on the project. “In addition to raising money for humanitarian aid, these women also traveled around the world giving lectures about why the Chinese resistance was so important,” she added.

Much of the focus on that time period is usually on the military side of things and, often, the contributions of men.

“Women’s contributions are often ignored and underestimated,” Altan pointed out. “I would like to make the argument that Chinese resistance during the Second World War was not only in battles, but also in helping people. Women’s labor and leadership were so important.”

Last summer, Altan and Ranger Kinney ’24 researched the role Pearl S. Buck, Class of 1914, played during that time period, founding the East and West Association to facilitate cultural exchange between Asia and the West.

Helen Foster Snow was a contemporary and friend of Buck’s. Her husband, Edgar Snow, was also a journalist known for writing about communism in China.

“We know a lot about Edgar Snow,” Altan said. “Helen Foster Snow was working behind the scenes, but she was also really influential. So much information about the Chinese civil war and revolution came from her.”

Stanford’s Hoover Institution has a collection of Snow’s papers, which allowed Altan to access her personal notebooks and writings, some of which are in Chinese.

Her time there was supplemented with a travel grant from Stanford’s East Asia Library, in addition to the fellowship. The Luce/ACLS Early Career Fellowships can last up to eight months. Altan taught at Randolph last fall before starting the fellowship in January.

It will run through mid-June, and then she’ll be back on the road again for another book project in its final stages.

With funding from a Davidson Summer Stipend, an internal Randolph award, she’s going to France to collect supplementary materials for a book about the Yunnan-Vietnam Indochina Railway, which was built between China and Vietnam by the French in the early 1900s. The book will be published in 2024.

“Being in the archives and discovering the worlds of people who traveled to distant parts of the world with compassion is very exciting. I look forward to discussing my findings in class and working on research projects with students.”
Inspirational garden

Randolph student, professor lead community planting project to address local climate, food access issues

Eva Pontius Hey ’23 helped plant a forest garden at a local elementary school this spring. The garden will eventually be a source of food for students and community members.
Students at R.S. Payne Elementary School lugged buckets of mulch and wielded shovels and rakes one warm day this spring as they planted their own roots in a new forest garden behind the school’s playground.

Full of fruit trees and bushes—think apples, pears, blackberries, elderberries, and more—the garden will eventually be a source of food for students and community members, a bounty grown right in their own backyard.

Eva Pontius Hey ’23 designed the garden for her senior project, using the principles of permaculture, an approach to land management that aims to recreate the diversity, stability, and resilience of natural ecosystems in productive, resilient gardens. It’s about integrating land, resources, and people in a sustainable way.

Hey used a Randolph Innovative Student Experience (RISE) grant to take a permaculture design course, which offered the knowledge she needed to complete the project.

During the school event, she led groups of students—a total of about 400 throughout the day—in planting trees as part of that plan.

“She really had a vision and ran with it,” said Molly O’Liddy, the Virginia Department of Forestry’s urban and community forestry partnership coordinator, who worked with Pontius on the design.

For Hey, it’s personal—she’s a product of Lynchburg City Schools and attended R.S. Payne herself as a child.

“I really think they’ll go home inspired,” she said. “I love this school. I remember playing in this field. I like feeling like I’m making a difference here.”

The planting event was a collaborative project that brought together multiple stakeholders in the area, including students and staff from Randolph, the University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg City Schools, and the City of Lynchburg, along with officials—and funding—from the Virginia Department of Forestry.

R.S. Payne students rotated among several stations highlighting the different aspects of the garden, which will also include benches, trellises, and a book walk aligned with the school’s literacy goals.

"Any time you can get kids out of the building and into the world, it makes it real for them," said Principal Kellie Baldwin. "It’s great not just for our students and their learning opportunities, but also for our community. They’ll be able to come, engage, and take the fruits of the forest home to their families."

The project grew out of the work of Randolph professor Karin Warren and her colleagues at the University of Lynchburg and Sweet Briar College, Laura Henry-Stone and Lisa Powell, on urban heat islands and climate resilience.

In 2021, they led students in the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges’ (VFIC) Heat Watch Project, surveying temperatures in Lynchburg and identifying neighborhoods that had higher temperatures than others.

Those areas are known as urban heat islands, and R.S. Payne is right in the center of one. As part of the Heat Watch project, the Department of Forestry provided additional funding, funneled through the VFIC, to purchase trees for planting in hot neighborhoods to help cool them in the summer months.

“This is our response to the heat mapping data,” said O’Liddy. “We challenged the participating schools to reach out to those communities to figure out a way we could improve and increase canopy coverage.”

R.S. Payne is also in a historically redlined area and what’s considered a food desert, an area where there is limited access to affordable, nutritious food.

“Intersectionally, it made sense to start here,” said Warren. “A school is exactly where we needed to be. Teachers will now have this as a resource.”

Their goal is to use the R.S. Payne forest garden as a model that can be replicated at other schools to address climate and food resilience issues within the city.

“Having the school and students involved is so important,” O’Liddy said. “It shows them where food can come from and the relationship a person can have with the land, growing something that provides for them and their families in their own hometown.”
Randolph College’s growth continued this year with the addition of new academic programs and athletic teams. The changes will occur over the next several years.

The newest academic offerings include majors in computer science, criminal justice/criminology, robotics and mechatronics engineering, film and video, marine science, and integrative studies.

In addition, a master’s degree in museum studies and a low-residency/online Master of Arts in Teaching degree were approved. Randolph will also launch a new honors program as part of this new rollout.

“This is such an exciting time to be at Randolph College," said Sue Ott Rowlands, president.

“These new programs are a testament to the innovation and creativity of our hardworking faculty," she added. "Not only that, they show the commitment our community has to providing our students with the academic foundation they need to be prepared for our ever-changing world. Added to our already diverse, challenging curriculum, these new programs provide an array of opportunities for our students that will help them pursue their passions.”

The new programs were selected from proposals submitted by faculty earlier in the academic year. In most cases, the programs responded to specific interests and requests from current students, alumnae, and alumni.

“In my 10 years here, I’ve never seen so much momentum to provide more opportunities for our students,” added Gary Dop, dean of graduate studies and innovation.
Some of the programs, including computer science, marine science, and criminal justice/criminology, will be introduced for fall 2023, while others will be introduced over the next two years. The new programming is pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Also coming in the next two years: women's STUNT and men's volleyball teams.

The two new sports will join the WildCats for the 2024-25 academic year, bringing Randolph's sponsorship to 20 varsity programs.

STUNT will compete as a NCAA Division III institution with the USA Federation for Sport Cheering (USA Cheer) as its governing body. Men's volleyball will compete as a NCAA Division III sport.

In April, the College appointed Shania Thorpe as the first head women's STUNT coach. A national search continues for the head men's volleyball coach. Both teams will have a year-long recruiting cycle prior to competition in 2025.

“The addition of women’s STUNT and men’s volleyball marks an exciting time in the strategic growth plans for Randolph athletics and the College as a whole,” said Tom Galbraith, director of athletics. “The expansion of our offerings in athletics aligns with the vibrant new academic programs being developed at Randolph. There is definitely a palpable positive energy around campus, and it's a privilege to be a part of that momentum.”

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— Sue Ott Rowlands, Randolph College President
Brad Lindsay, Lynchburg’s deputy public defender, doesn’t like to use the term “hit the ground running.” But there really isn’t any other way to describe how Jacqueline Clardy-Josephs ’23 and Stephanie Messi ’22 began their time in his office as interns.

“Being able to step up and be part of the team so quickly, and as undergraduate students, is incredible,” he said.

They both jumped right in, with Messi initially working with the office’s investigators and Clardy-Josephs shadowing attorneys in court on her very first day.

“I appreciate them kind of dropping me in because that’s what the environment there is day in and day out,” Clardy-Josephs said. “It’s very fast paced.”

The internship is a new opportunity for local students, designed to show them the inner-workings of a public defender’s office.

“We have a large contingent of employees who are not attorneys but have very important roles, so we wanted to start reaching out more broadly to undergraduates and graduate students to expose them to the office,” Lindsay said. “A lot of times, people don’t know what we do or why we exist.”
The Lynchburg Office of the Public Defender was established in 1991 and is a member office of the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, which oversees 28 public defender offices throughout Virginia, and was established to protect the Constitutional right to counsel for those who cannot afford a lawyer.

Messi, who finished her internship when she graduated in December, and Clardy-Josephs, who worked in the office until the end of the academic year, got a firsthand look at what goes into helping those clients both inside and outside of the courtroom.

“All of our core staff of non-lawyers do such critical work for our office and our clients,” Lindsay said. “We wouldn’t be able to do what we do without it.”

After that first day in court, Clardy-Josephs settled into office work, reviewing body-worn camera footage, contacting clients, and reviewing files.

Being trusted with so many tasks was rewarding.

“It’s an opportunity to feel really confident in what you’re doing and know you’re doing something positive,” she said. “This internship has been an amazing opportunity. I have learned, seen, and done so much, including having two not guilty verdicts under my belt from my body-worn camera documentation. I have coworkers who support me and are confident in my abilities, and I know that no matter what, I will always cherish my time at the Lynchburg Public Defenders Office.”

The internship has also sparked a new interest for Clardy-Josephs, who majored in psychology with minors in sociology and history.

She has already been accepted to Marymount University, where she’ll earn her master’s in forensic and legal psychology. She’d eventually like to work as a mitigation specialist, which Lindsay described as something of an in-house social worker.

“They are experts in community resources, whether our client has housing issues, mental health issues, or substance abuse issues,” he said. “They’re the ones who can help facilitate the connection to those services.”

They also help tell clients’ stories.

“So much is focused on, ‘This person is charged with this,’” Lindsay said. “Their focus is on how this person got to where we are now. Telling that story and documenting their lives can be so impactful and helpful to us. A lot of times, it’s uncovering past trauma that’s never been dealt with or issues that haven’t been properly addressed.”

Messi, on the other hand, sees her future firmly inside the courtroom. She graduated from Randolph this winter with a degree in sociology and global studies and started applying to law schools, with the goal of eventually working in criminal defense.

“She is a person who is incredibly driven and knows what she wants to do,” Lindsay said.

In addition to sitting in on trials, Messi also enjoyed her time in the field.

“I definitely like the investigative part, talking to people and doing interviews,” she said. “Doing this internship, I’ve seen the importance of being prepared and putting your own feelings aside.”

Lindsay said he was impressed with both students’ work ethic and dedication.

“If Randolph’s going to send us students like Stephanie and Jacqueline every time,” he said, “then absolutely keep them coming.”
Randolph College Nursery School teacher Wendy McFaden kneels in the rubber mulch, getting eye-to-eye with one of her students on the playground. Nearby, classmates play in the sand, while others climb the small hill that sits next to the school’s entrance.

It’s a day like any other, but the scene offers a glimpse of what the school, celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, has always prided itself on: A curriculum centered around play-based learning in a small, intimate setting.

“They learn from play,” said Director Jennie Munson, whose background in education spans 40 years, including 17 spent teaching abroad. “We emphasize social-emotional learning as well as literacy, math, and other subjects, all within an environment of play. Our kids leave here with a strong foundation for kindergarten, and that’s our goal.”

And they do it with lots of one-on-one time with teachers like McFaden, who has been at the Nursery School for 13 years.

“There’s a lot of research that shows the high value of student-teacher interaction, having another adult in their life listening to them, talking to them, reading and writing with them,” Munson said. “There’s very little you can do to replace that.”

The nursery school has long been a leader in quality childcare in the region, with small class sizes, experienced teachers, and a hands-on curriculum.

“Teachers who have magic are such a gift, and I feel like they have magic at Randolph,” said Tasha Gillum, whose son, Van, was enrolled in the
Nursery School’s Master’s Class for 4 and 5 year olds this year.

He had previously attended a Montessori school, following in the footsteps of his older sister.

“He’s a little bit older, with a June birthday, and we weren’t ready to send him to kindergarten yet,” Tasha Gillum said. “Randolph was really a place where he arrived on his own and had to make his own place for himself. We wanted him to have a special year, and it was just such a gift.”

The transition was rocky at first, but Gillum saw a change during the Nursery School’s 1/10th miler run—timed to coincide with the annual Virginia 10 Miler Race—in September.

“It was just so sweet to see him championed by his teachers and his friends and I think, after that, he realized he had community there,” Gillum said. “This loving, caring environment is cultivated for the students. They let go of your hand without looking back.”

And, now, he’s ready for that next step.

“He’s going to arrive in kindergarten eager and confident in his ability to learn,” Gillum said.

The Nursery School was established in 1943 for campus families, as well as the community. It opened that September with a group of six children, between the ages of 3 and 4, and soon expanded, as spots became highly sought after among parents with young children.

In 2013, it became one of just 31 providers statewide to receive a four-star rating from the Virginia Star Quality Initiative, a voluntary quality rating and improvement system for early learning programs. At the time, the four-star rating was the highest that had been given.

A short time later, in 2015, the Nursery School became the fourth program in the state, and the first in the region, to earn a 5-star rating from the group.

Today, the school serves children between the ages of 3 and 5, and offers full or half-day attendance options.

Students typically spend from one to two hours outside a day, and not just on the playground directly outside the school.

“The entire campus is their playground, really,” Munson said. “They go over to the labyrinth or see the chickens in the Organic Garden. There are so many different possibilities for our students.”

Holly Clapper, another Nursery School parent, also talked fondly about her son’s experiences on campus, from scavenger hunts to gardening.

“It’s like they get to take mini field trips every day,” she said.

Her son, Eli, especially loves his “College friends”—Randolph students who are a frequent presence at the Nursery School through work study programs and education practicums.

Gillum echoed the sentiment.

“My son really sees them as his teachers, but also knows they’re young adults,” she said. “What I have really appreciated is when we see them in the community. I think it’s joyful for him to feel like he’s known in other places. He really does feel like he is a Randolph College student and it’s his college, his school.”

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— Tasha Gillum, Nursery School Parent
Randolph College celebrates the inauguration of its 11th president

After making her way across the brick-lined pathways of campus as part of the academic procession, Sue Ott Rowlands stood before an audience of supporters and well-wishers in Smith Hall Theatre. Amid the joyful, uplifting atmosphere, it was almost impossible not to think about the rich history of the College.
President Sue Ott Rowlands waits to join the academic procession during Saturday’s ceremony.
"One of the things that strikes me every time I enter the Red Brick Wall is the rich history that permeates our entire campus," she told the crowd gathered on Saturday, April 15 to celebrate her inauguration. "Many days when I come to campus, I cannot help but wonder what these grounds must have been like when the College first opened in 1893."

There were no paved roads, she added. Horse-drawn carriages and a trolley traveled along the street that is now Rivermont Avenue. And it is said that in September of 1893, during the early days of the College’s opening, the first president and founder, William Waugh Smith, helped carry the young women who arrived here across the muddy road and through the gates. The brick walkway that had been planned between the road and the College was not yet finished. A torrential rain fell as Randolph-Macon Woman's College opened its doors for its first session with 36 residential students and 12 professors.

