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# AROUND RANDOLPH

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



At the end of February and the beginning of March, I spent two weeks with a group of alumnae visiting Vietnam. The travel group was amazing, and we had the opportunity to see the beautiful lands of Vietnam, as well as meet several significant figures in history, including Kim Phuc Phan Thi and Nick Ut.

Nick took the Pulitzer Prize-winning photo of Kim Phuc (who refers to herself as the napalm girl) as a child

when she ran screaming following a napalm strike in Trảng Bàng during the Vietnam War. It was 1972, and his photo captured the emotion, pain, violence, and trauma of war. The photo is titled, "The Terror of War," but it is also known as "Napalm Girl" with its depiction of the badly burned, naked, 9-year-old Phuc.

There are moments in your life when you realize you are witnessing history, and this was one of those for me. I am so glad I was able to experience it beside several of our alumnae. Another example was earlier this year when we featured Angela Davis as our Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration speaker. Davis had an insightful conversation in front of a packed Smith Hall Theatre about her life experiences as a political activist, scholar, educator, and author.

And then in April, we welcomed Jetsun Pema to campus to receive our Pearl S. Buck Award. Pema, the younger sister of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, has dedicated her life to educating Tibetan children in exile.

We can learn so much from people with backgrounds different from our own, and these types of experiences are some of the most important for our students here at Randolph. We work hard to bring a variety of speakers and others to campus to offer their expertise, insight, and viewpoints to broaden the perspectives of our community. The speakers may not always be internationally acclaimed, but each adds to the educational foundation we are providing to our students.

I hope that you will come back to campus to join us for future events and also to offer your own life experiences to our students. We value your involvement and look forward to welcoming you home to Randolph.

*Vita abundantior,*

*Sue Ott Rowlands*

Sue Ott Rowlands  
President

## NEWS

### Randolph welcomes new chief diversity officer

Charles E. Gibson III joined Randolph as the College's new chief diversity officer and director of the Office of Diversity, Identity, Culture, and Inclusion in April, after a competitive and months-long national search. Throughout his diverse career, Gibson has served as inaugural chief diversity officer for Lees-McRae College in North



Carolina, assistant to the chief diversity officer and associate dean of The Graduate School at Penn State, and research associate at the Center for the Study of Higher Education at Penn State, among other roles. A doctoral candidate in the Appalachian State University Doctor of Education program, he also holds both a Master of Arts and an Education Specialist degree in higher education from Appalachian State and a Master of Education from Penn State.



### Angela Davis headlines MLK celebration

Author and activist Angela Davis, who has been deeply involved in movements for social justice around the world, spoke in January during Randolph's annual celebration honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Davis' work as an educator—both at the university level and in the larger public sphere—has always emphasized the importance of building communities for economic, racial, and gender justice. She is the author of 11 books, including *Abolition.Feminism.Now* and a new edition of her *Autobiography*, which was released in 2022.





## College holds 2nd Student Success Summit

Anthony Abraham Jack, author of *The Privileged Poor: How Elite Colleges Are Failing Disadvantaged Students*, spoke to faculty and staff during the 2nd Student Success Summit this winter. Jack discussed the importance of reaching out to first-generation and lower-income students and recognizing the rich diversity of their experiences. "Lower-income students have shared beginnings but live ever more divergent lives before coming to college," he said. "We must examine where students come from and what they have been through to understand why they chart the paths they do once they reach our gates."



## SOCIAL MEDIA SPOTLIGHT

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## Maier celebrates 30-year partnership with LCS

The Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College celebrated its 30th anniversary as one of Lynchburg City Schools' Partners in Education this year. The partnership, a joint venture between LCS and the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, creates links between the school system and area businesses, organizations, and institutions. As part of its Art & SOL program, the Maier has offered free guided tours for all LCS fifth graders—and other area schools upon request—since 1993. The tours are designed to be an extension of the classroom, centered on the Virginia Department of Education Standards of Learning (SOLs) objectives for visual arts, language, and social studies.



## Randolph named a College of Distinction

Randolph College was named a College of Distinction for the 2023-2024 academic year, an honor that recognizes the College's high-quality education, hands-on learning, strong student-faculty relationships, and campus life. Colleges of Distinction's selection process involves in-depth research and a sequence of detailed interviews with the schools, accepting only those that adhere to the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes.

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## Maier hosts Virginia Docent Exchange

In March, the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College hosted the 15th Virginia Docent Exchange, a professional development conference for docents from art museums across the state. Sixty docents from 10 museums attended the event, which was focused on curating community both within and beyond museum doors.



## MACSL earns accreditation

Randolph's Master of Arts in Coaching and Sport Leadership program has earned accreditation from the National Committee for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE) after a nearly yearlong process. NCACE offers accreditation and national recognition to sport organizations and institutions responsible for the preparation of coaches at any and all levels of sport. The College's MACSL program is the only accredited coaching education graduate program in Virginia and one of less than 12 programs in the entire country.



## Society of Physics Students recognized

Randolph's chapter of the Society of Physics Students (SPS) recently won an Outstanding Chapter Award from the SPS national office. Presented by the national SPS organization, the designation honors the group for its activities during the 2022-23 academic year. The designation is given to fewer than 15 percent of chapters at colleges and universities in the U.S. and internationally, with just 73 of more than 800 chapters honored this year. Randolph students have won the Outstanding Chapter award more than a dozen times in as many years, most recently in 2022.



## Thayer Lecture focuses on Virginia Eugenics at 100

Historian and writer Elizabeth Catte gave Randolph College's 2024 Philip Thayer Memorial Lecture, "Virginia Eugenics at 100 Years." Catte, author of *What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia* (2018) and *Pure America: Eugenics and the Making of Modern Virginia* (2021), writes compact nonfiction about history, memory, and place. She also runs Passel, an applied history firm that does consulting work to solve real-world problems in Appalachia and the mid-Atlantic.



# FACULTY AND STAFF

## Selda Altan

*Assistant Professor of History*

Altan spoke at the University of Pittsburgh as part of its Asian Studies Center Modern China Lecture Series this winter. She discussed a chapter from her forthcoming book, *Chinese Workers of the World: Colonialism, Chinese Labor, and the Yunnan-Indochina Railway*.

## Sara Beck

*Associate Professor of Psychology*

The Randolph College Board of Trustees awarded tenure to Beck this spring. She also co-authored a chapter, "Rhythm & Rhyme: Supporting Young Children and Families with Musical Play," for the book, *Music and Mind: Harnessing the Arts for Health and Wellness*. Beck continues to release music and creative writing, including a vocal trio album and a short volume of poetry.

## Suzanne Bessenger

*The Barbara Boyle Lemon '57 and William J. Lemon Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Associate Professor of Comparative Philosophy*

Bessenger attended Movement Rhizome 2024.02: International Conference on Dance Studies in February.

## Beth Gafford

*Assistant Professor of Education*

In February, Gafford attended the 2024 Conference on Meaningful Living and Learning in a Digital World in Savannah, Georgia.

## Jennifer Gauthier

*Professor of Media and Culture*

Gauthier presented new research examining transnational girlhood as depicted in films by women filmmakers from the Global South during the National Women's Studies Association annual conference. She also moderated a workshop on transformative pedagogy.

## Erin Heller

*Assistant Professor of Biology*

Heller presented the paper, "Abundance and Origin of Blue Mussels (*Mytilus edulis*) on Virginia's Peat Banks with Implications for the Conservation of the Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*) and Other Shorebirds," at the Waterbird Society Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale.

## Crystal Howell

*Associate Professor of Education*

Howell was granted tenure by the Board of Trustees this spring. She also published an article—"I Sing the Body Electric': Embodiment in the Community of Inquiry Framework"—in the journal, *Online Learning*, and co-authored another, "A Recipe for Successful Collaboration: Shared Creative Work Experiences (SCRWE) Among Research Teams," that was accepted for publication in *Forum: Qualitative Social Research*.

## Connor Kenaston

*Assistant Professor of History and the Ainsworth Visiting Scholar of American Culture*

Kenaston presented his essay, "The Greatest Story: Commercial Radio and Religion in the American Century," as part of a panel at the 2024 Business History Conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

## Kelsey Molseed

*Research & Instruction Librarian*

Molseed co-presented "Critical Cooperation: Faculty and Library Partnerships" with professor Crystal Howell at the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum conference in Louisville, Kentucky.

## Colin Pennington

*Assistant Professor of Sport and Exercise Studies*

Pennington attended Hawaii University's International Conference on Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education in January, where

he presented three papers: "An Examination of Flexible Seating in the Higher Education Classroom from a Physical and Kinesthetic Perspective," "A Reimagination and Revision of University Physical Activity Course Offerings," and "An Analysis of Physical Education Requirement in Texas: The Trend from Kindergarten Through Higher Education." He also published a book, *Make it Count: A Practitioner's Guide to Enriching Health and Fitness Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities*.

## Taryn Robertson

*Assistant Professor of Education*

Robertson attended the 2024 Conference on Meaningful Living and Learning in a Digital World in Savannah, Georgia, in February.

## Aaron Shreve

*Associate Professor of Political Science*

Shreve was recently granted tenure by the Board of Trustees. His most recent publication, "Boys and Their Toys: Status Inconsistency in Non-democratic Regimes and the Import of Major Weapon Systems," which was published in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, examined the effect of regime type and status motivations on weapons imports.

## Holly Tatum

*Mary Sabel Girard '34 Professor of Psychology*

Tatum co-authored a chapter in the book, *Academic Integrity in the Social Sciences: Perspectives on Pedagogy and Practice*, this fall. In "Capitalising on Emotions and Emotional Regulation: Five Strategies to Improve Academic Integrity," Tatum and co-author Guy Curtis explored the role emotions play in students' decisions to cheat and their responses to cheating after it has occurred.







# THE power OF. voice

Randolph grad opens  
up about challenges  
of overcoming  
stuttering



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— Carl Coffey '11, Randolph College Board of Trustees Member

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**A**bout 80 percent of children who stutter at some time during their development become fluent speakers.

Carl Coffey '11 is focused on the 20 percent who, like him, grow up to be adults who stutter.

"I didn't really know anyone who stuttered that I could look up to as a role model when I was a kid, so now I want to be as open about it as I can," he said. "As I've become older, I'm a lot more comfortable. It's just a part of who I am."

Coffey, who majored in psychology at Randolph, has used social media, particularly LinkedIn, to connect with other people who stutter.

He shares links to raise awareness and start conversations; one recent post linked to a story about retired football player and media personality Shannon Sharpe discussing his own speech impediment.

"It's been really cool for me as I've posted these things and been more open about it. I have connected with a lot of other people who have never really talked about their stutter," Coffey said. "There are so many platforms that are allowing people to have that conversation, to really find their own voice and talk about it."

In 2023, Coffey partnered with the National Stuttering Association to produce a video series discussing his career journey. Called *Full Disclosure*, it featured topics ranging from how to disclose your stutter, requesting accommodations, and handling discrimination in the workplace to networking, negotiating, and accepting a job offer.

"It is one of those disabilities where there's not a lot of public understanding," he said. "People still think, if you stutter, it's just because you're nervous or unsure of what

you want to say. It's about being able to raise awareness to say, 'Hey, it is a neurological condition. While there are some days you may not notice it as much, I still am a person who stutters.'"

Coffey spent most of his younger years as what's referred to as a covert stutterer—someone who tries to mask their condition.

"I was uncomfortable talking about it and acknowledging it," he said. "I was a really outgoing kid, and I tried my best to make people laugh. I wanted to take the attention off of me and my stutter."

His parents were always supportive, encouraging him to push through any challenges.

"My dad told me something that I take to heart," Coffey remembered. "He said, 'Hey, everyone's got their thing, something they either are not comfortable with acknowledging or that they're self conscious about. With you, it's the fact that you stutter. That's just your thing. You have to find a way to be OK with it and know you can still live a good life.'"

It would take Coffey years to get to that point.

He continued to hide his stutter as a student at Randolph, where he was part of the College's first coed class.

An active student, he served as Student Government president and publicity coordinator for the Black Leaders Association, while also competing on the tennis and cross-country teams.

"A lot of people would say they had no idea I stuttered," he said. "My response to that was, 'I know, because I purposely tried to hide it.' So even when I was in college, I didn't know how to talk about it."

Coffey took speech therapy from

kindergarten through his senior year of high school, then returned to it as an adult, a turning point for him.

"I was in a job where I had to present in a lot of meetings," said Coffey, who has worked in financial services, healthcare operations, and consulting since graduating from the College. "I wanted to feel more confident in portraying my thoughts and not feeling like I was being held back. I tried to find comfort in knowing this is something that is clearly not going away, but it didn't have to be a deal breaker. It's just the way I talk."

Currently living in Bowling Green, Kentucky, he remains connected to the College. He recently returned to campus to speak to students as part of National Disability Awareness Month, talking about equal employment opportunities and promoting diversity and inclusion in the workplace.

Coffey also joined the Board of Trustees in 2022 as its youngest elected member.

"It is a really incredible experience to have this full circle moment," he said. "I was very involved as a student, so I had a good opportunity to interact with the Board of Trustees as president of Student Government. It's been awesome to come back to help the College and support students in this capacity."

For Coffey, it's about giving back to a place that gave him so much.

"Randolph is a place where you don't just blend into the background," Coffey said. "You're deeply embedded into a community where you matter, your contributions are valued, you shape the culture, you're held accountable, and you leave your imprint. It's a place where I found the power of my voice, and I'm forever grateful for that."





# ON-DEMAND CARE

## New program expands Randolph's mental health offerings for students

**R**andolph College's Counseling Center has long been a place of refuge for students, where they can seek out mental health support from a qualified staff of professionals.

Not willing to leave anyone behind, the center added telehealth during the pandemic and continues to adapt to students' needs.

This spring, the College added another option for students, expanding mental health services through a partnership with TimelyCare, a virtual health and well-being provider.

The service is designed as an extension of campus health and counseling center resources, allowing Randolph to deliver a hybrid model of

care to students.

"We've been interested in telehealth for a while, and TimelyCare is the largest provider right now to colleges and universities in the state of Virginia," said Chris Lemasters, dean of students. "They serve over 300,000 students in the region. I was able to talk to peers at those institutions to see what their experience was with the company, and we were impressed with the offerings."

Accessible by phone or other device, TimelyCare includes a wide-ranging menu of virtual care options from licensed physicians and counselors in all 50 states. Services include mental health and emotional support, appointment-based mental health counseling, health

coaching, digital self-care content, and a peer support community.

"This is an add-on to what our Counseling Center offers," Lemasters said. "We love the idea that this is going to fit in really well with students' schedules. It's mobile-friendly and provides a really on-the-go opportunity to our students 24/7, 365 days a year. Students will even have access to TimelyCare during college breaks when our health and counseling center is not open."

That flexibility extends beyond the timing, added Jennifer Bondurant, director of the Counseling Center.

"Students are able to access the bios of available counselors to choose what might be the best fit for them, and they

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— Chris Lemasters, Dean of Students



can also receive services in their preferred language," she said. "This could really strengthen the therapeutic relationship. TimelyCare will also offer informational videos to provide support to students that may not need weekly counseling, but still want to improve overall wellness."

Randolph is providing the service to students using funds from The Endeavor Foundation. The College was one of 13 to receive the funding for the first phase of Endeavor's "Enhancing Student Learning and Experience through Campus Wellness, Student Wellbeing, and Mental Health Initiatives."

The need for 24/7 access to high-quality care has never been more important. According to the American Council on Education, student mental health is the top concern of college and university presidents. It's also the number one reason students leave college.

Three-quarters of students who accessed virtual mental health and well-being interventions through TimelyCare reported mental health improvements, and more than half who have sought mental health

support through TimelyCare said they would have done nothing if the service had not been available.

"When it comes to supporting student outcomes, the need for equitable, on-demand access to care has never been more important," said Luke Hejl, TimelyCare CEO and co-founder. "TimelyCare enables colleges and universities to expand on-campus resources and transform the way students receive care through agency, speed, and freedom of choice that they've come to expect in their everyday lives. TimelyCare is proud to serve as an extension of Randolph's resources to create a comprehensive, whole-student care solution that empowers students to seek care in a way that feels comfortable and convenient for them."



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# TELLING THE STORY THROUGH SONG

## Unique musical challenges Randolph cast

**R**andolph's spring stage production, *Edges The Musical*, is about a group of young adults teetering on the metaphorical edge of their lives—something certainly relatable to its cast of college students.

Songs reflect on universal issues like love, commitment, identity, and meaning, and characters ask classic coming-of-age questions about who they are and who they want to become.

Two sisters sing about growing apart as one of them grows up. A woman contemplates love in one song, while a man reels from a breakup in another.

"People use entertainment to escape the reality of the world, or to dissect what is real," said Isaac Carney '24, who performed in the ensemble. "This performance exemplified the latter. It was real. I could relate to the feeling of expectations and the requirement by the world to be something or someone I was never designed to be."

*Edges* was written by the Tony and Academy Award-winning composing team of Benj Pasek and Justin Paul (*Dear Evan Hansen*, *La La Land*) during their sophomore year at the University of Michigan.

It's written as a song cycle, a series of

songs that are designed to be performed in sequence, as a unit. That means most of the elements of a traditional theater production—dialogue and scene transitions, for instance—are not present.

"The songs tell individual stories in each piece, and they all fit together thematically," said director Stephanie Earl. "It really gave us the chance to build the show together. It was fun to dissect each character in each song with the students and figure out what it meant to the show as a whole."

*Edges* was first produced in 2005, featuring 13 songs. Several of those songs were swapped out for new ones during a 2007 revival, and groups that stage the show can choose from both versions.

"Pasek and Paul have this great letter they present to anyone doing their show, saying that it is up to the production which songs you want to include and what order you want to put them in, which is very unusual," Earl said. "Generally when you work on a show, you cannot change anything, and you can't move things around. We loved the flexibility of the show and that the composing team built that into being a fun part of the project."