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"Their hard work paid off," she added. "By 1905, a guidebook described the College as 'conscientiously and splendidly academic' and as providing 'added breadth of culture' to the women who came here to learn.

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A NEW BEGINNING

The inauguration ceremony was the culmination of two days of events celebrating Ott Rowlands and Randolph College. Hundreds participated in the festivities, including numerous trustees, former trustees, alumnae and alumni, students, faculty, staff, and other friends of the College. Inauguration events included spotlights on teaching, creative activity, and community service.

For Ott Rowlands, the event was a chance to reflect and honor the past while sharing a vision for the future. She used her speech to share three core principles she called the Randolph Promise.

"Together, we will work toward academic excellence, career empowerment, and community engagement," she said. "My promise within that Randolph Promise is to honor our past—those rich traditions of Randolph-Macon Woman's College that have given us a pathway to who we are today. But the other part of my promise is to position Randolph College..."
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Before coming to Randolph, Ott Rowlands served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at Northern Kentucky University, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech, and professor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Film at the University of Toledo in Ohio.

Those who knew her along that journey also spoke during Saturday’s ceremony.

Katrina M. Powell, founding director of the Center for Refugee, Migrant, and Displacement Studies and a professor of rhetoric at Virginia Tech, recalled one of her first meetings with Ott Rowlands, which she said was emblematic of the kind of leader she is.

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program had invited Sue to our social gathering, and she accepted the invitation. But, in what I came to learn was one of Sue’s signature moves, she offered to host us,” Powell remembered. “She made us dinner and upon walking into her art-filled house, I was immediately struck by not only the warmth of her home, but also the enthusiasm she had for us as faculty.”

Ott Rowlands eventually appointed Powell director of women’s and gender studies at Virginia Tech, and Powell spoke about their friendship over the years. “I may think of her as my dean. I think our colleagues at NKU think of her as their provost. But now, she’s your president,” Powell said. “And believe me when I say that I’m envious of you all.

“The best thing she’ll do for you as individuals and for Randolph College as a whole is help you to figure out how you will do your best, beyond your wildest imaginings,” she added. “That’s a Randolph promise.”

A LEADER WITH ENERGY

Judith Daar, dean of the Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, where Ott Rowlands served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, touted her former colleague’s “impressive career path and exemplary personal values” in her remarks.

“She has, and will, travel to the ends of the earth to provide opportunity for others, to support the hopes and dreams of those fortunate enough to be in her realm,” Daar said. “She is a person of high energy, high integrity, high intellect, high emotional intelligence, and high honor.”
“That you have chosen her for your new president speaks for itself, and speaks incredibly highly of your community,” she added.

The bonds Ott Rowlands has developed on campus, and beyond, since her arrival in July were also highlighted during Saturday’s ceremony. Faculty, staff, and student speakers shared stories about seeing her in the dining hall, cheering alongside her at athletic events, and sharing in College traditions.

“Sue’s enthusiasm, warmth, and energy brighten the campus,” said Sarah Sojka, chair of the College’s Faculty Representative Committee and a professor of environmental studies and physics.

She also noted the deep affection Ott Rowlands has for the Randolph community, and vice versa.

“Sue demonstrates a belief in the work we do here at Randolph now,” Sojka said, “and a sense of opportunity and excitement for the future.”

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A FUTURE WITH PROMISE

During the ceremony, Ott Rowlands received the Presidential Medallion and Chain of Office to cheers and several standing ovations from the crowd. The medallion is engraved with the College’s seal, mission, and motto, along with the names of the institution’s past presidents. Former presidents Virginia Hill Worden ’69 and John E. Klein joined Ott Rowlands on stage for the event.
Born in Oklahoma, Ott Rowlands earned her undergraduate degree in education with a speech/theatre emphasis from Oklahoma Christian College and her terminal degree, an M.F.A. in acting and directing, from the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to her extensive career in higher education, Ott Rowlands has acted and directed professionally in New York and Washington, D.C. and is a member of the Actors’ Equity Association. She is the founding artistic director of Glacity Theatre Collective in Toledo and the Cleveland Women’s Theatre Project, both professional theatres.

Ott Rowlands is also, as she noted during her inauguration speech, the proud owner of a liberal arts education.

“What a gift it is to be doing this challenging work together right now—a time when, more than any other time in history, we see that the liberal arts are not a specific set of curricula or a specific set of sanctioned careers,” she said.

“The liberal arts at Randolph College are perhaps best exemplified in our alumnae and alumni, whose lives are full of meaningful relationships and meaningful work to build a better world,” she added. “Indeed, as we continue to grow, our direction will remain focused on educating creative, intelligent, and ethical leaders for classrooms, courtrooms, research labs, corporate offices, museums, theaters, and the world.”

The College’s future, she said, is filled with promise, and she pledged to work tirelessly alongside students, faculty, staff, and alumnae and alumni to ensure that Randolph College remains a welcoming, thriving environment that provides the very best educational foundation for its students.

She quoted former president, Theodore Henley Jack, who once said, “No college is ever completely (built), any more than an individual’s education is ever finished.”

“Just as the potential of our students seems limitless, so does the potential and future of this beloved institution,” Ott Rowlands added. “I promise to work tirelessly towards these efforts, and I join you as your president with humility, curiosity, and a deep appreciation for my role in our promise to you.”
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Thank you so much. I'm slightly overwhelmed. Let me begin by saying what a tremendous pleasure it is—not just a pleasure, an honor—for me to stand here before you today to celebrate this wonderful college. I am so honored to be Randolph's 11th president, and I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received since I arrived here last summer.

Students—my wonderful students, I love you guys—faculty, staff, alumnae and alumni, our Board of Trustees, my fellow college and university presidents, and my new friends in the Lynchburg community, you have all made me feel very welcomed. I have felt at home since the day I arrived. I am ecstatic to be a part of the Randolph family, as well as a resident of Lynchburg.
To all of my friends and family members who are here today, and to my colleagues here on the platform, thank you all from the bottom of my heart for being part of this very special occasion.

One of the things that strikes me every time I enter the Red Brick Wall is the rich history that permeates our entire campus. Many days when I come to campus, I just can’t help but wonder what these grounds must have been like when the College first opened in 1893. There were no paved roads. Horse-drawn carriages and a trolley traveled along the street that is now Rivermont Avenue. It is said that in September of 1893, during the early days of the College’s opening, our first president and founder, William Waugh Smith, helped carry the young women who arrived here across the muddy road and through the gates. The brick walkway that had been planned between the road and the College wasn’t finished yet, and a torrential rain fell as Randolph-Macon Woman’s College opened its doors for the first session with 36 residential students and 12 professors.

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Their hard work paid off. By 1905, a guidebook described the College as “conscientiously and splendidly academic”—I love that—and as providing “added breadth of culture” to the women who came here to learn.

Well, times have changed. Higher education has changed. Our students have changed. And yet, in this small corner of the world, so much of what made this College special in its earliest years, remains the same. When I first arrived last summer, I challenged everyone on campus to take on the role of educator/leader. We cannot simply look to the faculty to be educators or to the administration to be leaders. Every individual in our community must embrace their roles as mentors, teachers, problem solvers, and creators. Our campus community embraced this challenge and has brought to the table a great sense of pride in the campus.

Our staff are extremely dedicated to our students. Our faculty was just recognized as 12th in the nation...
for Most Accessible Professors. Our students matter to faculty and staff, and they are available to students inside and outside of class. They cheer them on at events. They push them and challenge them. They applaud them and encourage them. And all of this makes a difference.

Randolph College is a place where people know each other and care about one another, and this is a big part of what makes Randolph so special. Perhaps it began all those many years ago when William Waugh Smith and faculty and staff members welcomed those first courageous women as they crossed the muddy road that is now Rivermont. I am proud that this welcoming and accepting culture continues today as we begin the next chapter in Randolph’s history.

As I stand here today, I feel that same pioneering spirit, courage, and innovation that Dr. Smith and his colleagues must have felt 130 years ago. Most importantly, I feel that complete dedication to providing students with the chance to expand their worlds, to explore their passions, and to broaden their perspectives.

The promise that Randolph College offers today is, indeed, not unlike the promise it offered from its earliest days. The Randolph promise, well, that’s a commitment to being a place where students will find a close-knit community that welcomes their unique perspectives. The Randolph promise, well, it’s a commitment to academic excellence, career empowerment, and community engagement.

Randolph College lives and breathes academic excellence. We have always strived to create access for individuals wanting to have a better life, an abundant life. We are dedicated to helping our students find their purpose, and, today, we do that for young women and for young men. We’re proud of our diverse community and how many first-generation students have chosen to call our campus home.

Academic excellence resonates with me on a personal level. My father grew up shuttling between family in San Francisco and Denver. He was never able to finish high school, much less college. And yet, he was a teacher at heart...
and though he had no degree, he taught at Oklahoma State University at a regional campus in the electricity and electronics department.

My mother attended Abilene Christian College in the early 1950s for one year. Yet, she taught piano for her entire life, inspiring hundreds of children and adults over the years.

So, yes, I’m a proud first-generation student who comes from a long line of teachers, professors, superintendents, and educators, and who believes that access to excellent academic opportunities and dedicated teachers is an essential component for an abundant life.

Randolph College empowers our students in their preparation and pursuit of meaningful careers.

At Randolph, we prepare students for life today and for life tomorrow. We are committed to offering our students transformational experiences.

At Randolph, we are not limited to the old model of liberal arts education. We are not stuck on doing something because it has always been that way. Instead, you will find us offering programs that speak to the needs of today’s youth, to today’s workforce needs, and to the global world we live in.

Our students engage in extracurricular opportunities that help them take what they learn in the classroom and extend it beyond the Red Brick Wall. They find preparation that speaks to the world of work, a world that is so rapidly changing, it’s difficult for us to imagine what it will be like in five or 10 years.

All we know for sure is that our workforce will need to be made up of people who are incredibly creative, flexible, adaptable, tenacious, innovative, and entrepreneurial. Without a doubt, a liberal arts education remains the best preparation in the world to help someone develop those qualities. Skills can be taught, but it takes a liberal arts education to instill into an individual the characteristics and abilities that have the power to transform society.

In addition to academic excellence and career empowerment, community engagement must be a vital part of the Randolph experience. Increasingly, we find ourselves compelled to reach out and connect to our surrounding community.

Lynchburg and the central Virginia region needs our spirit, our energy, our adaptability, and our students—as volunteers, as activists, and as social justice change agents. We contribute greatly as
an institution to the economic health and well-being of our region, and we are aware of our responsibility to take our place in the community, and to help our students do the same.

I am a proud owner of a liberal arts education. I fear we often make the mistake of thinking that the liberal arts are defined by a clear, narrow category of curriculum. This narrow definition focuses on specific kinds of courses—a kind of “liberal arts ideal.” One hundred years ago, or even 75 years ago, colleges like ours may have had some version of that ideal curriculum. But we sometimes forget that the liberal arts curriculum of the early 1900s was very different from the curriculum of the 1950s.

The liberal arts curriculum has changed, again and again, and it will continue to change. There are parts of the curriculum that women were expected to take during the College’s early years that would baffle and embarrass us today.

This is why the liberal arts can only partially be defined by a curriculum. The liberal arts, I would argue, are best defined, not by the curriculum, but by the people who embody the liberally educated life. As many of you know, I am a theatre artist—I’m an actor, director, and producer. I’m also a lover of art and a traveler of the world. These identities have come to be a part of me because of my liberal arts education. I am curious, I am creative, I’m a critically-astute communicator and consumer of the world. It wasn’t my college curriculum that made me who I am today, but a compilation of academic exploration, excellent mentors and teachers, and a family who supported education as a transformational life experience.

Yes, the curriculum matters, but I promise you, whether we are educating tomorrow’s computer scientists or English professors or tomorrow’s philosophers or film directors—we are going to ensure that Randolph College students embody the abundant life. Our College’s mission says it quite well: Randolph College prepares students to engage the world critically and creatively, live and work honorably, and experience life abundantly.
To me, a life more abundant means living life to the fullest—whether that is in the workplace, at home, or wherever we find ourselves. It is using our talent, our intellect, and our innovative spirit to seek out life, meet it head on, take everything it has to offer. The life more abundant means not waiting for life to come to you, but catching hold of every moment, and filling it with curiosity, energy, and wonderment.

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A highlight of inauguration weekend was the Spotlight on Creativity held Friday evening at the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College. This event allowed students to show off their talents and passions for the audience. President Sue Ott Rowlands described the event as a “dynamite reception featuring the arts.”

The 2023 Senior Studio Art Thesis Exhibition was on display, and other performances included an original dance choreographed and performed by Mitchell Ngwenya ’25, musical performances by Angelo de Asis ’26 and Isaac Carney ’24, and an excerpt from the musical, *A … My Name is Alice*, featuring Ngwenya, Emily Schuch ’23, Jordyn Shumpert ’25, Even Tyree ’26, Isabel Stephens ’23, and accompanist Jacob Dishman.
Randolph kicked off its inauguration festivities by showcasing its commitment to the liberal arts and academic excellence. A slate of classes was opened to the public on Friday, April 14. Community members could choose from nine courses highlighting a variety of disciplines, including International Relations, Machine Learning, Energy and Society, Reading Drama, Developmental Biology, Modern Europe-1900 to the Present, Science in the Movies, Sport Psychology, and Multicultural Children’s Education.
At first glance, the Freedom Bear looks like any other cute, fuzzy stuffed animal. But the special bear is so much more.

The teddy bear is a signature part of the after care kits provided by Fear 2 Freedom, a nonprofit founded in 2011 to help sexual assault survivors.

The little bear holds a small, blue backpack containing slips of dissolving paper. Survivors are encouraged to write their thoughts, fears, and worries on the paper and then pass them on to Freedom Bear’s heart, which features a special area to hold them.

The idea behind the therapeutic exercise is that when they are ready, survivors can remove the papers from Freedom Bear’s heart and dissolve them in water, releasing them.

The bears were just one part of the special kits packed by members of the Randolph College community as part of a Spotlight on Service for Sue Ott Rowlands’ inauguration weekend.

“It was so nice to see so many different members of our community come out to support such a worthy organization,” Ott Rowlands said. “As we were planning the inauguration, I knew service needed to be an important part. To be able to support the incredible efforts of Fear 2 Freedom is an honor, and to know that these kits will provide a little bit of hope to survivors of sexual assault in our area makes the whole project even more inspiring.”

Fear 2 Freedom helps victims through service-oriented educational programs and AfterCare and iCare kits for children and adult victims.