It was fun, but not without its difficulties.

"It's more challenging to figure out how to go from one song to the next," Earl said. "It would be very easy for it to turn into a concert. We really tried to keep the action continuous. We wanted it to feel like a piece of theatre, even though there was no spoken text."

Those conversations among the cast members were an invaluable part of the process for Savannah Davis '27.

"There was a bit of trial and error, playing around with different orders, but the more conversations we had, we eventually found a song order that stuck," Davis said. "The whole process inspired so much creativity."

Randolph's staging included a cast of 10 students singing 13 songs that Earl said had a pop-rock, early 2000s feel to them.

"It was a really strong, special cast that I had a lot of trust and faith in," she said. "There was a maturity to all of the performances. The songs are not easy to sing, and they really worked hard to dig in and make them their own. They showed off their vocal chops in ways people hadn't seen before."





In *Edges The Musical*, characters reflect on universal issues like love, commitment, and identity and ask coming-of-age questions about who they are and who they hope to be.





# a whale OF a Time





## New marine science major opens world of opportunities for students

**G**etting out of the classroom and into the world is a hallmark of the Randolph experience—something students saw first-hand over the last year in the College's new marine science program.

In the fall, they visited the Eastern Shore. And in February, they took a trip to Virginia Beach that included a whale-watching excursion.

"I was talking to a colleague who told me that she still has a picture of herself from one of her first field experiences in college," said Sarah Sojka, a professor of environmental studies and physics, who is leading the marine science program. "Every time she looks at the picture, she remembers how proud she was to be collecting real data that day. I want to give our students that same feeling."

During their fall Eastern Shore trip, students assisted scientists at the University of Virginia's Coastal Research Center with water quality monitoring. It was a chance for them to experience both field and lab work alongside working scientists.

"There are so many great educational opportunities in our area, and we want to give students opportunities to explore them," Sojka said. "I always tell students they don't have to be a field scientist to be a marine scientist, but I want them to know before graduation where they fit into that world."

In February, Sojka and professor Karin Warren took students to the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach. They toured the aquarium, seeing aquatic life including sharks, sea turtles, and rays, and went out on the ocean in search of whales.



**A marine science field trip to Virginia Beach in February included a whale-watching excursion and trip to an aquarium.**






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"I've never seen a whale up close," said marine science major Sydney Preas '26. "Having opportunities like that as part of my education—experiencing and seeing those things in real life versus just listening about them in class—was incredible."

The College began offering the major this fall, and it's one of the only programs of its kind in Virginia.

For Preas, pursuing her passion for the ocean in Virginia, not far from where she grew up, was a unique opportunity she couldn't pass up.

"Marine science has been something I've been interested in since I was little, but I was always like, 'I'm in Central Virginia. That's kind of not possible,'" said Preas, who grew up in Altavista and transferred to Randolph this fall. "So I settled for other degrees. But

then Randolph put this out there."

CJ Bundy '26 has a similar story.

"Reading the curriculum for this new major is the reason why I'm here," she said. "The professors have already started to prepare me for the future with actual fieldwork and research I can put on my resume."

The major is an interdisciplinary marine science program, a study of the world's oceans and marine life that includes marine biology, marine and coastal ecosystems, oceanography, ocean-atmosphere dynamics, and climate change.

The curriculum challenges students to look at all of the physics and chemistry that shape life in the ocean. Students have plenty of opportunities for hands-on experience with summer and semester fieldwork, as well

as off-campus and study-away options and class-based activities such as analyzing water and sand samples.

"One of the things we work really hard on with our students is helping them understand where in this big realm of opportunity they want to fit when they graduate," Sojka said. "We designed our program so that if life takes them inland later on, students have a really strong scientific background they could take to other aquatic systems or even other terrestrial systems because they understand a lot about ecology and geology, chemistry, and atmospheric science. They will have a great education that sets them up for a variety of careers."

The curriculum also includes special topics courses that will vary from year to year. Sojka taught a marine heat waves course





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— Sarah Sojka, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Physics

during Session 3. Other offerings will be tailored to student interest or current events, but related to themes in marine science, marine ecology, coastal systems, and/or oceanography.

“One of the fun things about actually not being immediately on the ocean is we’ve been a little bit creative about how we engage students with the ocean,” Sojka said. “We obviously take trips out to do marine science work, but we’ve also brought some virtual reality into our classrooms. And while that sounds possibly a little odd, if you think about it, a lot of our exploration of the ocean

is through unmanned autonomous robots and vehicles and things like that. Virtual reality can replicate that pretty well.”

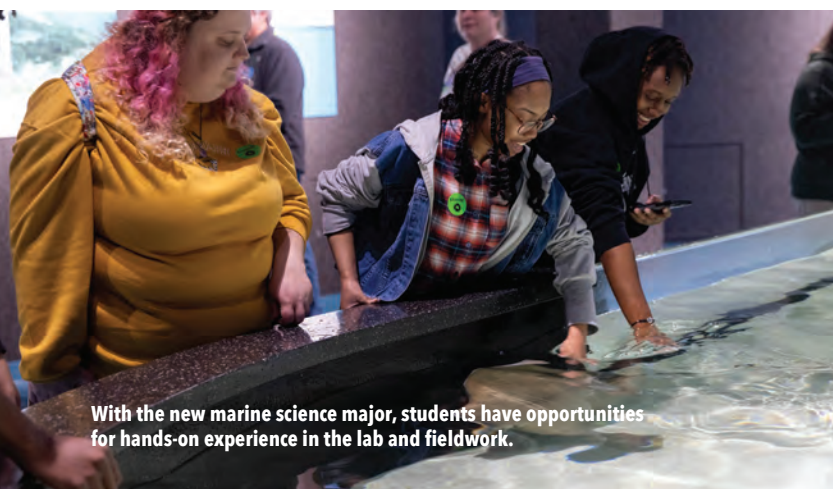
Marine science is an important field. Oceans are a source of food and oxygen, generating 50 percent of the oxygen we need to breathe. They also absorb carbon dioxide emissions, a vital buffer against climate change while, at the same time, they experience negative impacts because of both climate change and pollution.

“There’s so much about our oceans we don’t know, and there are so many threats to them,” Sojka said. “It’s this combination

of all these reasons to learn more about the environment.”

The next generation of scientists will play a vital role in understanding and sharing that knowledge.

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With the new marine science major, students have opportunities for hands-on experience in the lab and fieldwork.



# ON HER OWN TERMS



Transfer student Sonia Langhorne '25 embraces life at Randolph

In 2018, transfer student Sonia Langhorne '25 wrote a 5- to 10-year plan that included going back to school.

She'd previously attended Virginia Commonwealth University, right after graduating from high school in 1999, and Central Virginia Community College in 2005. But, having grown up in Lynchburg, she'd always had her eye on Randolph.

"I realized that I needed a smaller institution



that was closer to home," said Langhorne, whose son, Amaru, is 8 years old. "I was just always drawn to this campus and this school, a safe space that I somehow knew I could thrive in."

She was accepted to Randolph in 2022.

Langhorne is majoring in psychology while balancing classes with motherhood and a full-time job. She's also a poet and playwright who has performed locally and beyond.

Somehow, she's still found time to get that Randolph experience, serving as a Presidential Ambassador and as part of the College's exam committee. She's also a member of the step team and the honor societies Omicron Delta Kappa and Psi Chi.

Here's more of what she had to say about life behind the Red Brick Wall:

### **What inspired you to chase that dream and apply to Randolph?**

"I was at a crossroads in my life, this time with my son, and I knew I needed to do something for me. I needed to finish what I started, my degree in psychology, and show my son a different life. Him seeing me go back to school at my age, while working, and taking care of him by myself, shows that he has no excuses in life. When he was 3 years old, he saw me write down on a piece of paper a goal that I never gave up on, and it came true. He sees me thriving and coming back to life right before his eyes, and it all started with writing that list."

### **What has your time behind the Red Brick Wall been like so far?**

"It has been phenomenal. I feel so honored to come to Randolph each day, to a place where I get to be me, not just a student ID number or first initial and last name. That means a lot to me."

### **What is it like being a transfer student here?**

"When you transfer to a new school, it's like transferring to a new culture and a new family. I'm grateful I was accepted with open arms into this Randolph community and family. Having students, staff, and faculty who help without judging is priceless. Things have changed in the last 20-plus years and, as a student of a certain age, as I like to call myself, I never feel as though I'm going to be talked down to, talked about when I leave, or judged for not knowing something."

### **What advice would you give to other transfer students?**

"I would advise them to get to know their advisors ASAP, as they are going to be your lifelines! Get into an activity! Bring YOURSELF every day, and watch how well you fit in! Apply for scholarships and grants, internships, and summer opportunities. You never know what can come out of these. Attend a few luncheons and get to know the faculty members and visiting professors. Take a walk around campus and just breathe."

### **What is special about Randolph?**

"What is special to me is I'm doing this on my terms, for my reasons, in my timing, and I fit in somewhere finally, after feeling like I fit 'out' for so long. I also get to do this with my son! He has been with me every step of the way. I literally feel like we are getting this degree together. As a mother, when you know your child is safe and in a loving environment, the sky's the limit as to what you can do because you are able to breathe easier, and know that the most important part of you is safe, sane, and secure. I couldn't ask for anything more for myself, or my son. Randolph is a stepping stone for us that we will never forget."

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— Sonia Langhorne '25







# CREATING LAUGHTER

Talent, perseverance, and a little stubbornness propel Lianna Carrera '07 to success in comedy writing career

**L**ianna Carrera '07 has had a lot of cool moments in her career, but one stands above the rest.

"There's no feeling quite like writing a script and watching Kevin Hart say the words for the first time," said Carrera, who works as a comedy writer for the star's media company, HartBeat. "It was a surreal moment where I was like, 'Wow. I'm doing it.'"

Carrera moved to Los Angeles in 2011 to pursue a career in stand-up comedy, something she found a passion for while emceeing an event at Randolph.

It was a big risk, moving across the country. But she was never averse to risk, especially during her time behind the Red Brick Wall.

"Randolph is sort of a wonderful incubator," said Carrera. "Every time I went into the Dean of the College's office, I would make them laugh with my plans and ideas, but nobody ever said no. It's a testament to what a small community can do. I don't know if I would have been

nurtured the same way at a larger university. I left Randolph feeling like I could fly."

During her senior year, Carrera even delayed graduation so she could qualify for one of the few spots available in The Second City Comedy Studies Program at Columbia College Chicago.

"I feel like creative minds are always up to hair-brained schemes. That, the audacity of youth and a college environment where I was made to believe that anything was possible led me to apply," she said. "At the time, they were even asking for prerequisites that I did not have. Things like Acting 4, which the College didn't even offer at the time. None of this stopped me from marching into the Dean of the College's office, telling Dean Wallace that I think I'm supposed to be a comedian."

Carrera was eventually accepted into the program, where she took classes in acting and writing for comedy, vocal training, improv, and movement.

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Carrera films the pilot episode of *Boyish*, a comedy series she created, with co-star Christina Anthony.



Carrera with her wife, Kim, and stepchildren

"For the first time in my life, I got straight As," she said. "It wasn't like it was easy, either. It was very challenging. I just learned what I'm capable of when I apply myself."

And it gave her the confidence she needed to pursue comedy full time.

"Looking back, I still had no real idea of what I was in for. I hodgepoged a career performing at colleges and small theaters around the country. And when I finally moved to L.A., the period of hearing 'no' more than I heard 'yes' would begin."

She remembered someone telling her that making it in the industry by year 10 would be considered an overnight success.

"I think what people misunderstand about Hollywood is ... everything," she said. "I know I was certainly caught off guard. Of course, everyone who comes here thinks they're the exception. That's the magic of Hollywood. There's a chance you can be. But for the most part, there's too much money and too many careers on the line for casting directors, producers, and executives to greenlight just anything and anyone."

"Comedy is a point of view on life. It's a choice every moment to see the humor. Even in tragedy, there's wisdom in trying to see the glass half-full. My goal is to put out a series of books that help people apply the philosophy of comedy to hardships in their lives and process things like a comedian might."

— Lianna Carrera '07



"Which ultimately means you really have to be in it for the long haul," added Carrera, who is a stepmom to two children, ages 12 and 7, with her wife, Kim. "I'm either really smart or really stubborn. Time will tell."

Everything she does onstage—perfecting her timing, trying out punchlines on different audiences—were a natural fit for a career in comedy writing, which she eventually pursued alongside her stand-up.

"I think it's important when you get into any sort of entertainment career path, you're able to expand on what those opportunities could be and what they could bring you," said Carrera, who also worked for Will Smith's multimedia company, Westbrook. "I was very focused on stand-up for a long time, and it feels like stand-up opened more doors than I knew were coming."

Carrera also hosts *The Q Agenda* on LATV, where she and her cohosts discuss the intersections of Latinx and

LGBTQ issues. They're coming up on their 100th episode and, last year, were recognized on *Out Magazine's* Out 100, as one of 100 Titans of Media and Entertainment.

In her own personal work, Carrera continues to explore ways to use comedy in everyday spaces and everyday ways.

In 2022, she developed and wrote *A Comedian's Guide to Wedding Speeches*, which premiered at No. 1 on the Best New Releases in Humor and Entertainment Shorts category on Amazon's Kindle Store. She plans to turn it into a series of books focusing on other topics, such as divorce, break-ups, and more.

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in their lives and process things like a comedian might."

At HartBeat, she flexes her creative muscles writing, pitching, and executing ideas for campaigns featuring Hart and other leading comedians and entertainers. She's worked across a range of categories, from movies, TV, and gaming to retail, tech, and travel.

She and her team have written digital content funded by brands like Hulu, Hyundai, Sam's Club, Venus, and more. She also received her first television writing credit for Hart's End of the Year special on Peacock.

"As a writer, I get to touch a lot of different projects and different things," said Carrera, the only full-time staff writer and creative on her team. "Kevin has so many different business ventures, so I get to tap into that. I still keep my stand-up ties, but I'm finding it so much more exciting to be part of a team that gets to creatively output content that millions of people see."



Carrera co-hosts *The Q Agenda* on LATV.

# DREAM MACHINE

The background image shows a male student in a grey hoodie with the 'Hurley' logo, focused on assembling a small, white, three-fingered robotic gripper. He is wearing safety glasses and a ring. In the background, a male professor in a white shirt and glasses stands behind a workbench, holding a red marker and gesturing. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter. The title 'DREAM MACHINE' is at the top, with 'DREAM' in white and 'MACHINE' in blue.

New robotics and mechatronics major in high demand with students

Every major industry—think telecommunications, agriculture, transportation, biotechnology, automobile, national security, and renewable energy—relies heavily on mechatronics, an emerging field at the center of one of Randolph's newest majors.

While some might think an aspiring engineer would need to go to a big state school to be successful in the field, a liberal arts college provides unique benefits for those pursuing these careers.



Randolph's new robotics and mechatronics engineering major, which will begin this fall, provides students with the best of both worlds—a challenging, high-tech educational foundation in an environment with small classes, accessible professors, and numerous opportunities for real-world research experience.

"Engineering is a space unto itself in college and naturally takes more credits than most other majors," said Peter Sheldon, Randolph's Charles A. Dana Professor and chair of the physics and engineering departments.

"Engineering schools are typically larger, and only a fraction of the students get hands-on opportunities," he added. "Here at Randolph, you are going to get your hands on the equipment. You are going to get those opportunities to do further research and projects beyond the classroom, and there are also great support systems set up to help students succeed."

An interdisciplinary branch of engineering, mechatronics involves mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering. Robotics is a subset of that, focusing on applied systems to design, build, and operate smart

machines.

"Think about how robots work or how motors work," Sheldon explained. "There are physical things that you have to put together to, for instance, move a robotic arm. That's mechanical engineering. Then you've got the electrical components that run the robotic or motor parts, and you use computer engineering to program them to do various tasks."

Mechatronics also plays a big role in industrial engineering, "an industry where you're putting things together and going from raw materials to finished products," he said.

Students will gain a foundation in engineering, computer science, physics, mathematics, and chemistry—and receive hands-on experience with robots from the start.

"We have seen a growing interest in majors such as this and believe offering robotics and mechatronics engineering at Randolph will meet the needs of current and future students," said Travis Carter, dean of admission and financial aid. "This is an exciting addition to our already strong academic program."

The coursework is varied; students will go from studying the chemistry of materials to electronic circuits to computer programming, which will all be brought together in manufacturing and engineering.

They'll finish their degree in four years,

culminating in a capstone project that Sheldon said is "very much in the field, actually producing something that works, likely with partners in the industry."

Those partnerships will be easier to come by in Lynchburg.

"While manufacturing and robotics are big everywhere, this is a particular hotbed for that kind of engineering," Sheldon said. "We are well-situated with a lot of engineering companies and others in the industry, which is one of the reasons why we chose this major. There's going to be a lot of partnership opportunities."

The College has hired two new full-time professors of engineering and is renovating an entire floor in Presser Hall, which will be home to a new teaching lab, research spaces, and machine shop—on top of the ongoing multimillion-dollar renovation of Martin Science Building.

"The engineering program at Randolph is a unique liberal arts experience for those who are not sure where they want to go in the field," said Severin McNulty '27. "There are lots of opportunities to get out there and try new things. The robotics and mechatronics program will add diversity to the department and bring in more staff with unique backgrounds, allowing for a better education for all students."

**Physics professor Peter Sheldon (right) is helping spearhead the new robotics and mechatronics engineering major.**





# scifest

MARCH 20-24, 2024

## 2024







Science lovers flocked to campus in March for Randolph's 2024 Science Festival, a weekend full of activities presented by the College's sciences, humanities, and arts departments.

One of the College's biggest outreach events, the Science Festival started as Science Day for kids in 2005 and expanded to a full festival in 2009. Each year, it is open and free to the public

Events included the popular Science Day for local youth, an Artificial Intelligence Panel featuring business and education experts, the Maker Faire of Lynchburg, Poetry Jam Reading & Awards Ceremony, two LEGO build competitions, an esports tournament, and the Region 2000 KidWind Challenge.