“Our mission is to restore hope and dignity to survivors of sexual assault and,
at the same time, educate and empower students to be the change, to combat it in all its forms,” Virginia Woodward, Fear 2 Freedom’s chief executive officer, said during the Saturday morning event at Randolph. “The healing journey takes time, and it takes courage. It’s not something that’s a one-size-fits-all, and it takes all of us working together to make a difference.”

About 75 students, faculty, staff, and friends of the College packed 150 Fear 2 Freedom kits during the inauguration event. All of the kits will stay in Lynchburg to help local sexual assault survivors.

“It’s so important and inspirational for students to see the impact of community service,” Woodward said. “We are so grateful to be part of this celebration and to honor her inauguration by helping 150 survivors in this area and right here on campus. We are just so inspired by your new president.”

The kits are designed to aid victims in their recovery, both physically and emotionally. In addition to Freedom Bear, they include a full set of replacement clothes for victims, whose clothing is often taken as evidence, along with toiletries, a special stone, a journal, resource cards, and notes of encouragement.

“These kits are special,” Woodward said. “To have something that offers compassion in that moment is really important.”

The event began with remarks from Ott Rowlands, Dean of Students Chris Lemasters, Woodward, and Linda Ellis-Williams, director of victim services at the YWCA of Central Virginia.

“Randolph has always been deeply committed to social change and activism,” Ott Rowlands told volunteers. "The women of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College set the example that we still try to follow today to be good stewards of our community."

Ellis-Williams shared statistics about the prevalence of sexual assault and emphasized the importance of events like this one.

“Let’s start by believing, and let’s start by making a difference,” she said. “Your presence here today says that.”
Karen Patterson ’73

Tell us about your life today.
After a career managing the environmental aspects of permitting nuclear facilities, I retired to the mountains, where I live on an old farm with fields dedicated to pollinators. I volunteer, host friends, whittle down my never-ending reading list, get more exercise than I used to, take continuing education classes, and spend time just being in nature. I belong to an environmentally-focused book club and a group of progressive women volunteering for midterm elections. I am also in my final year as a member of the Randolph College Board of Trustees. Right now, I am keeping an inquisitive puppy out of trouble. Even in retirement, I have plenty I think I “have” to get done. What I once attributed to my job, I realize is due to my personality.

What is your fondest memory?
This will make me sound extremely antisocial, but my fondest memory of the College was the summer I spent on campus working on the original Blackwater Creek assessment. Two friends (still) and I rented a faculty house on North Princeton. About 10 or 12 students, from R-MWC, Sweet Briar, and Lynchburg College, basically had the campus to ourselves. It was familiar, yet so unfamiliarly quiet and peaceful. I got to know my professors on a more personal level and discovered the beauty and serenity of the school and the campus, which I had ignored during my academic years.

What is your favorite tradition?
Well, I am of the generation that eschewed traditions, so no Pumpkin Parade or Daisy Chain, or even much Odd/Even rivalry. We were the first class that did NOT memorize the alma mater in Latin (truly a blessing). However, we never gave up singing. Various groups would gather on the stairs (before elevators) or in the halls late at night to serenade everyone. I got weepy then, and I get weepy now, whenever I sing those familiar songs. And, we could rent art from the College’s collection to hang in our rooms ($1 a year). Although I majored in biology, and that was my life-work, my house is full of art, thanks to Mary Frances Williams and that lending tradition.

Why support the College with a planned gift?
Randolph-Macon Woman’s College was a gift I did not truly appreciate until years later. Part of my appreciation is due to it being a woman’s college, and part due to its small size. I was in a predominantly male profession (and many of those men had commanded nuclear submarines, so not prone to need a woman’s opinion). R-MWC gave me the confidence to stand toe-to-toe with these men and assert myself. Anyone who is underrepresented in their work has to assert themselves to be heard. Small classes and involved professors still produce graduates equipped to stand up for themselves.

Why is it important to give to Randolph?
Two reasons. First, I feel better about myself when I am generous with my good fortune. And second, take it from a trustee; tuition does not begin to cover the cost of a college education. I benefited from previous alums’ generosity. Giving to Randolph is just paying it forward, and it may benefit a student and the world in ways you will never know.

What is your advice to new graduates?
I can only tell you what I have learned: The friends I made in college, graduate school, and at my first job are still my best friends. The discipline I majored in looks very different 50 years later. My major gave me a good foundation, but it in no way completed my education. For a long time, I thought that at some point I would know all I needed to know, and thus be a “grown-up.” Being grown up is no more complicated than recognizing that I will never know all I need to know. Dynamic learning is much more fun than passive learning. Questioning concepts and ideas rather than accepting them by rote is invigorating and gives me a better understanding of the topic and what I think. Other than my friends, the most valuable things Randolph gave me are these: unfettered curiosity, the value of rigorous research and analysis, excellent time management and organizational skills, good oral and written communication, experience in leadership and teamwork, and the confidence that I can do anything I set my mind to.
A close-up view of the old Am Sams cabin, located near the Terrell Health and Counseling Center Building. The Am Sam cabin, home to the secret society founded in 1899, was originally built in The Pines in the early 1950s. After a fire destroyed the original building, a new cabin was built. Later, construction of Houston Memorial Chapel prompted the Am Sams to move their home to its present location. The current building still features a beam, the fireplace, and steps from the original cabin. Pearl S. Buck, a member of the Class of 1914, was said to be a member of Am Sams.
FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Greetings to my fellow alumnae and alumni! As I write, it’s been a very mild winter in Lynchburg—the spring daffodils and hyacinths have been sprouting since late January! Though I love a good snow, I’m preparing seedlings for our garden and looking forward to brighter days and warmer weather. We said goodbye to our director, Ludo Lemaitre ’11, at the end of December and sent him off with congratulations and well wishes for new adventures. Heather Ayers Garnett ’86 was named director of alumnae and alumni relations, and we are excited to work together with the Office of Alumnae and Alumni to grow and energize our network!

In this issue, you will see the 2023 slate for board officers and district directors. Please remember to complete your ballot, share nominees (and yourself!) for future positions, and reach out to us to get involved. The Association exists to connect and support Wildcats beyond the Red Brick Wall and to build relationships with current and future students. We work with offices across campus for networking, mentoring, career development, internships, and social gatherings. We cannot do this work without you! Reach out to board members with questions. More information is on the Association website.

Calling all 3s and 8s! Who is coming to Reunion? I will be there with ’08 celebrating our 15th! We are excited to be back on campus and there are many events on and off campus for all to enjoy. Big thanks to 2nd Vice President Larkin Mott ’86, and the alum office staff for their work. See you in June!

Lastly, I want to share a challenge from the Association. Our goal for alumnae and alumni participation for the Annual Fund is 24%. In 2022, participation was 21%. Did you know it takes only 70 alum gifts to the Annual Fund to increase by one percentage point? You make a difference. Any amount counts. The board is participating at 100%! Join us! Give your gift today!

Sending you encouragement and wishes for wellness.

Vita abundantior,

Katie Stewart Page ’08
Association President

CLASS NOTES

Keep up with your classmates and share your own news! We want to know what you are doing. Please keep your class secretary up to date on news and happenings.

Deadlines: Please send your information and photos to your class secretary by the deadlines stated below. When no class secretary is named, you can send your notes to classnotes@randolphpcollege.edu.

- **August 12, 2023** (for the fall 2023 issue)
- **December 9, 2023** (for the spring 2024 issue)

Word Count: In order to get as much news as possible about classmates, each class entry can be no longer than 800 words. Please be concise. Class Notes may be edited for clarity, length, style, etc.

Photos: Please send your high resolution photos to classnotes@randolphpcollege.edu. These photos need to be 1 MB or larger.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

Operating funds of the Association are maintained in the account of the College. Association special funds assets and liabilities are also reported on this balance sheet.

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| Association Officers         | $1,237.85 |
| Communications: Bulletin, Class Secretaries | $0.00 |
| Events: Leadership Council, Chapters, Reunion | $61,994.35 |
| Student Relations            | $1,693.64 |
| Office of Alumnae and Alumni * | $168,293.12 |

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Martha Walker Clark Baumeister ’48 is doing well and enjoying living in an independent living facility in Newark DE. Her daughter, Ashley Clark Cockerill ’78 and husband Bill live in The Colony, TX.

Penny Baskett Harris ’49 celebrated her 94th birthday in Sept. She resided at Cedarfield in Richmond (since 2005) until her death in Jan.

Ann Boon Rhea ’51 would like to share the words of one of Randolph’s serenade songs, “Father time is a crafty man, set in his ways, and we never can make him bring back past days,” and “Where o where are the stately seniors? Lost now in the wide, wide world.”

Mary Earle Nock Scovil ’52 writes, “There were thirty or more alums who attended a reception for our new president in Oct. at the home of Edward and Judy Aspinwall Garland ’66. I was the oldest alumna present. I met some for the first time and saw several others I have gotten to know through the years. Barbara Stanley Welsh ’52 is still at her retirement home in Virginia Beach. Bunny Willis Webb ’52 lives in Buffalo. She and her family are doing well. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

Aileen Wilson Kelly ’57 traveled to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville NC in the fall. Aileen’s son, Michael and partner Sarah Taylor helped celebrate Aileen’s 87th birthday. Fortunately, she is still able to walk around a place like the Biltmore, resting from time to time. Being it was close to Christmas, the estate was beautifully decorated with amazing trees everywhere. Ann Kelly ’57 lives near the Biltmore and wrote, “I am living in NC surrounded by the Appalachian Mountains. Grandfather Mountain, near Linville, is the view outside my window. In Apr., I had heart surgery in Asheville NC, and my 3 Seattle sons came to visit and support me one-by-one. I am living with Meri, my 3 year old Cardigan Welsh Corgi, a wonderful companion. The YMCA is 15 minutes from home with wonderful classes. I feel fortunate, but miss Randolph College (R-MWC) and the wonderful times we had there. Take care every one of you.”

She writes, “Even though I spent only one year at R-MWC, I really enjoy keeping up with the news of our class and from my roommate Win Sykes Koontz ’57. I graduated from Florida State with a major in Spanish and took a job at the US Embassy in Mexico City through the CIA. I resigned after 3 years and married a Mexican National. Twelve years later we moved to my hometown in FL, where I am still enjoying my condo on Indian Rocks Beach.” Adgie Williams Dirom ’57 and Aileen see one another when Aileen is down in Lynchburg visiting daughter Katie Kelly Richards ’91. Adgie says, “Alex and I are still living at home and plan to live and die in our house. Family came for Thanksgiving, and our daughter and granddaughter came at Christmas, drove us to McLean, where they live, and returned us to Lynchburg. I have finally stopped singing in the church choir since I can’t navigate the practices, steps to the balcony, processing and
Dear fabulous '58ers, you all have received a letter from Randolph College about our 65th Reunion during the first weekend in June 2023! Please join the celebration! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday with family and friends! The sadness we feel is because we continue to lose our classmates. Carolyn Brooks McConville
think how ridiculously we were sheltered. ’To my surprise he said, ‘No way. It sounds like the people in charge of you cared for your safety and comfort.’ My four years behind the Red Brick Wall were among the best of my life. Processing into chapel singing ‘Pilgrims on the Starry Road’ – the memory still gives me chills.’ Dolly Stover Cardwell ’58 wrote, “Will and I were privileged to spend the month of July in Finland with son, Will, and family. Granddaughter Amanda married sweetheart of sixteen years on July 30, 2022 in Helsinki, toward the end of our visit. Son Ben and the entire family also attended the wedding. Fifteen of the thirty years that our sons have been married were spent abroad. July’s celebration was the first time our entire family of 12 had ever been all together without a single member missing! It was such a wonderful time for us for which we are so grateful. I just discovered that a young man that graduated from Randolph in 2019 is our youngest granddaughter’s Hurdles coach at Amherst College in MA where she is a second year track and field devotee. Eliza has great respect for Coach DJ Petty ’19 as does her mother, our daughter-in-law Sara. The connection warms this grandmother’s heart! Thanksgiving we welcomed only grandson Aleks, brother of Amanda, also from Helsinki, and girlfriend. Our family gathering of eleven with Chef Ben in charge, was a joyous occasion. Life changes as the years pass on the front door with the message, ‘With every good wish for a great first year. Class of 1958.’ That is our wish for you. We believe your lives will be filled with the best of every moment. Your class secretary Marilyn Messerly ’59 became a great-great aunt at the end of Nov. and also adopted a 6-year old tuxedo cat, Holly, on the same day. All are doing well.

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Jewelle Wooten Bickford ’63 retired from Evercore last year and spent Apr., May, and June traveling up and down Italy. It was an interesting experience both in terms of art history and Italian/EU politics. She arrived home to discover daughter Laura, who was tragically widowed in 2008, was engaged and will be married in May 2023 in Marshall VA. They are very excited that she is happy again. Jewell has the pleasure of seeing Bess Dawson-Hughes ’64 and Ginger Hill Worden ’69 often and values their friendships tremendously. Betty Campbell Cantey ’63 writes, “Both sons and families are here in Columbia. Daughter lives in Boise. I have 7 grandchildren, 5 of whom are in college. The oldest from Boise is a senior at Furman and captain of the dance team. I just returned from a weekend of dancing for the last football game against Wofford where I have 2 grandsons, a junior and a freshman. I have a junior granddaughter at Clemson and sophomore granddaughter at Sewanee. I have a senior in high school here and a sophomore in high school in Boise. My everyday life revolves around my two standard poodles, ages 6 and 2. I do hunt training with them, and I joined a group that trained in Scotland in the fall. Your class secretary Ann Verbeke Richards ’58, for being an ever present class Ambassador for us! Looking forward with great anticipation to our Reunion!” Our many thanks to Ann! When our new president arrived at Randolph College, she delivered a beautiful chrysanthemum plant to the front door with the message, ‘With every good wish for a great first year. Class of 1958.’ That should help to get us – 58ers – on her radar. We are special!” We all agree! We are a special R-MWC Class! The 65th Reunion Committee: Toni Day ’58, Anne George Kime ’58, Ginger Hood Scott ’58, Judy Salle Yongue-King ’58, Dolly, Martha Weisiger Fraher ’58, Frannie Zollinger White ’58, Ann, and Jinx Broaddus Patel ’58. Sheila Watkins Mehaffy ’58, who has not attended a Reunion, wrote, “I do hope to attend the 65th. Also hoping for name tags printed in very large letters.”

 Class of 1964 friends enjoy an 80th birthday celebration in TN in Dec. I headed to Boise and Sun Valley for Christmas.” Carolyn Thomas Vale ’63 says their lives continue to be much like the last few years with the addition of some challenges. She had a second hip replacement last year. Husband Mike had a back operation which did not significantly reduce his pain, but he continues with his goal to play tennis and ski. They still travel back and forth between Arlington VA and Jackson WY. Children and grandchildren are frequent visitors in Jackson with the oldest grandchild beginning to make an appearance in Arlington looking at colleges on the east coast. In tribute to Dr. Kreusler and in an effort to stimulate the brain, Carolyn began the study of Russian again. First with a course at the Rassias Center at Dartmouth and then on Duolingo where she has logged 580 straight days of study. She has also joined a Russian literature group in Jackson, and she is back to quilting! Daughter Brenda, who was born in Tunisia while Mike was on the Peace Corps staff, wants to see the place where she was born so they are hoping to pull that off. If not, they will probably travel to France and Corsica to visit the remaining members of the French side of Mike’s family. Emily Attwell Crosswell ’63 took 3 of 4 children to Europe on an Oceania cruise to France, Spain and Italy. She notes that it is not often you get to be with just your children. Great time had by all to break out of the COVID cloud. Emily and Lucy Caudill Kormeler ’63 have a group of 5 that go dewberry and strawberry picking every spring and picnic in the country. Spring 2023 celebrates their 40th year! She loves traditions and forever friendships and reading about the remarkable lives of classmates. Vicky Neely Lanier ’63 is enjoying being a great grandmother to Alexander Shibani. He is, of course, adorable. Three grandsons are
now in College and Victoria, 15, is still at home. Daughter Holley and husband William continue to be a blessing to Ken and Vicki, always ready and willing to help with anything they need. Vicki still plays duplicate bridge and competes in tournaments nationally. Her ranking is Ruby Life Master, but she is very close to achieving Gold Life Master. The entire family celebrated Thanksgiving together at a rented house in Darien GA. Grandsons brought their girlfriends, so the family numbers are growing. Judith Evans Brown ’63 is very involved with the League of Women Voters of South Hampton Roads, encouraging educated voting and citizen participation in 5 cities from Suffolk to Virginia Beach. They meet with the many delegates and senators who represent their area and discuss the issues they care about and have studied–public education, campaign financing, gun violence prevention, coastal environment, mental illness and others. Sue Richey Cummings ’63 wrote that the family has had a year of moving with son Chris to Auburn AL and daughter Scott to Mt. Pleasant SC. Oldest granddaughter graduated magna cum laude from Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and is living in NYC auditioning and nannying. Her sister is a senior at Wake Forest and will enter medical school in July 2023. Sue’s only grandson is a freshman journalism student at Arizona State University. Daughter Karen, 23, is a freshman at Arizona State with a majoring in sports broadcasting. They were all together for Christmas. She continues to be active in golf, duplicate bridge, and mahjong.

In my last notes for the Vita in early Aug., I wished my classmates happy 80th birthdays, as I assumed that most of us were celebrating that major milestone sometime in 2022. Now I wish that I’d requested of each of you to share how you spent that special day. Some of us exchanged birthday wishes. Polly Cummings Hussain ’64 collected quite a basketful of cards from all over the country, because daughter Saira sent out a request to some classmates she knew about. Also Polly’s children planned a surprise dinner party and Harriette Moskowitz Will ’64 and husband Erwin were part of the surprise. Harriette wrote, “What a grand celebration! Polly’s family is the most fun, welcoming and loving group I’ve ever met...we were all given ‘Polly’s Polythene’ Honey as gifts.” Similarly, Caroline Lockett Cherry ’64’s daughter Helen got in touch with a group of classmates and had each make a video recording using the Tribute app that was played for the 80th birthday surprise. Carolyn Zeliff ’64 was feted on 80th by friends from Huntsville AL as she was traveling with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UAH trip to AK. How’s that for being connected? But the pièce de résistance was the celebration planned by Nicky Nicholson Grey ’64 for more than a year – a week-long 80th birthday party for 16 members of our class. The attendees were from a group of friends who started traveling together in the 1990s. The group has morphed over time, losing a few and gaining others. Nicky invited those who were able to first gather in CT where she lives. Susan Walton Carroll ’64, Janie Leigh Wall Carter ’64, Caroline, Polly, Agnes Fitts Marshall ’64, Judy Hall McBroom ’64, Julie Block Milstien ’64, Lynn Kehoe Rollins ’64, Sallie Crosby Smith ’64, Pam Pitman Turner ’64, Nancy Burch Wilkinson ’64, Harriette, and Carolyn met at Nicky’s house for a few days of beach combing and touring the nearby Yale campus and museums and the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. Then it was off to NYC via commuter train for a long weekend where Mopie Bagby Barefoot ’64 and Laura Alford Cotts ’64 joined the group. On Zoom planning sessions the travelers decided who would attend what theatrical productions, art and history museums, and suffice it to say that plenty of shopping happened serendipitously! The group had one birthday dinner at Une Deux Trois, then birthday brunch at Roberts overlooking Central Park, with a final cocktail party at Lynn Rollins’ NYC apartment. Per Nicky, “Who knew it would take a week to finish celebrating? Too bad that half of us took COVID home with us, but that is another story.” Happily all report that symptoms were mild. So, for the others who don’t see your names above, I invite you to write down a few sentences about your 80th birthday and send to me or the College and we’ll read about you in the next edition of Vita. Carolyn Zeliff wrote that daughter Alicia Ouellette received the 2022 Academic Laureate Award from the University at Albany Foundation at a ceremony on Oct. 13, 2022. Alicia, who earned her JD degree from Albany Law School, is the first alumni to be so honored. At the time the award she was president and dean of the law school. She is author of Bioethics and Disability, Toward a Disability-Conscious Bioethics. She is married to Jacob Reider, MD, and the mother of Carolyn’s eldest grandchildren. Judy Frey wrote that son Mark is recovering at home from successful organ transplant surgery. I wish you a wonderful healthy 2023!
our classmates. Ann died on Sept. 20, 2022. She earned her bachelor’s degree in chemistry at R-MWC. She was president of her sophomore class and active in theater and was often found playing her guitar and singing with friends at the school coffee house. Following graduation, Ann spent one year as a lab technician at Harvard Medical School before embarking on her career as a chemistry educator. She earned a master of arts in teaching degree from Duke University. From 1968 to 1972, Ann taught science at the American Community School in Beirut, Lebanon. She traveled extensively in Europe and northern Africa. After returning to the US, Ann taught at Oklahoma State University. In 1995, Ann moved to Greeley CO to manage a high school chemistry curriculum project at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC). In 2008, she received the Colorado Association of Science Teachers’ College Science Award for her outstanding contributions to the teaching of lab safety and green chemistry. She was also nominated that year for the outstanding college science teacher of the year in CO. Susan Kellermann ’65 of NY, an actress, writes, “Ann was part of the drama group and much liked.” Hunter Culp Levinsohn ’65 of Chapel Hill writes, “What an accomplished life Ann led and full.” Chris Johanns Weisfelder ’65 of Toledo writes, “What a remarkable person. It was an honor to know Ann at R-MWC.” Nancy Price Peterson ’65 of Arlington writes, “Ann was an incredible role model.” Suzy Wise Hawley ’65 of Naples, writes, “What an extraordinary life.” Pat writes, “A vibrant young woman with a warm heart.” Peg Knox Morrison ’65 of Concord NC reports her two freshman grandsons attend Woodberry Forest in Orange County VA. Peg’s granddaughter is a sophomore at St. Mary’s in Raleigh NC. Lanier Sykes Bogen ’65 of Keswick VA saw Peg at grandparent’s day at Woodberry Forest. Lanier’s grandson is a senior. Emily Alford Carlisle ’65 of McComb MS is pleased to report daughter Kathy has remarried a fine young man, Hugh Asher. Emily, husband Duke, and family attended a celebration of the first four national championship quarterbacks from the University of Texas. Each quarterback received a bronze bust. A family member kiddingly said, “Duke’s football career ended in a bust.”

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Margaret Keith ’66 is still bouncing between Paris and Nice. June Rutledge Heintz ’66 writes, “I bit the bullet when I got a call from the sales person at Martha Jefferson House, a retirement facility nestled among fraternity houses in the center of the campus of the University of Virginia. I made the decision to move, so I am here among old time residents of the Charlottesville area (about 10-15 years younger than most residents). I have been on the wait list for 4 years, since shortly after Frank died, knowing that if I have another stroke, Frank is not there to swiftly take me to the hospital. The House is only two blocks from the UVA art museum where I am a docent and lead a monthly program called Looking Within. I miss the big trees and the neighborhood of my home, but in the long run this is a good place to be, and I am content. I walk every day, exploring the campus, and I do yoga every morning as well as meditate about 2 hours a day. Life is slower, but good. I send everyone good thoughts.” Rogers Roseberry Barde ’66 had some sad news, “I don’t have a thing to report, except that my mother, Kenney Shropshire Roseberry ’44, died in Oct. at the age of 99. She may have been Randolph-Macon’s most enthusiastic and devoted alumna for her whole life. She was the last of an age, class of ’44.” Terry Fobler McDonald ’66 and partner Chuck visited every human being they know (many in Europe during their two month grand tour), including Ellen Ann Ragsdale Hopkins ’66. Sara Hill Lavelle ’66 writes, “I saw Margaret Northam ’66 in Dec. for the surprise celebration of her sister-in-law’s 70th birthday. My winter plan was to “SnowBird” at Pawley’s Island...I know...that is not super warm, but it is warmer than in the mountains. Life stays full!”

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Your Class of 1968 Reunion Committee is carefully working on plans for our 55th Reunion which will take place June 1 - 4, 2023. You should have received some notices by now, so PLEASE plan to attend. Our 50th reunion was more fun than ought to be legal, and we want all of you back again plus anyone who missed that event. The committee met via Zoom in Oct. to start planning and included Page Shields ’68, Mary Scully Riley ’68, Barbara McCartney Kirkland ’68, Dixie Nasch Sakolosky ’68, Jane Neblett Tims ’68, Lynn Hodge ’68, Tooky Faulkner Frolik ’68, and Judy Turner Fisher ’68. Helen Makarowsky Tuman ’68 and husband Walter celebrated 52 years of marriage in 2022 and still split their time between Durango CO in summer and Scottsdale AZ in winter. They enjoy following the sports and other activities of 4 grandchildren, divided between Boise and Scottsdale. Helen is looking forward to Reunion! Page, Mary Scully Riley ’68, Barbara, Lindsey Massie Huddle and Marilyn Hicks Fitzgerald connected via Zoom in Nov. just to catch up – we are so fortunate to have that technology to “visit” without leaving home. Marilyn and husband Mike both had successful surgeries during the fall and fortunately have lots of family close by in northern VA ready to supply helping hands. Kitty Lavin Linder ’68 and husband Mark visited with the whole family on Block Island RI in the summer as she has for 38 years. In Dec. 2021, they enjoyed a trip to Paris on a whim right before the Omicron variant hit, with low prices as a bonus. The two spent Feb. in FL and liked it so much they plan a repeat. Kitty and sister Barbara took a road trip in the spring to her hometown of Roanoke and met Kathleen Harris Quale ’68 for a mini reunion over brunch in Staunton. Barbara also connected with Kathleen in Charlottesville, when she recruited Kathy to help her celebrate her birthday in her new town in Aug. In addition to various field trips around the DC area with former roommate Marilyn, Barbara visited with Sally Sherard Mattingly ’68 and family at Litchfield Beach SC in late Aug. Barbara visited Morocco for two weeks in Sept. with stops in Rabat, Marrakesh, Casablanca, Erfoud, and most amazingly, the Sahara. The desert was awesome and beautiful, but also intimidating as it was easy to see how hard it would be to survive there if lost. She had encounters with families in their homes, young and older women involved in special programs designed to start them on careers, and even with a Berber family who travels from place to place to graze their goats. Judi Miller Frame ’68, Tooky, and Anne Hagedorn Averett ’68 met in late summer for a post-COVID lunch filled with laughter. It seemed to Judi that they were just graduating! That sounds like a wonderful reason to come to Reunion and continue the fun and laughter with your sisters from the Class of 1968. Judith Phillips Stanton ’68 has finished another two novels and is looking for an agent to publish them traditionally. Karen Olsen Borek ’68 updated news about daughter Catherine who has now won LA County Teacher of the Year and been selected as one of five CA Teachers of the Year. Tammie Smith Lesene ’68 survived a brain aneurysm in Jan., largely unscathed. She has retired from psychotherapy practice, but supports several clients as a coach. Lynn formed a book group in the fall to read and discuss. Carter Heyward ’67’s book, The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism: A Call to Action and then Zoom with Carter in Feb. 2023. The book offers a cogent analysis of this issue and ways forward for those with a range of views. Kenan Jones Keyes ’68 experienced her first holiday season without husband Griff who
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For Christmas, Robey Watson Frasché ’69 and Jim drove with 10-month-old Ollie, an aussiedoodle, to Denver visiting son James. James and Naomi have an 11-year-old son and 2 dogs to entertain Ollie. They flew from there to Australia (leaving Ollie in CO) to see Carolyn and granddaughter Jasmine, 8. When Robey and Jim returned, they sat with the dogs while Dean’s parents took him to lacrosse camp in Phoenix. Liza Rucker Hager ’69 and family spent Thanksgiving in Asheville at Mac’s. Liza is hoping this will become a family tradition. It turns out Mac’s is the best cook in the family! Christine de Vries Carlsten ’69 and family gathered for Thanksgiving in Charleston at Jenny’s home. Maggie Ferris Harley ’69 led a discussion last fall at Mary and Martha’s Place on The Book of Joy, the conversation between Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. The discussion in the spring is a follow-up about elder spirituality. Maggie and husband, prompted by Maggie’s chronic pancreatitis, are planning a move to a senior community in Atlanta. Maggie notes the conundrum many of us are facing: leading a healthy life while facing mortality. Maggie’s children and grandchildren were together in the NC Mountains for Thanksgiving – a happy and chaotic time. Carol Hall Gosse ’69 and Tom spent Thanksgiving in DC at Emily’s home. Son Alec and family joined them. Carol and Tom along with Alec’s parents opted for a hotel (your secretary is of a similar mind) with the 5 children and 4 parents in the house. Nancie Newkirk Loppnow ’69 reports she had reunions with 2 R-M groups in 2022: some of our class met in Kiawah in Mar. and another group (our “far-flung R-M book group members”) convened at Ginger Hill Worden’s ’69 home in ME. Nancie and Don spent part of the fall at their home on Daufuskie Island SC returning in Dec. to MI via KY. They planned to return to Daufuskie in Feb. 2023, remaining until May 2023. Nancie contends she needs a season of snow to appreciate fully spring. Ginger reported that she and Geoff have moved to Boulder to be near their daughter and family (3 grands)! They still spend almost 5 months in ME each spring-fall and are committed to week long trips to NYC to see their daughter’s family and their son and wife in NJ. She enjoyed being with a crew of 15 in Cabo over Christmas. Linda Babcock Sorber ’69 writes that the assisted living home went through a major renovation (read “major upheaval”), with cosmetic changes as well as infrastructure improvements. The redo began in July and continued through the fall. Linda did escape in Aug. with a couple with whom she is friends on a cruise in ME, celebrating 2 75th birthdays, including Linda’s. She met at their home in College Station for Christmas. Linda spent the annual 3 weeks in Oct. at Hilton Head. She stays busy with playing mahjong weekly, singing in 2 musical groups, and working in the library once a week. Sabra Bissette Ledent ’69 spent Christmas in Nevis with Suzy Gordon ’69 and husband Todd. Anne Boyd Earle ’69 spent the summer at family property in the Upper Peninsula of MI, bought by Steve’s grandmother, a single woman, in 1906. Anne’s children and grands love it, so undoubtedly the legacy will endure. Anne recently read Code Girls by Liza Mundy which profiled the work of Dot Braden Bruce ’42 penetrating enemy codes for our country’s defense department during WWII. Interestingly, many of the “code girls” were stationed at Arlington Hall Station where husband Steve was director of intelligence and security in the 1980s. Anne is involved with charity quilting—“interesting projects for a good cause.” Anne’s daughter Becky and granddaughter Sarah had dinner with Sally Spangler Miley ’68 when they toured University of Wisconsin for Sarah. In Oct., Alicia Grant Longwell ’69 retired after 18 years from chief curator of the Parrish Art Museum in Water Mill NY. Alicia earned her doctorate at City University of NY where her dissertation topic was John Graham. As curator, Alicia organized a Graham exhibition which featured 65 paintings, the 1st comprehensive retrospective in 30 years of his work. This was just one of her notable curatorial achievements. She oversaw a major building project as well as significant expansion of the museum’s collection. Shirley Merchant Johnson ’69’s husband Jim passed away on January 27, 2022. Jim was a biotech patent attorney, practicing in Atlanta. They were living in Highlands NC at the time of death. Your secretary, Sarah Beckham Howard ’69 is happy to report that she is almost fully recovered from the injuries she sustained in the car/pedestrian accident last summer. Miggsie Roehrer Tribble ’69 reports that husband Jack passed away on Sept 4, 2022. He had been suffering from dementia. I hope 2023 brings us health, fulfillment, and time and opportunity to spend with cherished friends and family!
each year since Karen retired from Brown. They spend the other six months on this side of the Atlantic as their daughter and two grandchildren live next door to them in Gloucester. Janie Ligon ’70 has been busy fulfilling her “COVID delayed” travels to Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Cape Town, and Franschhoek. Janie also took a train trip across Canada from Vancouver and is looking forward to future jaunts to the Mayan ruins in the Yucatan, Kenya, Tanzania, and maybe even Saudi Arabia. She also goes back and forth to London every three months to visit daughter and grandchildren.