The annual Women in Science Panel, featuring alumnae pursuing careers in STEM, welcomed back Courtney Carter Plaster '92, Ashleigh Baber '05, Kristina Whately '14, and Bria Carlisle-Thaniel '16.

The College also presented the Science Teaching Award from Randolph (STAR) to E.C. Glass High School biology teacher Erin Rettke.

The centerpiece of the festival was nuclear engineer Grace Stanke's keynote address, which focused on the importance of cleaner energy options and the role they play in protecting the environment.

Stanke, Miss America 2023, also co-moderated the festival's popular A Scientist Goes to the Movies alongside professor Peter Sheldon. They offered commentary during the Oscar-winning film, *Oppenheimer*.

*The following pages include photos from the weekend of events.*







# scifest

RANDOLPH COLLEGE 2024









# BUILDING INNOVATION

Martin Science Building renovation will transform the current facility

**R**andolph's newest campus project is underway. The major renovation of Martin Science Building began in January.

This phase, which extends through August, includes the installation of new HVAC and elevator systems, the creation of an accessible entrance to Martin on Norfolk Avenue and improved access to the greenhouse and botanic garden areas, and the renovation of laboratory spaces for introductory biology, physics, and organic biochemistry.

The work is expected to be finished in time for the start of the fall 2024 semester.

The project, which the College is undergoing without incurring additional debt, is funded in large part thanks to supportive alumnae, alumni, and friends of the College.

At the beginning of January, Randolph completed a \$250,000 matching challenge grant from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation and announced a new challenge from an anonymous alumna from the 1970s. That \$200,000 matching challenge must be met by June 30, 2024.

Additionally, Liz Grimm '71, an emerita member of the Board of Trustees, has made a generous commitment to the project to name the organic and biochemistry lab.



## FUNDRAISING PROGRESS





As of April 1, the College was \$2.68 million away from reaching the renovation campaign's \$23 million goal.

Built in the late 1930s and named in memory of Fernando Wood Martin, the first scientist on the College's faculty, the 38,000-square-foot Martin Science Building provides a historic setting for Randolph students and faculty.

These upgrades will be an invaluable resource for students in the College's biology, chemistry, physics and engineering, math and computer science, marine science, and environmental studies and sciences programs, as well as the Natural History and Archaeology Collections Project.

While primarily remaining true to its original architecture, the building will undergo an interior transformation, becoming a welcoming space that inspires communication, curiosity, discovery, and innovation.

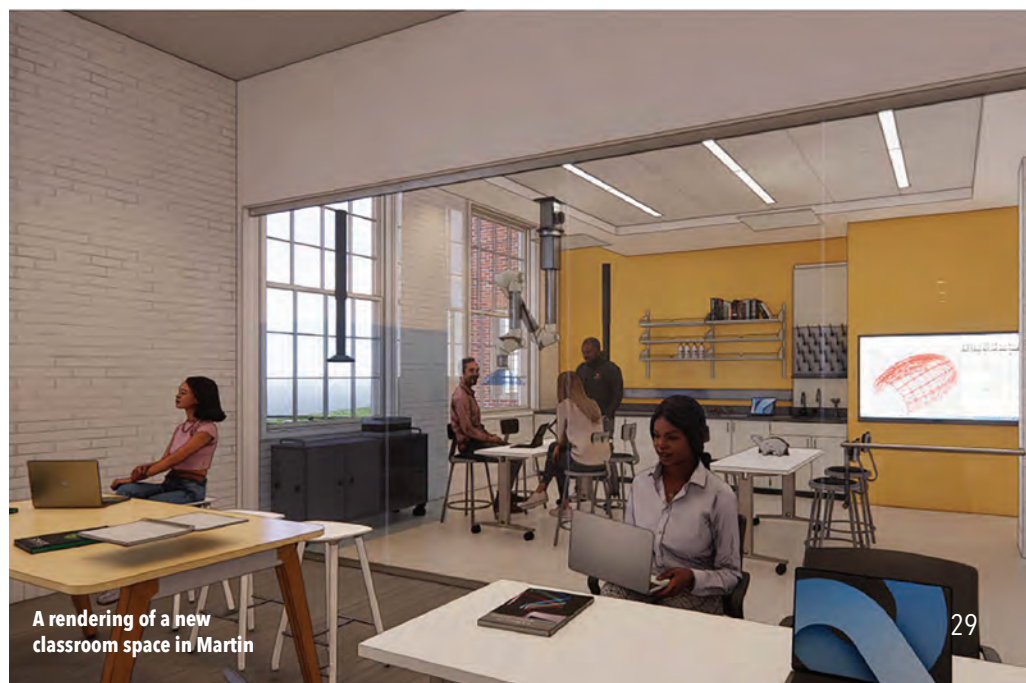
Renovations will bring the building up to current standards, resulting in a facility that is more comfortable and fully accessible, with better climate control, lighting, and campus integration.

With the addition of the modern technological and scientific resources expected by today's faculty and students, the new facility will highlight Randolph's passion for the sciences.

"Our Randolph College campus community and our wider community of alumnae, alumni, parents, and friends have been wonderfully supportive of this campaign to renovate our Martin Science Building," said President Sue Ott Rowlands. "This project will provide a modernized center fully equipped with instrumentation and technology for highly collaborative scientific studies and research in the 21st century. We are grateful for the generosity of our donors who are an integral part of bringing this transformation to fruition and helping our students become the next generation of scientists for our world."



**A major renovation of Martin Science Building began in January, with the first phase expected to be completed in time for the start of the fall 2024 semester.**



**A rendering of a new classroom space in Martin**





# *the* **Art** *of* **Education**

New Master of Education  
program provides  
expertise to educators

**F**or Michelline Hall '24 MEd, the arts are paramount to life.

She took her first ceramics class at 11, then fell in love with photography, which she studied at Virginia Intermont College.

"My philosophy on teaching is developed from my own personal experiences, but it really lines up with John Dewey's pedagogy of thinking about art as not separate from life," said Hall, chief programming officer at the Academy Center of the Arts. "I think where we go wrong is trying to separate the creative from the technical. It all goes together.

"The arts are a touchpoint," she added. "These are the things that unify us because they're expressions of our human nature."

Hall is also a photographer, advocate, and entrepreneur who has worked as an art educator in addition to running her own photography business and founding the visual branding agency Blackwater Branding with her husband, Jawansa.



And now, she's tackling going back to school—as one of the first students in Randolph's new Master of Education program.

While Randolph's Master of Arts in Teaching degree is focused on helping teachers earn licensure, the MEd, which is being offered online, is designed as an opportunity for those who may not want to teach in public K-12 schools, but still want advanced study in education.

"In our department, we recognize education as a lifelong pursuit that happens in many spaces: arts centers, afterschool and summer programs, camps, museums, and so many more places," said education professor Crystal Howell. "In addition to extensive experience in schools, our faculty have created curricula and taught in these nontraditional settings, and we regularly work with local organizations."

The goal is to prepare graduates to not only plan and deliver engaging programming but also to evaluate their program's success and engage in continuous improvement.

"This emphasis on action research—that is, the kind of critical self-assessment nonprofits and community organizations engage in continuously to make their programs better fit the needs of their communities—is one of

the many things that sets our MEd apart from other programs," Howell said.

Hall applied for the MEd to enhance the Academy's arts programming with an educational focus, aiming to support students of all ages.

"I'm an arts administrator, and I really want to ensure we are providing a level of excellence in education that supports the city schools in a way that is very intentional," she said. "It's one thing to look at programming through the eyes of a teacher, or an arts educator with a specialty in a specific discipline, versus being inside of the school system as an administrator.

"It's looking at arts administration and school administration, where they overlap and where there are opportunities for more connection," she added. "Having an understanding of that is helpful, so you're asking the right questions. I aspire for our partnership to be strong and supportive for educators and students alike."

She's spent a lot of time examining the SOLS to break out objectives and develop curriculum, while also understanding budget constraints that school systems often face.

"As a person who has always been in the arts, I understand when you have things being stretched and budgets being cut," she said. "I want to

be in a position at the Academy where no matter what the school's budget, we can supply robust, engaging, and worthwhile programming for students and teachers and really be a resource."

She's also working on an action research project that feeds into her work and has already brought ideas back to her team.

"Michelline's study enhances her contributions at the Academy Center of the Arts and throughout the Lynchburg community," said Peggy Schimmoeller, education professor and director of the College's MEd and MAT programs. "We love having her as a member of our learning community. She will undoubtedly continue to make significant contributions as she applies what she has learned."

The program has been a perfect fit for Hall's busy life as a working mom and active volunteer. She is president of the Junior League of Lynchburg—only the second Black president in the organization's history—and serves on numerous boards around town.

"The support of the faculty and staff at Randolph is top-notch," she said. "They are very understanding of working families and are attentive to the shifting priorities that may happen in a day or a series of weeks. I definitely feel their support in this."