Vicki Burgess Pitman ’70 and Bonnie Treadwell Blackwell ’70 were both members of the first group to attend the Reading Program. They try to get together at least once a year with Lois Rodgers Reynolds ’70, who transferred after two years at R-MWC. All three married Brits, and this summer, they met up for a picnic lunch and a long “walk & talk” around the spectacular Stourhead House and Garden. Cheryl Abernathy ’70 remembers how much fun it was to be back on campus for our 50th (plus 2) Reunion and wants to remind everyone to start planning to attend the 55th in 2025. Pam Steele Tabba’ 70 and Yasser, her husband of 43 years, have attained an alphabet full of degrees (including, but not limited to, BAs, MAs, PhDs, MFAs, and ABDs) in the fields of architecture and fine arts. They have lived all over the world, including (and again not limited to) Boston, Ann Arbor, Amman, and Abu Dhabi. Their children Karim, Leila, and Zenya are (in this order) a filmmaker, an attorney, and an editor. They have two grandchildren, and Zenya is getting married this summer at Lake Sunapee to a fellow graduate from UVA. Pam and Yasser have lived in Ann Arbor since 1988, and all of their children and grandchildren live in NYC or the Hudson Valley.

Linda Bradshaw Gragnani ’70 sadly reported that husband Otto died suddenly in January, and then she fell and broke her shoulder in March. Both events have required major life adjustments. She can’t imagine having dealt at all without the support and assistance of children and families, who live close by. She is blessed with five grandchildren, ages 13 to 5. One of the highlights of the year was the Reunion in June. Kathe Ellis Baer ’70, claims all responsibility for any and all typos, misspellings, errors, and omissions contained in this entry, she can do wonders with a spreadsheet, but English and grammar were never one of her strong suits … as many of my R-MWC professors would attest. She is looking forward to the following: 1. A family reunion at son and DIL’s new hotel in Silverthorne CO that includes all three children, their spouses, and my seven wonderful grandchildren. 2. Staying in touch with friends, both gold and silver ones. 3. Hiding in Janie’s suitcases! Kathe is enjoying her role as your secretary and would love to hear from you WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS if you are reading this and do not receive her pleas for news. Her email address is katbaer@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell ’71 and husband John celebrated their 50th anniversary in Oct. with a trip to the Southwest, visiting their daughter and husband in Santa Fe and then spending several days in the Moab area exploring Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. The trip included a wonderful book signing event at a new bookstore in Albuquerque. One of the visitors that day was a 1981 alumna! On Sept. 16, 2022, Sarah Rouse Sheehan ’71 and Lynne Seekamp ’71 went to Stanardsville to help Betsy Krome ’71 unpack and set up her booth at the Virginia Clay Festival along with Ann Wright Dye ’71, who lives outside Stanardsville and hosted the group. Sarah and husband Patrick Sheehan will be spending about six weeks in Paris. Susie Witter ’71 spent the holidays in Mount Dora FL where Laurie Groner Tillett ’71 lives. Mount Dora is known for its magical historic downtown with over 2 million lights everywhere. Even the marina goes all out with a children’s winter wonderland of lights and musical displays. There is a huge street party with all the shops open late, a mini-choo-choo, buskers, and musical groups. Laurie and husband Ed packed for a 128 day cruise on the MS Zuiderdam. The trip included Nuku Hiva, French Marquesas. Laurie was last there in Apr. 1966 as a high school junior as part of her “Five Months Before the Mast” sailboat trip across the Pacific. Baby sister, who lives in northern Denmark, flew into Copenhagen to spend the day with them. If you want to follow her adventures, follow her on Facebook (Laurence Tillett). Laurie was sorry to miss Reunion; she was recovering from a Mediterranean cruise. She thinks she may have more saltwater in her veins than normal. Favorite book of all times is the Little Golden Book, Sailor Dog. Sarah and husband Pat were able to return to Paris in the spring after having to forego it for 2 years. They spent a couple of weeks at a VRBO rental in Taos NM where they hiked a trail called Big Arsenic and lived to tell the tale. Sarah initiated another group luncheon for classmates in Alexandria. Susie Witter and Deborah “Debbie” Anthony Dodge ’71 took Amtrak from Richmond and Debbie Ward Heritage ’71, Lynne, and Sarah drove to Alexandria. Linda Duke Weistroffer ’71 could not make it to the lunch, because she was working on her cattle farm. Calving season had just ended, and she was having to bottle feed a calf that did not bond with her mother. She does love farm life and feels lucky to live it. Linda Pound Coyne ’71 moved to Fairfax from SC and loves it. She gets to see her two children and three grandchildren several times a week. She lives close to the Vienna Metro Station, so she is able to walk to the station to see museums and concerts in Washington. Brookes McIntyre ’71 has moved from Albuquerque to Pawleys Island SC and is enjoying hanging out with her sister. Dee Wooten Beggarly ’71 and husband Van are now the proud owners of Fōda Restaurant, the best and only restaurant in Appleton ME (pop. 1411). The origin of the current building was an 1832 farmhouse. With “encouragement” from their 2 chefs, they began a new adventure offering locally sourced farm/sea to table menus for evening dining and Sunday Brunch. The “soft opening” was the week before Thanksgiving and was “a wicked success!” They were delighted that all of the staff from their Camden breakfast/
lunch restaurant joined in this opening. Son, Chef Brian, leads the Föda Team. During the days of opening, Dee wore a pair of onyx earrings that Janice Brodka Baldwin-Hench ’71 gave her in 1971. Such sweet gifts Life are part of many beautiful experiences which bring Dee happy memories of our Class. Dee and Susan Jones Dobson ’70 have renewed their friendship after many years since they are both now living in Jacksonville. Debbie Ward Heritage’s daughter Barbara had an exhibition entitled “Building the Book” at the Grolier Club in NYC from Sept. to Dec. The exhibition was reviewed in the Washington Post, Forbes, and the New York Times.

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Margaret Wells Hayslip '75 spent winter in Haque, awaiting the birth of daughter's baby. Pam Edwards Morgan '75 has joined the grandchild countdown. Laura Koiner Walters '75 wrote, "In Apr. 2021 we moved off the farm back to Asheville. We needed to be closer to Mom, who had lung cancer at age 93. Mom died in Mar. at 94, leaving us free of obligations for the first time in many years. On the strength of our younger son's encouragement, we moved up to Cheshire MA in July, where we continue to settle in. This is in the Berkshires, utterly beautiful, and less than an hour away from Rain and their partner Pallas. We were here in time to see them get married on Oct. 8, 2022. We found a house with lots of room for my weaving studio. We are near the Appalachian Trail (right down the street it exits the woods into our town) and a beautiful rail trail 1/10 of a mile away. We buy most of our produce and meats from local regenerative farms and farm stands. We have applied for installation of solar panels. In other words, we're close to family and able to live closer to our values than we ever have. I do miss my sheep, though." Zoleta Courtney '75 offered, "Thinking at my age I should be able to report my greatest imaginative adventures – real or not! I will ask my pups for a few ideas since I spend most of my time with them! Seriously, on my end, no trips, retirement, lottery wins, trophy husbands, or grandkids – just dogs and cats with some politics thrown into the mix!" Lesley Morgan '75 adds, "I have submitted my request to retire effective Aug. 31, 2023 as Dean, School of Nursing, Baker College. To celebrate, I have five international trips planned through the end of 2023, starting with a Dec. trip to Jordan with sister. On a sadder note, mother died in Aug. at age 99, and what a remarkable life she lived. Siblings and I have just finished emptying the house, trying to absorb some beautiful items in already packed houses. Now is the time to shed items, not increase them! HELP!" Marsha Taylor Pepper '75 stated, "We've had a busy fall – 2 weddings and no funeral, but both of us contracted COVID the week before our annual Oct. beach vacation at Oak Island NC. Steve has had COVID 3 times since 2020. I dodged the bullet until this year. The weddings were for my brother's daughter in NY and son in Scottsdale AZ – one month apart! We had some free time in Scottsdale and with daughter Rachel hiked Pinnacle Peak. Not crazy about the Arizona landscape – not much green! Making plans to celebrate birthday number Seven Zero in the coming year! June Bredahl Hudnall '75 mentioned, "My family and I have lived outside of Boston for many years. The kids are grown and have jobs, and we have 2 grandchildren. I still work as a mortgage loan originator for a bank. We travel when we can and otherwise, spend our time with our darling Yorkie, Teddy. He has lots of opinions, but we wouldn't be without him! Teddy is loved by all. Laura Howell '75 shared a new website of her artwork: www.laurareedhowell.com. Laura and husband, now in Vero Beach, are seeking more galleries to represent work. The Annapolis gallery that represented her for 20 years closed when the owner retired. Lisa Watt Wilson '75 sent greetings from ID. "Today skate-skiing, tomorrow fly-fishing. Travel is my elixir. My first priority was an Oct. visit to my son and family of 3 grandbabies in AL. Their 2023 move to the DC area will make trips more manageable. I explored Delphi and Crete with experts from the Smithsonian in Sept. The history-laden adventure rekindled Dr. Lloyd's Classic Civ lectures freshman year." Madeline Miller '66 credited those with inspiring the love of classics she passed on to daughter, award-winning author of Circe, the book that sent me to Smithsonian Travel for a trip to Greece that included Crete. It was with Sharon Bouck Smith '66, whose travel creations are exemplary, that recognition of the depth of our classical exposure at R-MWC came to light on her fantastic tour of Sicily, which I took with Alison Keller Townsend '75 in 2016. Hats off to that class of '66! May featured a great stay with Diane Matthews Walker '74 and wonderful family before we drove (chatting all the way) to Smith Mountain Lake for a glorious gathering of my cousins at the home of Sue Trincher, daughter of Ann Mitinger Krissinger '54. Carole Steinheimer Brand '75 and husband Nick had a great time catching up with Kathryn Ward '75 and husband Scott Dyer in Pleasantville NY, while returning from ME in Aug. Lisa Cloar Sutton '75, husband and dog completed a long-awaited "Parkway trip" for 2 weeks in VA, visiting Williamsburg and many of my old haunts: Richmond (got my Virginia Museum fix), Roanoke, Lexington, Staunton, Charlottesville, and Lynchburg (where we toured the Maier Museum at Randolph College). I was inspired by the Women's Monument at the Virginia Capitol! 3 days in Bethesda MD and DC featured the Museum of African American History (spectacular). We visited Joan Morris '73 in Warrenton and Beth Barnes Nichols '75 at husband Fred's art gallery in Barboursville."

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Catherine Phillips Winslow '77 reports, "After 11 years of providing care for my 95 and 91-year old-parents, I have a "new" life! We moved them into a family care home, much to their dismay." She moved into her own place.
and is substituting full-time until she procures a permanent full-time position. Sons and 3 grands, ages 3, 2, and 9 months are doing well. Between trips, walks with Beth Cheney ’78 are done whenever possible! In Mar., Dawn Keogh ’77 stayed with friends in Alaska and also stayed with friends in Scotland Oct. 25 - Nov. 4. She’s back on 6 month CT scans for colon cancer and is hale and hearty. Diana Mitchell Smith ’77 (after 45th high school reunion) was deemed by classmates to be perfect to organize the 50th in Oct. ’23. Ha! Right after the R-MWC Reunion 2022, she vacationed with Charlie in SC and GA with old friends and family. Braves baseball, too. After one more hurdle, she’ll be confirmed as a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the PC (USA). She’ll be filling pulpits on Sundays in rural churches in south central/southwest OK that can no longer afford (or even find) a full or part-time pastor. Leigh Martin Lowe ’77 says she’s not slowing down due to age, but is slowing down by choice. Living six months on the coast of ME agrees with her greatly. Her days are spent painting, tending to their small bit of land, reading, walking, writing, and baking the occasional blueberry muffin. She and Henry remain active in churches in both S. Bristol and Baltimore which keeps her hopeful. Randall Johnson Watts ’77 finally started traveling again in 2022 beginning with visits to friends in SC and family in GA. Her oldest brother, Clark, died in Mar. from complications of COVID and lung cancer. RC Board of Trustee meetings with Karen Campbell ’77 took place in person in May. In Oct., she saw “Hamilton” at the Kennedy Center in DC, and she and John celebrated their 45th anniversary in Williamsburg VA. Randall’s choir will be in Residence at Durham Cathedral in the UK in July 2023. Lisa Peniston Sieg ’77 continues role with the City of Rockville PA overseeing art exhibits at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. She also works as the VP/ exhibits coordinator for the Rockville Art League which opened their Juried Members Winter Show on Dec. 4, 2022. Lisa and husband Pat were honored to be in the show with other amazing talent. “It’s quite an honor to be in it. The talent is amazing and the shows reflect that. Thank you for following the Rockville Art League (RAL) on FB and on Instagram.” Anthony Long Startz ’77 received second place with third book on Amazon, William McNama First Sergeant Fourth US Cavalry -MOH Recipient -The Journey to Find his Medal, from the Texas State Genealogical Society Non-Professional Genealogist book category. She is honored to be a full-time volunteer as National Chair of Specialty Research, a new national committee for NSDAR. The committee leads the research and education for specialty research areas including African American, Spanish, Native American, Jewish, French, and French Canadian. Debbie Randall Bowie ’77 considers herself mostly retired after twenty-four years of self-employment as a professional organizer. She still sees a few long-term clients, but this year enjoyed more free time to visit family in Boston, SW VA, Baton Rouge LA, and her father, 94, in Weems, VA. She and Pattie Hallett ’77 attended their 50th high school reunion with fear and trepidation. Despite being around so many “old” people it was a great time together. Toad went from the reunion to St. Thomas for a wonderful two week vacation. Lisa Stein Woodruff ’77 had left knee replaced Nov 2021 and rehabbed for the first half of 2022. She managed to vacation at Sandals St. Lucia in Feb. On May 31, 2022 she had her left hip replaced which kept her from attending our Reunion! Stepdaughter married Oct 15, 2022 so she spent a lot of the year doing wedding planning. Travel plans for 2023 include Cabo San Lucas, her 50th high school reunion in Richmond VA, and Alaska. Debbie Phillips Close ’77 made it back for Reunion. She extends another shout out and huge thank you to Diana for all that was done and continues to do for our class. She’d love to hear from and get together with anyone visiting Charlottesville VA. Donna Howe Fagan ’77 and husband Bob moved to Sun City Hilton
Head after living in NC for most of their lives. She became very good at decluttering during the move. They are loving it there, and Donna loves being retired. Great news, everyone! If your email address changes, please let Debbie Bowie know.

1981: Linda Hendrix Kelly, Marjie Blevins, Dilara Samadi Constantine, Christi Raddy, and Lauryn Aubrey met up on Nantucket for their first reunion in 40+ years.

1982: Reunion Weekend 2022 sleepover with Julie White Forehand, Martha Broecker, Katie Trabue Puryear, Gail Roper Caltrider, and Rosemary Wood deButts

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The Class of ’79 is busy, busy, busy! Jamie Gavin Sullivan ’79 and husband Michael babysit 3 grandchildren near Madison WI every other week. The commute is 300 miles round trip, but they do enjoy hanging out with 8, 6, and 2 year olds. “They do tire us out!” Volunteering, walking wonderful time my four years there, and it was because of the place, and YOU! Please show up. The school looks fabulous, and I promise, you’ll love being there. Please, before we’re any older! Let’s be together again!!”
and reading keep Jamie occupied. She did have an opportunity to play a few rounds of golf this summer; she is still at the beginner stage, but Michael is very patient! Claire Anderson ’79 is the reading coach/interventionist for Leon County Virtual School, retiring in May 2023! Claire has a long bucket list! She enjoys spending time with 7 grandchildren in Atlanta/Raleigh, ranging in age from 5 months to 14 years old. She can’t wait to meet up with Benie Preacher Brunson ’79 and Lisa Manning Urban ’79 soon. Carol Myers Duffy ’79, Jenny Schmitt Lighthall ’79 and Laura Downey Hill ’79 enjoyed a mini reunion Halloween weekend at Laura’s house in Uptown, New Orleans. The weekend was packed with food, jazz, and art galleries plus lots of laughter and reminiscing about their days at R-MWC. “It is always so much fun to catch up and the visits are never long enough. We get together at least once a year plus zoom calls every month.” This trip was extra special, because they celebrated Laura’s new book, Walking in my Shoes, A Woman’s Story of Leadership. The book includes great memories from our days at R-MWC. Carol lives on Amelia Island FL Jenny is in Bryn Mawr PA, and Laura lives in Southlake TX. Nani Broadbent-Yale ’79 reports she had an email from Anita Tschurr ’79 last spring, completely out of the blue. Anita was heading to England to walk with friends and thought she’d reach out. Anita came for a few days, and they talked and talked and talked. “We tried to put the world to right, but that’s a job even too big for two R-MWC graduates!” Anita lives in Austin and loves it there. What fun to be reacquainted after all these years. Anyone else fancy dropping in, we’d love to see you!” Debi Barrett-Hayes ’79 has been enjoying teaching art on the side after retiring from FSU and occasionally helping son Cosby Hayes and fiancé Sarah Painter (yes, that’s her real name) with their artful works. They are both accomplished muralists traveling and leaving beautiful works in the USA, Canada, Haiti, Argentina and Spain. You can check them out on Facebook & Instagram. Husband Martin is still a working attorney and serves on the Florida Election Commission. Debi was fortunate to be awarded the State & National Distinguished Service Awards for Art Education in NYC this year where age/years count for something. She is still loving art and her professional organizations. Mindy Meredith Coulter ’79 has been traveling and enjoying 6 grandchildren while continuing Junior Cotillion franchise business. She and husband Tom enjoyed an African Safari with friends this past spring and a pilgrimage to Oberammergau with family in July. She continued genealogical research on two Revolutionary War ancestors, one on her mom’s side and the other on her dad’s. Mindy planned a reunion featuring a FAMILY ROOTS TOUR since they have had descendants of these two ancestors living in East TN since before TN gained statehood in 1796. Brother Mitch and sister Mary Jo and almost all children and grandchildren got together on the 4th of July weekend in Johnson City, the first time to be together since they lost mother right before COVID. Since she loved genealogy, Mindy knows she loved this! She gets to Charlotte a couple times a year for work so let her know who is in the neighborhood; she’d love to get together! She also visits sister in Tega Cay or at beach house on Edisto. Sally Martin Hall ’79 enjoys spending time with five grandkids and doing a bit of traveling. She was able to go to Isla Mujeres, Mexico in Oct. 2022 for a wedding. It is a beautiful island off the coast of Cancun. Cathie Martin ’79 moved to Mount Pleasant SC be closer to two children, an active 2-year-old and 5-month old.

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Julie White Forehand ’82 hosted a gathering at her beautiful home in Roanoke for Reunion Weekend 2022, so there could be a good long visit. Martha Broecker ’82, our own fashionista, provided the slumber party costumes, which were and still are a big hit with everyone. Martha retired from the fashion industry, living life in amazing home in Dallas, and following famous minstrel niece in concerts around the world. Katie Trabue Puryear ’82 – Grandmother to four little girls, very involved mother to five grown-up babies, she recently built a new barn on her farm in Madison VA. Gail Roper Caltrider ’82 – Proud to be a cancer survivor of over 5 years and thinking about retirement after a long teaching career. Also loving second home “at the beach.” She has two charming grandchildren. Julie – Dancing heart out every day and winning competitions galore to prove talent. An amazing hostess with a joy for life only few can claim. Rosemary Wood deButts ’82 – Celebrating
three years of a massive career change to the healthcare industry. Living/loving the life in wine/horse country VA – clearly a good choice.

**Trish McCall ’82** – “It’s been said, ‘you can’t go home again;’ however I found you can revisit the wonder of Randolph. Just seeing the Red Brick Wall 40 years after graduation set my heart a flutter. To spend such quality time with Charlsie, Bonnie and Janet, under the scruptious eaves that Charlsie’s husband Collin built was magical. I’m still singing the song and remember most of the lyrics, especially ‘here let wisdom rise.’ This journey never ends.”

**REUNION JUNE 1-4, 2023 1983**

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Randolph College was one of the best things that happened to **Liz Trevino Mosesman ’83**. It has helped to form the woman she is. It was the perfect fit! Plus, she remains close to roommate! She is so grateful for experience there. Let’s see how many times I can fit the word REUNION in these class notes! Class of 1983’s 40th Reunion is June 1-4, 2023. Read on for more about Reunion later! **Catherine Calcote Fischer ’83** is a first time grandmother! Son Scott and wife Alyson had a beautiful, precious little girl on Oct. 29, 2022. They live in Chicago, so far away, but a direct flight from Charlotte. So blessed! She is sorry that she failed to respond until very late to those who asked where to send news. You can yell at her at Reunion. As listed above, you can submit news at 1983@randolphcollege.edu, or just come to Reunion and share it yourself! **Val Sands Weeks ’83** sent, “I’m still doing environmental consulting part-time at Weeks Environmental. My boss is a b*#&**h, but she gives me a lot of time to travel, and she doesn’t seem to mind that I come to work in sweat pants. John and I traveled to Oktoberfest 2022 in Munich where we had a blast! Went on to do a little tour of the Swiss and Italian Alps.” She “went big” for Oktoberfest and sent photo proof. I will have a life size posterboard of said photo at Reunion. Yet another reason to come to Reunion. Speaking of Reunion, who, what, when, where? You, gathering with your classmates for laughter and catch-up, June 1 - 4, 2023 behind the Red Brick Wall. PLEASE COME to Reunion. We all want to see YOU at Reunion. **Page McDonald Crosby ’83** writes, “Hope to see you next spring/summer!” She’s talking about Reunion, of course! She continues, “All three of my guys are thriving: Nelson has a job in DC in real estate development after graduating from business school at Columbia. Reiley sells 401K plans at a Baltimore firm and hopes to move to the suburbs. Sam is in music management in LA and is learning the ropes of marketing/managing artists in CA. Andy has retired and has become the main chef in the house as I continue my work as an occupational therapist in home care. I love what I do and feel honored to help people every day regain their independence and confidence. I’m just hoping for a daughter in law one of these days.” I would highly recommend my daughter in law, but she’s taken! **Tulip Chaudhury ’83** writes, “Greetings from faraway Canberra, Australia where we have been living for the last 35+ years. After working for the Australian government for 31 years, I retired in Jan. 2020 with the intention of traveling extensively. Unfortunately, COVID forced us to become homebound especially in Australia where we had unbelievably harsh lockdowns for months on end. Fortunately, that is all behind us now and we can start taking small steps towards normalcy. I started my travels earlier this year, making a visit to NY to see sister. At home, 2022 has been an eventful year for us with our son Sami completing his law degree and starting his legal career as well as getting married. We are dawning in wedding activities even as I write this. Once the wedding rush is over, we will be heading overseas again. Making lots of plans to attend the Reunion next year and can’t wait to see everyone then.” **Elizabeth Dechert-Boscovich ’83** summarized the last forty years as, “I remarried for the last time about 17 years ago, left the corporate world and moved to Grant FL where I have become a complete and happy introvert after retiring from a hectic career in Human Resources. I spend my days working in my garden and hydroponic house, helping out on my husband’s crab boat, watching rockets fly over us (we are just south of Cape Canaveral), cooking, reading and swimming laps with my dogs. Recently, I’ve started back with my Master Gardening volunteer work. During the pandemic I was so overwhelmed with bumper crops of mangos, tomatoes, peppers, herbs and peaches that I learned to can salsas and chutneys. Val Sands Weeks and **Ellen Ghiringhelli Quam ’83** were my canning coaches, and now I’m hooked. All and all life is good down here.” She keeps up with other classmates like **Martha Frase ’83, Nancy Kline ’83, Anne Schoeffel Manley ’83, Kathy Fields ’83, Lucy Burke Goddin ’86, Jamie Ledbetter D’Innocenzo ’83, Sally Smithson Wolfe ’83 and Kristin Maich ’82**. She’s putting the squeeze all to come to Reunion. Ok, Reunion, so how many times, Reunion, have I said Reunion, Reunion? Wrong, there are 40, for our 40th REUNION! If you didn’t find 40, come to Reunion and take it up with me in person! One last time, our 40th Reunion is June 1-4, 2023. Be there or be… GREATLY missed! Reunion!

**1984**

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Always great to hear from **Robin Luttrell ’84** who shared news of a recent Atlanta chapter meeting where she met Randolph President Sue Otts Rowlands, as well as a new college trustee. Robin continues to enjoy cycling in and around the Atlanta area. Fellow 1984 classmates have
celebrated (or soon will celebrate) an important birthday milestone. There have several social media records of some mighty fun-looking trips to commemorate our 60 trips around the sun. Yours truly was fortunate to join classmates for an end of 2022 get together in Virginia Beach/Sandbridge VA. Cake by the ocean, chef-prepared dinner, “Cards Against Humanity” (have mercy), long walks along the Atlantic were all part of the fun.

Hunter McKinley Snodron ’84, Ann Hepburn Webb ’84, Frances Swain Sterling ’84, Sally Hix Lopez ’84, Christy Mullen ’84, Kathy Moody Stanly ’84, Betsy Henley Lobel ’84, Amy Heinbockel Burgoyne ’84, Pam Weinacht ’84, and Holly Trimmer Buckley ’84 all enjoyed catching up, reminiscing, and talking about how the best is yet to come!

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Megan Berryman Izykowski ’85 and sweet husband Ken traveled to Grosse Pointe MI to spend Christmas with son’s family. They ran over to Canada for a day or two! Then in Mar. 2023, they traveled to NYC for several days (it was a surprise). To round off spring, they took a southern state drive to FL, up to SC, across TN back home to TX in May 2023. It was their relative tour! Hopefully they saw some of her classmates along the way.

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Hello Ladies. I sent out a call for news and got promises that morphed into cricket! So this sadly will be short and sweet. Fran Darden Carden ’86 is a grandmother! Oldest daughter Anne Austen had a baby girl in the spring. Congratulations to all! Ruth Meyers Hallman ’86 has left the educational world of South Carolina high schools for Savannah Country Day and their lower school. The first few anecdotes have had to do with the heavenly lunches that are part of the day! Larkin Mott ’86’s daughter Tiernan was married right after Thanksgiving, so it’s been a busy and happy time! She was also able to see Ruth as she and husband Chris came through Charlottesville on their recent trip to Virginia. That’s all I’ve got folks so if you want to hear more about our amazing class shoot me a line! You can reach me by email or on our FB class page. Otherwise I’m going to have to start making up stories again! One more thing; if you all have an opportunity to meet our new president at one of the receptions taking place around the region, I urge you to go! We met briefly on campus in Sept., and I attended the Baltimore reception in Oct. She is really impressive, and I am looking forward to her tenure at the helm of our alma mater!