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# PRESIDENTIAL —HONORS—

Randolph remembers presidents  
Robert Atwood Spivey and Kathleen Gill Bowman,  
who passed away in 2023



ROBERT ATWOOD SPIVEY



KATHLEEN GILL BOWMAN



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## Robert Atwood Spivey (1978-1987)

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Robert Atwood Spivey, who served as the College's sixth president, passed away on Dec. 12, 2023. He was 92.

During Spivey's tenure from 1978 to 1987, the College graduated the largest class in its history up to that point. He placed great emphasis on writing for students in all fields of study and greatly valued the College's art collection.

The College Art Gallery was renovated in 1981 and renamed the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College in recognition of an endowment established in 1983 by the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation.

Under his leadership, the College also established the Harriet Hudson Scholarship for non-traditional age students and a minority task force to improve support of Black students.

After his tenure as president, Spivey was appointed chancellor and helped lead the College's Second Century Campaign.

He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Martha Crocker Spivey '54, who was a music major. The couple had

three children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A native of Suffolk, Virginia, Spivey graduated from Duke University in 1953. He also earned his bachelor of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and a PhD in philosophy from Yale University.

In addition to being a Fulbright Scholar, he taught at Yale, Williams College, and Florida State University, where he helped found the Department of Religion. After serving as chair of that department for seven years, he was made provost and then dean of the College of Arts & Sciences until assuming leadership at the College.

The author of several scholarly books on religion, Spivey served as president of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges from 1988 to 1998 before moving back to Florida. He then worked with the FSU Foundation and held the position of ombudsman until 2014. He was also a volunteer with the Quest Life Skills program for inmates for 20 years.



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## Kathleen Gill Bowman (1994-2006)

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Kathleen Gill Bowman, eighth president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023. She was 80.

Bowman served as president of the College from 1994 to 2006.

A Fulbright scholar to Japan and Korea, Bowman emphasized international programs and cooperation and was committed to understanding the effects of social and racial bias in education.

During her tenure behind the Red Brick Wall, the College increased its enrollment of international students and strengthened its Asian, international studies, and science programs.

Other accomplishments during Bowman's time as president included the creation of the Pearl S. Buck Award, the President's Award for Globalization, and the Susan F. Davenport Global Leadership Program, as well as the establishment of the College's Summer Research Program,

Presidential Scholars Program, environmental studies and American culture majors, graduate programs in education, and interdisciplinary first-year experience courses.

Bowman was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Minnesota, where she also earned a PhD in English education.

Before assuming the presidency, she served as vice provost for international affairs at the University of Oregon from 1989 to 1994 and as its associate vice president for research from 1985 to 1989.

In 1993, she was a Fulbright scholar to Japan and Korea, where she studied recent reforms in the higher education systems of both countries.

Prior to her work at Oregon, Bowman served as a faculty member and special assistant to the president of Reed College, where she also directed the development of programs for gifted pre-collegiate students and two graduate programs.



# WHY I GIVE

## *Stacy DeLano '71*



### **Q: What is your fondest memory?**

My lifelong relationship with my major professor, Dr. David Anthony. Although I never really used my Asian studies/political science major professionally, I've always had a passion for Asian culture: literature, art, philosophy, cuisine.

"Uncle Dave," as we called him, was a larger-than-life academic with a gift of humor and entertainment that made his classes—and interactions with him post-college—more than memorable.

His death in 2000 sparked a self-reassessment of my life when I realized I had been too wrapped up in a stressful and demanding career to focus on family and friends who really mattered to me.

I scheduled a visit to David's widow, Laura—who would become a very close friend of mine until her own death—coupled with some informational interviews that she arranged to explore the possibility of leaving Washington D.C. and returning to my alma mater to work.

Thus, within a year of those interviews, I was hired as a major gifts officer and made the big switch from corporate D.C. life to a nine-year career raising funds for the College.

### **Q: Why did you choose to support the College with a planned gift?**

I learned during my years working at the College about the importance of regular, annual giving combined with periodic larger gifts to commemorate reunions or to support capital campaigns. The third leg of giving is an "ultimate gift" that adds to or establishes your legacy.

While working at the College from 2001-2009, I befriended and became "Auntie Stacy" to scores of students, most of whom were internationals, and with some of whom I've remained friends to this day. These friendships opened up a whole new world to me and helped to make my life at Randolph a much richer experience—full of joy and purpose.

One of the students I befriended was the late Kobra Ahmadi '10, a brilliant young refugee from Afghanistan. Her passion for learning, ambition to travel and make a difference, and her determination to be an example to others following in her footsteps was remarkable to me. That she died so young was shattering to the College community, but through her I stayed in touch with her young husband, Jawed Nader, and Susan Lemly Sardina '70, who had been

instrumental in getting Kobra to Randolph.

When Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in August 2021, Kobra and her husband's families were able to escape, and I connected with and became close to the two daughters of her brother, Somaya and Parwin.

Both Somaya's and Parwin's dream was to pick up where they left off at university in Kabul. Their ultimate dream was to attend Aunt Kobra's alma mater. With that inspiration and that goal in mind, Susan Sardina, Susan Braselton Fant '84, and I teamed up to create a scholarship for displaced and refugee students who could not ordinarily afford the expense of a private, liberal arts college. We managed to raise enough funds to send Parwin to Randolph, where she is flourishing as a first-year student, for one year. The "Susans" and I will continue to fundraise to get Parwin through to graduation. Then we hope to recruit more qualified students.

It dawned on me in the process of creating this fund that I would be able to endow it through my estate. Since the College was already in my will, it was relatively easy to redirect my intentions to the scholarship in Kobra's memory. And hopefully it will secure funds to future students for years to come, thus my "ultimate gift."

To learn more about ways to give, please call 434-485-8050 or go to [www.randolphcollege.edu/givenow](http://www.randolphcollege.edu/givenow)



# Bulletin

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RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE  
& RANDOLPH COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A close-up view of the top of Webb Hall



## FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



I'm both saddened and thrilled to pen my last note to you as your president. It has been my honor to serve you and our community, and I thank you for the opportunity. In this issue, you will see the incoming slate of officers and our incoming president. Please cast your vote to affirm election of these individuals—and feel free to nominate yourself to join the team in the future. Thanks to the

Nominating Committee for its work and commitment to diversifying the board.

Calling all alums! Share your favorite College memories here: [www.randolphcollege.edu/favetraditions](http://www.randolphcollege.edu/favetraditions).

The Association is collecting stories about your favorite traditions and memories at R-MWC and Randolph for a project celebrating our time at the College. The stories will link our history as R-MWC and our growth as Randolph College and will be exciting for current students and alums to enjoy. Complete the form to participate!

There are many exciting events this year from the Association and the College. The Black Alumnae and Alumni Weekend in February was the restoration of an annual event to celebrate and give space and time for our current and future Black alums to build connections and share experiences. Reunion is coming May 16-19, so all of the 4s and 9s should get ready! The Class of 1961 will also be celebrating this year. In September, we will bring back Council and reimagine Homecoming. These exciting weekend events are for connection, community, leadership development, and volunteerism.

Please remember that the Association always needs volunteers for its Board, standing committees, and event planning and participation in the districts. We also serve as mentors to students and provide learning and internship opportunities. Get involved today!

Finally, as renovations to Martin Science get underway and a new strategic plan takes shape, now more than ever we need strong commitment and action from this community. New academic and athletic programs and the unique TAKE2 academic curriculum model position the College well for the future. But we need your help. Share information about the College in your community. Refer a student. Give to the Annual Fund. Facilitate internships. Engage in the Alum Network. You are Randolph and R-MWC. We need you.

Until next time,  
*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@randolphcollege.edu](mailto:classnotes@randolphcollege.edu).

**July 1, 2024** (for the fall 2024 issue)

**December 15, 2024** (for the spring 2025 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@randolphcollege.edu](mailto:classnotes@randolphcollege.edu). These photos need to be 1 MB or larger.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

*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.*

Association Funds Provided by the College

### Revenues

Appropriation, Randolph College \$375,086.11

### Total Revenue

**\$375,086.11**

### Expenditures

Alumnae and Alumni Admissions	\$2,723.75
Association Officers	\$2,745.95
Communications: <i>Bulletin</i> , Class Secretaries	\$0.00
Events: Leadership Council, Chapters, Reunion	\$155,924.58
Student Relations	\$2,274.42
Office of Alumnae and Alumni *	\$211,417.41

### Total Expenditures

**\$375,086.11**

*\*includes staff salaries*

### ASSOCIATION SPECIAL FUNDS

#### Assets

Cash	\$9,033.51
Investments	\$555,868.63
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$564,902.14</b>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$564,902.14
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$564,902.14</b>





(Left to right) Gretchen Goerdel Nelms '61 and Kim Charlton Spears '51 at Member-Guest Golf Tournament at Country Club of North Carolina



Adgie Williams Dirom '57 and Alex Dirom



1957: Sandy Coats Morell and Harriet "Hutch" Holton Jones



Aileen Wilson Kelly '57 with 3 granddaughters



(Left to right) Dotsie Cooper Boyce '65, Sandy Coats Morrel '57, Marian Prince Moore '58, Louise White '59, Jane Aurell Croft '61 and seated, Phyllis Smith Spence '55

## 1951

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**Ann Boon Rhea** had lunch with **Ann Nowell Evans** in her lovely new apartment complex in Atlanta. Ann Boon Rhea now has a great-granddaughter named Nur, which means light. She was born in summer '23 and brings a lot of love.