**1987**

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Spring greetings to the class of 1987. I was late in requesting input for this issue of our class notes, but I am grateful that several of our classmates responded quickly. Our column will not look so desolate this go around. As some of you may have caught on, I tuck in a prompt each time to give people something to think about that might encourage more participation. For this issue the prompt was What are you looking forward to in 2023? With that in mind, Lisa Leutner Barton ’87 shared, “This week I spent some time in Lee County FL. This is where the hurricane hit so hard and also the location of the last Reunion on Sanibel Island. The area was absolutely devastated, but it did remind me of the beautiful time that I had with so many of you gals! As for what we’re looking forward to, we have 2 fun trips planned for 2023! First a visit to see our son in Breckinridge CO, and second, a bare boat charter to sail the Bahamas! Chuck and I will be celebrating 32 years of marriage in Jan 2023! I’m still trying to figure out how I got that wonderful man! I feel so fortunate to write these things, and of course our life hasn’t been without challenges, but I’m grateful beyond measure. Lastly, I live on Kent Island on the eastern shore of MD. I’d love a visit if anyone finds themselves in the area!” Nancy Pasternack ’87 wrote, “Had a great visit last Aug to Daphne Dixon Williams ’87’s home outside of Atlanta where I got to spend a wonderful weekend catching up with Mary Mullen Brinson ’87 and Holly Redmond Spiller ’87. Looking forward to visiting Mary next in Madison MS. If anybody is in the DC area let me know, would love to catch up!” Jennifer Wisser ’87 sent in Christmas greetings along with these thoughts for 2023, “I’m looking forward to spending at least 4 summer months at Lake of Bays, Ontario, Canada where I’ve finally finished construction on an addition (with indoor plumbing!) on a cabin my grandfather built 90 years ago. It’s been an eight-year project from planning to completion. This past summer was the first in my lifetime of being there all summer, in part thanks to the internet for work and the hot shower! Looking forward to more of that experience in the future.” Stacy Adler Smith ’87 has enjoyed living in the Boston area for the past five years. She is teaching kindergarten at Mystic Valley Regional Charter School—she thinks it is wonderful! She also started the school’s tennis program as a club, and they now have a varsity team. The first year they were 9-3! And to wrap things up I, Flo Fisackerly Brooks ’87, am looking forward to our 3rd son (Sam) graduating from Virginia Tech in the spring 2023, a much needed trip to visit my mom in MS and redoing a flower bed or two on the side of our house. If you are reading these notes and are in our class, but not receiving my email request for submissions would you reach out to me? Your email may not be correct in the system, and I would love to correct that for you. All the best to everyone and whatever you may be looking forward to in the days ahead. With joy! 1988

**1988**

Malory Troxler Lehn ’88 brought a painting to campus of her grandfather, Col. Paul D. Troxler in his dress uniform that was completed by Harriet Fitzgerald ’26. He was the husband of Leonora Chambliss Drevery Troxler ’26.

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Malory Troxler Lehn ’88 notified the College that parents, JoAnn and Drew Troxler recently passed away and were both buried together at Arlington National Cemetery on Mar. 3, 2022. Late grandmother, Leonora Chambliss Troxler ’26 was a classmate of Harriet Fitzgerald ’26. Harriet completed a painting (see photo) of Leonora’s husband/Mallory’s grandfather, Col. Paul D. Troxler, in dress uniform. Mallory recently received the painting as a gift from aunt and brought it to the Alumnae/Alumni House at Randolph for a visit.
Mallory Malone Smitherman ’90 has moved back to hometown of Yakima WA. Mallory had called Lynchburg home since 2004 and was a special education teacher with the public school system for 18 years. She now works for Yakima Public Schools.

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Alison Buckley ’91 is settling into life in the Hudson Valley. She and family left CT where she lived about a mile away from Katherine Byroade ’92 for a wonderful professional opportunity in Ulster County NY. Living so close to the mountains brings up memories of living in Lynchburg.

Ali Nyhof Cox ’92 is in her 17th year of teaching, and she is currently teaching 1st Grade. Daughter Elizabeth is a 2nd year at UVa, and son Will is a junior at Furman University. Alison was able to travel in the summer to England, Scotland, and France.

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Emma is starting college search and prompted the trip down memory lane! Next time they plan on visiting Rene Benson ’95 who they learned afterwards lives on the same lake! Dani Turner Erkmann ’95 and family are doing well. Daughter Ari is half way through her sophomore year at Miami University in Oxford OH. She’s spending the spring semester in Florence. The entire family is planning to visit over spring break and can’t wait! Oldest son Henry is a senior in high school and applying to colleges. Youngest son Johnny enjoys playing basketball and soccer with friends. They had a great visit from Danielle’s sister and family over Christmas (all the way from Alaska) and dad joined them to celebrate New Years! They’re also looking forward to seeing Ali Cargill Reynolds ’95 and family next year. Susan Apollonio Barrows ’95 and husband Dan moved up to Portland OR mid Sept. and are happily settling in. Susan and Dan were able to have dinner with Laurel Westly ’95 and husband Bruce shortly after arriving. Laurel went backpacking with family last summer. When she did the same trip with father in 1991, it was literally weeks before she left for R-MWC. It was an easier trip the first time! Jennifer Preston ’95 had the pleasure of getting together with Susan and Laurel separately when they both visited DC. She spent the day with Laurel while in town for a medical conference. They spent time at a winery and found a pub in DC that has gluten free fish and chips for the win! She saw Susan and Dan when they were waiting for the train to go see family. It was a lovely way to end the day.

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Michelle Le Floch Fernandez ’97 has a daughter who is currently a freshman at Randolph and loves it! Sara Barry ’97 earned her Ph.D. in Leadership and Change from Antioch University in the fall. Megan King ’97 is the CEO of a tropical reforestation/climate change mitigation organization based in Germany. They are always looking for English native speakers for internship opportunities. They have offices in Indonesia and Uganda and can work with students virtually anywhere in the world.

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Ryan Hall ’00 teaches psychology at St. Petersburg College in FL and practices as a psychotherapist. She published first article in the online journal *Religions* (2021), “Maybe Jesus Was Suicidal Too: A United Church of Christ Pastor Reflects on His Suicidal Attempt.” Kai Felton ’00 shared that they are still enjoying life in CA. Son Weston turned 5 in June and brings the family so much happiness. The family closed on a house in Oakland in the fall. They were supposed to see each other at the beginning of the year when the Cal Bears were scheduled to come to Boulder for basketball; Covid prevented that visit, but they’re hoping to see each other the next time the teams play in CO! Sarah Wright Alexander ’00 has been in Colorado Springs for 7 years and loves living there. Sons, Erik, 17, and Ian, 13, are in high school and middle school. Sarah is a visual artist and also works for the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. In March, she had an exhibition at a contemporary gallery, and is working on a larger exhibition. Sarah reports that she feels “the arts community is really supportive here and will be continuing to take opportunities to show my work when and wherever I can!” I continue to spend the bulk of my time with my kiddos and lots of volunteer work for each of their schools. The work fills my teacher heart, just not my wallet! Hope to see the Class of 2000 Colorado contingent soon!

Meredith Byrnes Daley ’01 moved to a new house in 2020 to be just down the road from family. She is teaching 3rd grade at the same school she’s been teaching since graduation and is now coaching swimming at the high school. She also coaches a neighborhood swim team in the summer. John, Keegan, and Erin Porter are enjoying swimming, running, pickleball, and seeing their cousins on a regular basis. Meredith saw Audrey Barela Brown ’02 and family over the summer, and she is the same kind, dedicated mom, daughter, and friend as always. In Aug., Gwen Beattie ’01 celebrated 4 years as chief operating officer at Ballotpedia. She tells folks frequently that this is definitely not a job she could even dream of when we graduated from college in 2001! She is also coming up on the 5th anniversary of moving back to her hometown of Chilhowie VA and would love to see anyone when they are in the area. She is wrapping up her term as president of the local Chamber of Commerce and is currently president of the Board of Virginia Highlands Community College. In a sign of the technological times she says she keeps up with folks mostly on social media and most of conversations consist of sending memes back and forth! She also runs into alums at various Daughters of the American Revolution events.

Amanda Pomeroy-Stevens ’01 is leading a new 5 year project funded by USAID called, "Asia Resilient Cities," which will take back to the Asia region to help cities improve their resilience to climate change and better adapt their future planning to new climate realities. She and husband moved to NC in 2016 so she could spend more time riding horses when she isn’t working and since moving back to the south they have visited the R-MWC campus several times. Jennie Taylor ’01 is starting her 8th year as a neurooncologist at the University of California, San Francisco. She lives across the Golden Gate Bridge in beautiful Sausalito and, when not working, she enjoys perusing the local farmers markets, keeping active with running and tennis; and singing in church choir! During the pandemic sister and she were able to get in a lot of backpacking trips throughout CA and this summer ventured out to the Pacific Northwest (Amy Roden’s ’01 and Amanda Phillip’s ’01 old stomping grounds) with a 40-mile trip in the Glacier Peak Wilderness. She was fortunate to see Amy Gibbs Sleipness ’01 while she was in Seattle and caught up with Allison Bell ’01 during her recent visit to San Francisco! She would love to see any other R-MWC alums who find themselves visiting the bay area! Megan Anderson ’01 is now All But Dissertation in pursuit of a PhD in English and Literary Criticism from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is currently writing dissertation on rebellion and insurgency in examples of the American female Bildungsroman. Nora Brandon Rossman ’01 said this was a good year for R-MWC friend trips. In Mar., Nora went to Greece with Jen Valentine ’02 and Vikki Guarisco Lucas ’02. They went to Corfu visiting the house where a BBC/Masterpiece Theatre program called, “The Durrells” was filmed, as well as a museum in Athens. Then Nora went back to DC in late Aug. where she saw Jen and Vikki again joined by Meredith McMillan ’01 and husband Joel. “We celebrated the birth of another friend’s baby as well as the promotion of Vikki’s husband Kenny to corporal in the Baltimore County police department and Jen’s acceptance to the Harvard Business School’s executive management program.” Nora is looking forward to an upcoming trip to San Francisco, Napa, and Sonoma! She says, “Our foursome has stayed very close since we all graduated.” As for me, since moving to TX in 2019, I have been busy working as a district instructional specialist for Elementary English.
Language Arts in a local school district and spend most of my free time in ice rinks throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex as both kids play hockey. Family and I also enjoy exploring state parks and cities in TX and OK, as well as traveling back to CT to visit family and friends when we can. Megan has reached the dissertation stage of PhD journey in Literature and Criticism at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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Mindy Cox Dunn ’03 started working at the CDC in Aug as the biosafety officer for the Division of TB Elimination. Kate Keith-Fitzgerald ’03 has been working at the Concord Free Public Library for over a year.

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Michelle Headly Young ’05 and husband, Chris, celebrated the one year anniversary of their move to Guernsey in the Channel Islands. Michelle took her first trip to Europe following lockdown with

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Jackie Savage ’06 welcomed a new son Charlie Savage Marzuki in Apr. He is as cute as a button, and his big brother Hunter loves giving kisses. Chantel Albert Yurich ’06 added a new fur member to the family, Sophia, who is a 4 year old miniature poodle and Irish terrier mix.

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REUNION JUNE 1-4, 2023
2008
Elizabeth Fulham Rovira ’08 had second child Aidan in May. Katie Stewart Page ’08 started her PhD program at the University of Colorado Anschutz and was awarded the Dean’s Early Scholar Award, which supports the first year of study.

2009
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Amanda Weller Chesnut ’09 is currently working on her MFA in choreography. Meghann Bowyer ’09 and wife Tristin welcomed second child Wesley Grant Burke in Aug. He joins 2 year old brother, Jude.
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Sarah Montgomery Carter ’10 is a program director for a nonprofit in Charlottesville. She is grateful for everything she learned at Randolph and a sociology degree! Brooke Jamerson Barbieri ’10 has started to work in tech consulting in Anaplan after working in higher education for almost 11 years. In Jan., she pivoted to an SaaS consulting firm that serves clients from many industries including higher education. It has been a challenging, but rewarding career change.

Sarah Biegelsen ’17 earned her master’s degree in public history and has started working at the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures as the marketing and communications coordinator.

Lindsay Mohler ’18 is currently working a job teaching improv workshops. They own a small business and are going to get a dog soon to eventually become a service dog.

REUNION JUNE 1-4, 2023

2015


2016

Leah Helsel Hamilton ’16 welcomed a baby girl into the family in Apr.

2017

Nicole Gammons Wells ’12 obtained her associates degree in paralegal studies in May. Justin DeSmith ’12 secured an environmental compliance coordinator role with Dominion Energy in the summer.

2018

Sarah Biegelsen ’17 earned her master’s degree in public history and has started working at the National Museum of Toys and Miniatures as the marketing and communications coordinator.

2019

Samantha Dickerson ’19 had a beautiful baby boy in Dec 2021. She had a second son in Oct. Samantha Hablas Poole ’19 got married in Oct.

2020

Lauren Appel ’20 has taken a new job as the special assistant for public engagement at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in DC. John Warren ’20 has recently started a new job and bought a rental property. He is working on a masters in engineering.

2021

James Neri ’21 started a new job as an audit associate at an accounting firm in Midlothian VA in Oct. After graduating from Randolph James received a master of accounting degree from William & Mary. He successfully passed all four sections of the CPA exam in the fall. He refers to his experience at Randolph as the “best years of life.”
Join President Sue Ott Rowlands for two exciting travel opportunities in 2024!

**VIETNAM BY LAND & BY SEA**

FEB. 22 TO MARCH 6, 2024

Journey through Vietnam, where natural beauty, sacred rituals, and cultural wonders come together on an exceptional 14-day expedition that includes a 7-night cruise from Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, to Hanoi. Email alumoffice@randolphcollege.edu to be placed on the priority list.

**EGYPT & THE ETERNAL NILE**

OCTOBER 7-21, 2024

Accompanied by an expert Egyptian guide, this singular 15-day, small-group journey reveals antiquity’s treasures. Cairo’s highlights include the acclaimed Egyptian Museum, Memphis, and Sakkara. Experience Giza’s astounding pyramids. Registration opens November 2023. Email alumoffice@randolphcollege.edu if interested in being placed on the priority list.

For more information visit, www.randolphcollege.edu/travel
This summer, two outstanding graduates will receive one of the College’s highest honors, the Alumni Achievement Award. Virginia “Jinx” Patel ’58 and Judith Phillips Stanton ’68 will be honored during Reunion, which runs from June 2-4 this year. The award ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 3, in Smith Hall Theatre.
JUDITH PHILLIPS STANTON ’68

Judith Phillips Stanton ’68 is an author and scholar who studied English at the College and later earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Her research focused on late 18th century English novelist and poet Charlotte Smith. Her book, *The Collected Letters of Charlotte Smith* (2004), has been foundational in restoring Smith’s reputation as the first romantic poet.

Stanton, who credits her time at the College with preparing her for graduate school and her ultimate commitment to scholarship, compiled and edited the project over 26 years while she was a university professor and later an independent scholar. She also published a number of articles on Smith’s life.