## 1952

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## 1954

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## 1956

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**Maggie Baxley Chew** called. It was so great to hear her voice and to know she is doing well. She is happily living in a senior living facility. She lost her husband 2 years ago. Her daughters are all in VA. She is in touch with **Nella Kilbride Gatewood** who told her of the passing of **Poochie Forgy Watt** on 10/4/23. **Bruce Koolage Forsberg** reports that she had a

long talk with **Bobbie Wright Massie** who was getting ready for another eye procedure. In the spring, Bobbie plans a trip to the Charlottesville area and Bruce looks forward to an in-person visit. Bruce is well and enjoying her new retirement home life. **Olive Worth McCord** called from SC. We shared our frustrations with the aging process and the limitations it presents. She is fortunate that her son Robert is close by to help when needed. **Nell Brame Cavanaugh** is in Winston-Salem in a retirement place called Arbor Acres that she says is lovely and she is happy there. She lost her second husband 2 years ago. She has 5 great-grandchildren. She is in good health. She says croquet is a serious sport there and there is a beekeeper nearby so she enjoys fresh honey. I, **Margaret Whitney Shiels**, am eternally grateful for the health we have and for sharing my life with husband Robert. We recently gathered as a family at a shower for granddaughter Sara and her husband Nolen as they awaited the birth of their first son and our great-grandson in Feb.

## 1957

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In Dec. I reached my 88th birthday, trailing behind many in our class. Quite a milestone for us, something we never thought of back in our years at R-MWC... growing old and possibly reaching this age! Well, we're here, and a lot of us are still traveling, walking, in book clubs, gardening, and other activities. This year I feel very fortunate to have 3 granddaughters at UVA; 4th, 3rd and 1st yr. Lizzie Kelly is the daughter of my son, Michael Kelly, who lives in Afton VA, and will graduate this year. Lucy Williams, 3rd yr, and sister, Emily Williams, 1st yr, are the daughters of my daughter, **Katie Kelly Richards '91**, who lives in Lynchburg. My husband, Jim Kelly, who taught Nuclear Engineering at UVA for 35 yrs, would be very proud. As predicted **Judy Hill Lawes** was the first to send me news. "My only trip this year was to my 70th reunion at St. Catherine's, where all my education took place

prior to R-MWC. Four of my classmates were there and I invited my 2 daughters to join us for lunch, and we celebrated my 87th birthday with my sister Jean and her family. Some recent sad news: **Jocey Hill Dickson's** husband Larry died at his home in Lexington KY. Their son George lived there with his Dad since Jocey's death in 2020". **Gena Bryant McGowan** writes, "I am still doing pretty well for an old lady. I am still an early riser and go to the YMCA just around the corner every morning about 6:00 and swim. I really just sorta jump around and kick, but it gets me limbered up for the day. I play bridge 3 or 4 afternoons a week, where I am the youngest. My son Bryant and I flew to Sun Valley to meet grandson Reed there to celebrate his 30th birthday. My older son Pierce passed away in Feb. '23. He was diabetic and died in his sleep. We miss him very much. He was not married but had a significant other. My sister Edith lives around the corner and we do a lot together." **Adgie Williams Dirom**, whom I see from time to time, writes, "Alex and I are still living in our 3-story house, though we live primarily on the 1st floor. We are hoping and planning to die in our house. Our 1st born, Guy, the one I was pregnant with during our senior year, died 12 yrs ago. His boys were 6 and 8 when he died. They both graduated from VES in Lynchburg. The older boy is in his 3rd year at JMU, majoring in chemistry with plans to get a PhD in chemistry; the younger boy is a freshman at VA Tech and plans to major in business. Our daughter, **Adgie Lou Dirom Davidson '82**, lives in Northern VA and is eagerly awaiting her 1st grandchild, our 1st great-grandchild, in May. Our son, Reid, and his wife, **Melanie Davis '90**, live in Silver Spring MD and have 2 precious Jack Russell terriers. Alex and I are fairly active, attending church every Sun, our club meetings, and various concerts as we are able. I look forward to hearing what you all are doing." Some of us are still able to travel, like **Jane Sawyer Reynolds Bersch**. She said, "My trip in Sept. with a travel friend was amazing. We spent several days in Venice, a revisit for both of us, and wandered the narrow streets enjoying the Venetian way of life

without the summer crowds. We stayed right on the Grand Canal, 2 canals away from St. Mark's square. Brief visit to St. Mark's awesome frescos, but long line for Doge's palace, then a cruise down the glittering blue Adriatic with stops in Croatia, Montenegro, Kotor, and Corfu. Vineyards everywhere, winery visits for tastings, delicious oysters, blue lagoons off the Adriatic, the Bay of Kotor, Montenegro, on which was built the Church of Our Lady of the Rocks. Our small ship was able to transit the narrow, historic Corinth Canal, which we had seen 2 years earlier while traveling out of Venice to the Peloponnesian peninsula. Our final destination: Delphi. The museum there contains all the statues recovered from the ruins on its hilly site. I spend half my days with my daughter Cathy in West Chester PA. I joined a garden club here, which meets in a Friend's Meeting House dating back to the mid-1700s. Still involved with my Medford garden club and the regional organization. Exciting time with a great-grandson nearby—Mikey, 1 yr, walking." From Beth Harvey, the daughter of **Ann Langley Fauconnet**: "I am writing on behalf of Ann Fauconnet, who was my mother, to tell you she died in '22 after a short illness. I got your note about letting you know what was going on. She went on a trip with my sister the month before she died." Beth, we are all very sorry for your loss. **Joan Jorns Atkins**, you are great to keep us up on your news. "As a widow I am happy to be living in an apartment with security, friends, nearby shops, restaurants, and grocery stores. My apt book club meets 2x a month and instead of reading the same book, we report on the book each member is reading. I enjoy walking in nearby Historic London Town Gardens and watching the Smithsonian virtual lectures on such things as 'George Washington in Barbados' and 'The Cluny Museum'. I take courses at the nearby Senior Center. With my 3 children, spouses, and grandchildren, we had a long weekend reunion at Bethany Beach DE for my Oct. birthday. In Nov. my younger daughter and I drove to CT to see my grandson in *Much Ado About Nothing* at Wesleyan University. All of my family seem to be doing various but interesting things." And, lastly, **Sandy Coats Morrel** writes, "I moved to Blackhurst in 2017, and my husband died in 2018. I am very much alive and well, and walk 3 miles a day. Three of my 4 children live in Baltimore, and the 4th is in Holly Springs. I would also like to report that I went NC for Thanksgiving this year. Covid kept me from seeing this family very much. My 7 great-grandchildren are in NC, so it was fun. The family has grown to 31, with 6 more grandchildren at marriage age, so more great-grands are in the picture. I still have 1 in high school, 1 in college and 1 at USC getting her PhD in neurosciences. Most are grown and on their own in medicine and technology. I rarely

travel anymore, not even to Lynchburg, and miss seeing those of us around. I saw **Harriet 'Hutch' Holton Jones** in NC recently, and we had a nice lunch together. We were roommates freshman year and still stay in touch. Dr. Warren W. Koontz Jr, husband of **Win Sykes Koontz**, died on 11/1/23 in Richmond after 66 years of marriage. Win, we send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I wish everyone a very happy 2024.

## 1958

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Dear fabulous '58ers, I hope you all are doing well and are enjoying 2024 with family and friends! The problem with aging is the sadness we feel because we continue to lose our classmates. **Norma Halmagyi Hanson** wrote that **Delilah Little Turpin** died on 11/9/23. Norma performed the celebration of her life in Dec. in Raleigh. We send our heartfelt condolences to Delilah's family. **Mary Will Copes Browning** wrote, "One of my grandsons is deployed to Syria. Please pray for him. Other than that, I think all is well. Our children are near and hover. I am a very blessed and thankful woman." We all are very blessed and thankful women! **Dolly Stover Cardwell** wrote, "On July 25 I had a corneal transplant in my left eye. It went very well and my vision is so clear and so good that I can hardly wait to get on with the right eye. Soon after Reunion, when Will and I greatly enjoyed seeing some of you, my right hip became increasingly difficult, all culminating in hip replacement surgery Dec. 1. Local anesthesia, rather than general anesthesia, has made it so much less difficult than I expected. I feel that I have a new lease on life and look forward to more engagement and activity than I had anticipated. At our age, we never know what the next day holds. On Oct. 23 our first great-grandson Ahti was born in Helsinki. It is our honor and our joy to join classmates who are also great-grandparents! I send best wishes for a happy 2024 to each of you." In Sept, **Barbara Watson Deery** wrote, "Good day from Geneva! My husband, Dick, and I are on the downside of 2 glorious weeks in Switzerland! My first time in St. Moritz and it was truly an exceptionally beautiful city. Zurich, Lucerne, Bern, Zermatt, and the Glacier Express among other cities and activities were also memorable. Probably our last long trip this lifetime so we wanted it to be special - our favorite country - and it was!" **Ann Verbeke Richards** wrote, "My grandson received his PhD in Immunology from Stanford in July and is continuing his cancer research. Other good news, William Elias, my first great-grandchild arrived Oct. 14. I visited Eugene OR to attend the Bach Festival then attended my