While teaching at The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and Clemson University, she was a leader in establishing minor curricula in gender studies and technical and scientific writing.

Since the late 1990s, she has published four historical romance novels, a contemporary equestrian suspense novel, her first chapbook of poetry, and now teaches creative writing courses for fun.

VIRGINIA “JINX” PATEL ’58

Virginia “Jinx” Broadus Patel ’58 is the founding research director of Athens Research and Technology, which supplies national and international research universities, institutions, and large pharmaceutical companies with research and diagnostic testing materials.

During her 27 years with the company, Patel served as the principal investigator on more than 50 contract research projects funded by both for-profit and nonprofit entities, including Pfizer, the World Health Organization, and the National Institutes of Health.

Her research focus is protein inhibitor-proteinase complexes and custom projects.

She studied biology at the College, earned her Ph.D. from Washington University, St. Louis, and has held research positions at the State University of New York at Buffalo and the University of Georgia.

She and her husband have lived in Athens, Georgia, for 56 years, where Patel has balanced work and raising a family with volunteering in her community.

She has served as a board member for arts organizations, economic development foundations, and other community groups. They include the Jeannette Rankin Foundation, named for the first woman to hold federal office in the United States; the Friends of the Georgia Museum of Art; the Georgia Children’s Chorus; Athens Technical College’s Advisory Committee for Biotechnology; the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce; Friends of the UGA Opera; and the Athens Area Community Foundation, among others.
2023-2026 SLATE OF OFFICERS
Term dates July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026

1st Vice President
Surayyah Colbert ’03

Occupation: Lawyer, AHC, Inc., Arlington, VA
Association Positions: District Director, Class Agent, Reunion Class committee, Chapter President, AAR

Nominating Committee Chair
MCD Davis Shields ’83

Occupation: Consultant, Fund Development, LLC, New Bern, NC
Association Positions: 2nd Vice President, Nominating Committee Member, Reunion Class committee, Class Agent, contact with Career Development Center

District Director 1
Holly Babb Brown ’78

Occupation: Occupational Therapist (retired), Shapleigh, ME
Association Positions: Class Secretary, Reunion Class committee, contact with Career Development Center

District Director 3
Nick Marshall Dean ’11

Occupation: Faculty Affairs Specialist, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
Association Positions: Reunion Class committee, Adopt a Student Letter Writer

District Director 6
Karen Ullman Pai ’93

Occupation: Teacher, Memphis, TN
Association Positions: Chapter Contact, Reunion Class committee

Member-At-Large
Carrie Earle Allen ’92

Occupation: Founder and Managing Partner, Captains of Innovation, Cambridge, MA; co-owner and co-founder of August Table
Association Positions: Reunion Class committee, Chapter contact, Finance Committee member, Career Development Center mentor, Lunch and Leadership guest speaker
ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL BALLOT

Ballots must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2023

Association Board Nominees
To vote for the entire slate, please check here □

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Surayyah Colbert ’03

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR □
MCD Davis Shields ’83

DISTRICT DIRECTOR-1 □
Holly Babb Brown ’78

DISTRICT DIRECTOR-3 □
Nick Marshall Dean ’11

DISTRICT DIRECTOR-6 □
Karen Ullman Pai ’93

MEMBER-AT-LARGE □
Carrie Earle Allen ’92

Only official ballots will be accepted. Only alumnae and alumni may vote, and only one vote will be counted.

Mail: Please mark and mail your official ballot to the Office of Alumnae and Alumni Relations, Randolph College, 2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503-1526

Electronic Ballot:
www.randolphcollege.edu/ballot
or FAX: 434-947-8282

Your signature, name, and class year are required for this ballot to be valid.
If this ballot is signed, but no direction is given, the ballot will indicate approval of the slate as presented.

Alumna/Alumnus Signature

Name and Class Year (please print first, middle/maiden, last)

NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Please nominate alumnae and alumni to fill the following:

• All terms are three years, beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027
• Self-nominations are encouraged

President: Conducts all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, serves as a voting member of the Board of Trustees, presides at the annual business meeting and serves ex-officio on the Association Board of Directors for one year following the term.

Secretary: Records minutes of the Association annual business meeting and Association Board of Directors meetings, serves on the committee to review Board of Directors’ manual once during Term.

Member-at-Large: Provides leadership for special projects designated by the Board of Directors.

District Directors: District Directors are responsible for assisting chapters and contacts and for promoting activities within their geographical areas. They attend Association Board of Directors meetings.

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District 7 (FL, GA) ____________________________

District 8 (AL, AR, LA, MS) ____________________________

District 9 (KS, OK, TX) ____________________________
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Alexandra Woodman Johnson ’93
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Stewart Coleman
Laura Howell ’75
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Nina Vest Salomon ’85
Betsy Crighton ’67
Karen Campbell ’77
Ryan Davis ’26
Krista & Steven Davis
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Morgane Fisher Diven ’98
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Jim Duffy HA
Tina and Rick Barnes
Destiny French Just ’99
Ariana Azzone Williams ’99
Dr. Jennifer Dugan
Man Ishibashi
Christine Dunn ’00
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Allison Kughn Ebert ’93
Tina and Skip Kughn HA
Melissa Eisenmann ’00
Norman Eisenmann
Zu Elkhans ’23
Heather Legge
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Martha Martin Field ’56
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Haden Golden ’25
Wendy Golden
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David Martin
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Tannaz Zandburg
Ethan Meyer ’25
Susan Griffiths
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Sherry & Stuart Reese
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Lourdes Cuellar ’04
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Mikel Grady Jones ’04
Dixie Nash Sokolosky ’68
John Sokolosky
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Ian Anderson
Mary Boettcher Anderson ’43
Lisa Anderson-Lloyd ’76
David Anthony &
Laura Beaty Anthony ’87
Deborah Anthony Dodge ’71
Lucile Vancey Barkley ’38
William Y. Barkley
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Suzanne Richard Thomas ’72
Anne Richardson Brown ’48
Linda Brown Stephens’78

Frank Buhler
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Julia Taylor Cannon ’70
Mary Taylor Michel ’65
Martha Haupt Carter ’50
Donald Carter
Imogene Claiborne ’29
Robert I. Claiborne

Susanne Price Clark ’32
John & Phyllis Clark
Those we have lost from Class of 1984
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Louise Bowers Cobb ’45
Betty Lou Atkinson Newcomb ’59
David Cornelius
Melissa Moffett Matthews ’78
Jan Mower Chastel de Boivre ’38
Helen and Ian Henderson

Jenny B. de Vries
Chin de Vries Carlsen ’69
Willie M. De Vries
Peggy Fisher Decker ’48
Margaret Decker Cummins ’78

Anne C. Dinwiddie ’86
Robyn Rorrer Puryear ’86
Libba Leininger Dudley ’46
Schuyler Godsey Somers ’08
Ernest A. Duff
Joan Wickham Sugg ’69

Elizabeth Cornwell Dwiggins ’94
Hollin Dwiggins
James Sebrell Farmer, Sr.
Marion Love Farmer ’61
Dorothy Whiting Ford ’47
Gail Egan Niermeyer ’71

Don Giles
Hylian Thomas Hubbard
Karen Hagerty ’89
Melissa Starr Markham ’89
Troy Irwin

Kris Irwin
Anne Hungerford Johnson ’51
Chappy Johnson Graf ’79
Jean Harris Jung ’55
Anita Bunce
Darlene and Joseph Jacobs
Bobbie Redding

Wayne Sloboda
Elsie Smith
Betty Jo Warden Keirstead ’46
Ann Keirstead Reed ’78
Chris Kenyon ’77
Deborah Randall Bowie ’77

Amy Kuenzi
Ana Morales ’10
Marydine Lentz Lamb ’65
Lula Cowling Carpenter ’65
Peggy Spigner Lancaster ’49
Harry Lancaster

Gillie Larew ’03
Elizabeth Werth Estep ’68
Barbara “Babs” Pickeral Lee ’66
Jennifer Lee ’03

Martha Leigh ’70
Susan Webb Russell ’70
Robert B. Lloyd
Virginia Greenland ’70
Sissi Loftin ’67
Martha Keever ’67

Henry K. Long, Jr.
Katlin Franklin Long ’59
Alice Neff Lucan ’66
Nancy Tolley Gray ’66
Jean Beryl Martin

Sally Martin Hall ’79
Lee Branner May ’80
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Caroline Smith McNamara ’65
Mary Kesler ’65

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Madeline Miller ’66
Ross Rogers Barde ’66
Frances Jones Giles ’65

Tom & Bette Witherington
Debbie Huntington ’73

Eric Mitchell
Melissa Ward Colbert ’94
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Lesley Morgan ’75

Suzanne Mullin ’93
Diane Williams Kephart ’93

Frank Murray
Martha Weaver Marshall ’74
Marilyn Murray ’70
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Kobra Ahmadi Hader ’10
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Alison Kenny Brennan ’86
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Patsey Terry Nance ’56
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Elaine Strickland Conin ’65
Margaret Raynal
Jane Bosman Hatley ’75

Stephanie Rose ’72
Suzanne Richard Thomas ’72

Kenney Shropshire Roseberry ’44
Rogers Roseberry Bardé ’66
Nancie Newkirk Loppnow ’69

Frederick B. Rowe
Shandra Kiser Homer ’63

Elsie Claire Decker Savant ’51
Kathy Warren Giroir ’81

Molly Shukla
Ravi Shukla ’12

Judy Mundy Shutt ’62
Cleon M. Shutt, Jr.

Halley Smith ’09
Kern Bond ’06

Gardiner Orr Smith ’58
Virginia Jones Callcott ’59
Irving Lewis Seward Smith ’59
Elizabeth Seward Deastlov ’83

Roger M. Smith
Sharon A. Smith ’66

Elaine Dahl St. Vincent HA
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Sharyn Marks ’70

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Ann Cawood Roswell ’69

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Joan Wickham Sugg ’69

Joy Thomas ’87
Wanda Whitney ’86

Pauline Harrell Tidman ’55
Nancy Meintzer Rice ’55

Sheila Smolens Traub ’68
Jane Neblett Tims ’68

Mary Flowers White ’58
Fran Zollinger White ’58

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Mabel K. Whiteside
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1944 Kenney Shropshire Roseberry 10/15/2022
1946 Anne Ritchie Ware Waring 11/5/2022
1946 Phyllis Kinsey Stevens 1/1/2023
1947 Estelle Winn Echols 10/4/2022
1947 Marian Engle Goetzle 10/12/2022
1947 Mercedes Fuennmayor Tuggle 12/2/2022
1948 June Rosselle Sparks 11/12/2022
1948 Pat FitzHugh Michal 12/26/2022
1949 Penny Baskett Harris 1/4/2023
1950 Donna Kennedy Vogel 12/24/2022
1950 Mary Lou Burnett Elliotte 9/26/2022
1950 Rebecca Hoover Milam 1/16/2023
1951 Ann Smallman Neighbors 12/27/2022
1951 Anne Hungerford Johnson 12/14/2022
1951 Lois Breckley Jadwin 12/14/2022
1952 Beverly Blair West 12/31/2022
1952 Carol Kelley Ken 11/13/2022
1952 Helen Burnette Harvey 1/24/2023
1952 Jane Everett Whitney 11/17/2022
1952 Mary Anne Medearis Troutman 12/31/2022
1955 Kay Mills Colonna 11/22/2022
1955 Sidney Barrow Peacock 12/27/2022
1956 Ginny Grist Smith 10/1/2022
1956 Virginia Browning Turner 1/22/2023
1957 Sarah Quattlebaum Castles 1/17/2023
1958 Dorothy Harris Zehner 9/23/2022
1958 Mary Flowers White 12/20/2022
1959 Fay Warren Whitehead 11/2/2022
1960 Mary Russell Ingram 1/17/2023
1961 Camilla Knox Jovicich 11/24/2022
1962 Susan Spence Burnett 12/18/2022
1963 Jane Forster Wacaster 12/25/2022
1965 Roberta Heltsley Sawtew 1/1/2023
1965 Susan Bowman Reynolds 1/26/2023
1969 Katherine Phillips Causby 12/21/2022
1975 Deborah Miles 10/10/2022
1975 Sydney Faulconer Griffith 1/26/2023
1979 Beth Disharoon Wilgis 1/1/2023
1988 Melanie Smith 1/2/2023
2000 Judy Shelor Elliott 11/24/2022

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1994 Aunt of Ashley Miles Shoval Rose 10/10/2022
1991 Mother of Mandy Whitehead Johnson Fay Warren Whitehead 11/2/2022
1993 Parent of Sheri Carroll Thomas Carroll 5/1/2022
1961 Spouse of Nancy Riedel Conrad F. Walter Conrad, Jr. 9/24/2022
1965 Spouse of Carolyn Wilkerson Bell Alexander W. Bell 2/2/2023
1966 Cousin of Alice Neff Lucan Pat FitzHugh Michal 12/26/2022
1966 Mother of Rogers Roseberry Bardé Kenney Shropshire Roseberry 10/15/2022
1981 Sister of Martha Disharoon Wright Beth Disharoon Wilgis 1/1/2023
1953 Cousin of Muriel Zimmerman Casey Kenney Shropshire Roseberry 10/15/2022
1969 Spouse of Margaret Roehrer Tribble Jack L. Tribble 9/4/2022
1971 Father of Karen Russell Richard T. Russell, Jr. 1/1/2023
1974 Mother of Kathy Morland Hammitt Margaret Ward Morland 9/8/2022
1988 Grandchild of Ann Claire Johnson Shepherd Clementine Karis Palattao 1/22/2023
1974 Mother of Adele Michal Pat FitzHugh Michal 12/26/2022
1982 Mother of Carolyn Sparks Cook June Rosselle Sparks 11/12/2022
1969 Spouse of Shirley Merchant Johnson James Dean Johnson 1/27/2022
1987 Mother of J. Kerr Gee Carol Kelley Kerr 1/13/2022
1985 Parent of Leslie Coggin Coggin Thomas E. Coggin 9/19/2021
1987 Mother of Margaret Johnson Torell Margery P. Johnson 1/19/2023
1984 Mother of Mary Laurie Johnson Cece Margery P. Johnson 1/19/2023
1988 Parent of Kirsten Johnson White Lawrence Johnson 1/1/2023
1994 Mother of Natalie DuBose Langley Helen Woodside DuBose 1/6/2023
2007 Parent of Adrianna Ouellette Rivera Donald Ouellette 1/15/2023
2020 Parent of Canaan Taylor Bennie F. Taylor 11/6/2022
2022 Grandmother of Keith Harvey Helen Burnette Harvey 1/24/2023

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Patricia K. Doyle 10/1/2022
Peter T. Marcy 10/9/2022
Ann S. Harrod 12/17/2022
E. E. Mason 12/22/2022
Carla W. Heath 12/29/2022
Alexander W. Bell 2/2/2023
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