1958: (Left to right) Jo Grogan Smith and Ann Verbeke Richards at a celebration of a mutual friend in Charlottesville

grandson's presentation of his doctoral research. Good news for our family!" **Toni Scott Day** wrote, "I have a small garage apartment at my house that I have made available to a Rice University student, free of charge. Today it houses a lyric tenor, a first year grad student in Rice's music school. My group attended a recital where he sang "The Impossible Dream" from *Man of La Mancha*. I hosted President Sue Ott Rowlands' appearance in Houston on Nov. 8. We had 35 Houston alums who enjoyed meeting her and hearing her update on the College. She was, as always, a big hit: her candor and articulate caring for Randolph puts everyone immediately at ease." Also from TX, **Martha McKay Jones** wrote, "The best news I have is that in Nov, President Sue Ott Rowlands visited TX, meeting with alumnae/ alumni in Houston, Austin, and Dallas. I was privileged to attend the gathering in Austin, and found that she is everything wonderful I expected and much more. It was a dark and rainy evening, but Sue brightened the room and our spirits with her warmth and enthusiasm. She is charming, disarming, articulate, and clearly God's gift to our beloved College. I was disappointed not to be able to attend our class Reunion this past June, although I did view with much pride the Achievement Award Ceremony, where you, **Jinx Broaddus Patel**, were recognized for your life of service since graduation. President Sue Ott Rowlands' presence and her informed update brought the College very close and was almost as good as being there. I certainly agree that under her guidance, Randolph College is positioned for a very wonderful future, a more abundant future. I was also so happy to visit with **Heather Ayers Garnett '86** again and to know she is back in the Alum Office where she ought to be. Warm wishes for a happy new year." All of us who attended our 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion and met President Sue Ott Rowlands agree with Toni and Martha, President Sue Ott Rowlands is impressive, warm, articulate, and an excellent leader for Randolph College! Wishing all of you '58ers good health and



happiness in 2024!

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**1960**

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to volunteer or send your updates.

REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 **1961**

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It was good to hear from many classmates. **Helen Barber Boone, Jane Meredith Wolf, and Lucy Russell Ellett** (pinch hitting for the amazing **Johanne Pryor**, the best Class Secretary on the planet) are grateful to all who shared their news. As we write, Johanne Pryor is in the process of moving into a retirement village in New Bern NC and recovering from eye surgery. It's hard to fill her shoes, even temporarily. **Macon Foster McCrossen** writes that her Mexican folk art group came to Albuquerque and Santa Fe, where she organized events for the group of 25. In Sept. her Peace Corp group, "Colombia VIII" (1963-65), celebrated its 60-year anniversary in Albuquerque, where they trained in summer of '63. Nov. found her in Mexico City with friends for food, culture, and more. **Susan Diuguid Neff** is settled at Deerfield in Asheville where she is enjoying tutoring an ESL Mexican student in English. **Jean Samson Suringa** and husband Dirk recently visited **Ann Jarvis Vest** at her home in Forest VA. **Lucy Robertson O'Mara** and husband Bob are still in their Cape Cod style house in Needham MA with their daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and their "lovely old dog". Since last summer, they have enjoyed a granddaughter's wedding in Cambridge MD, a visit in Washington DC with Bob's brother, and a friend's 100th birthday celebration in San Francisco. Their great joy is singing in a chorale and their church choir. Lucy also teaches a few piano students every week. As she says, "It's *Vita abundantior!*" **Spuzzie Glaize Duckwall** and Joe were delighted to attend their grandson's wedding in Asheville on Sept. 9. The threat of inclement weather moved the ceremony inside, but "The Farm" was a beautiful facility and all had a wonderful time. **Sue Walker Pace Rector** enjoys living at Aldersgate in Charlotte where she is near her children and finds plenty to do. She keeps in touch with **Genie Ingram Whayne, Sarah Strider Seemann, and Nancy Lawrence Shearer. Alice Hilseweck Ball**

had an unfortunate pre-Thanksgiving event that resulted in a broken femur. She reports that she is in a Rehab facility determined to get back on her feet in record time! There is nothing better than a birthday celebration that includes a visit from all 3 daughters, reports **Gretchen Goerdel Nelms!** "I still try to play golf 3 times a week. The golf isn't so good anymore, but it is fun to be outdoors among friends, enjoying life." She has recently connected with R-MWC alums from the '50s which has been fun. **Barbara Gatchell Salmon** enjoys seeing **Maidee Longaker Hope** in Dallas when she visits her son and his family. She and **Helen Cooper Campbell** also cross paths occasionally in Baton Rouge. **Marion Love Farmer** lives at Westminster-Canterbury in Lynchburg where there are many Randolph connections including **Dana Davidson Redmond '60**. She writes, "For the past year-and-a-half, I have been giving lectures with illustrations, presenting information on the Russo-Ukrainian war. These include a lot of background, particularly on Ukraine's long history, which is separate from, and therefore different from Russia's history. The work has been very fulfilling and, of course, challenging." Don't we all wish we could be there to hear Marion! **Nina Earle Brock** writes that she is most thankful for blessings these days after months of recovering from a serious shoulder accident. She is on the mend with the help of physical therapy and family support. **Mary Wyche Burgess Lesesne** and Art went cruising last spring and cherish their 3 great-grandchildren. She stays busy singing in their church choir, tutoring, and playing bridge. Mary Wyche calls herself a "super ager" (coined in a recent AARP newsletter). It looks like there are many of those in our class! **Nancy Johnson** had a recent chance to visit with **Donna McKellar Easter** at a R-MWC alum coffee in Nashville. **Sedley Hotchkiss Hassel** wasn't able to be there, but Nancy sees her occasionally. Nancy works at the YMCA part-time and manages to work out 3 or 4 times a week! **Susanne Burton Sawyer** writes that she and husband George like their retirement community in Charlotte. She keeps in touch with **Nancy Bourne** by phone and **Meredith Lumpkin Marchant** in person. She reminds us that life has a lot of challenges these days and ends by saying, "We send love to all you people. In the words of Garrison Keillor, 'Be well, do good work, and stay in touch.'" That's a good way to close these notes while we remember those we have lost. Love and prayers go to Donna McKellar Easter who lost her husband Luke this fall. **Joy Mitchell Price** died in Catonsville MD on Sept. 4. Her obituary can be found on Legacy.com and on the Facebook page "Randolph-Macon Woman's College 1961 Friends". Please keep us and the college up to date with your contact information and your news! We hope to Zoom in

'24 and want you to be there!

**1962**

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**Panthea Reid** reported that grandson Reid Broughton Jr spent last year in Taiwan. He is studying Chinese and classic western humanism at the University of Chicago. His father, Reid Sr, an attorney at Sands Anderson law firm in Richmond, represents the Christiansburg Town Council. Daughter Hannah Fischer is a Researcher at the Congressional Center of the Library of Congress. She writes an amusing blog: [Wanderfinder@substack.com](http://Wanderfinder@substack.com). **Gerry Zink Gray** wrote that this has been a medically challenging year. Husband Sam had a heart valve replaced and has a blood cancer requiring frequent medical visits. She broke her hip in '21 and things were fine for 6 months. Unfortunately, things didn't go well after that, and she had reconstruction and a new hip recently with a long recovery expected. They had a lovely summer spending 10 days each at Paws Up in Missoula MT and the San Juan Islands off the coast of WA. **Carolyn Reaves Hally** and husband visited over Labor Day. **Perry Carter Craven** wrote that she and **Anne Weeks Hancock** (minus **ME (Mary Elizabeth) Wahrenbrock Hoinkes** who could not make the trip) gathered at **Caroline Tatnall Ketcham's** Easton MD home for a joyous get-together, often called the 'May Queens Weekend'. They spent time reading *Holiday Cards: 1962-2009* by Thor Rinden, devoted husband of **Jane Herb Rinden**. Thor, who died in 2009, was the Iowa-born and Brooklyn-based painter who for over 20 years sent beautiful handmade cards celebrating Christmas or Valentine's Day to lucky friends of Jane and Thor. Jane was the chair of the English department at the Chapin School. After Jane's death in 2018, her estate had the cards made into an exquisite book. An exhibit of Thor's painting was on display at the National Arts Club 1/8/24-2/2/24. Caroline noted that "one must seize these days!" **Sue Judkins Stewart** and Jess continue to stay upright and mobile at Fleets Landing in Atlantic Beach FL. They stay busy exercising and enjoying a variety of activities offered in the community. Jess continues the fight with mantle cell lymphoma, a more serious cancer this time around. According to Sue, COVID finally caught up with them, but they are on the road to recovery. **Patricia Thompson Short** wrote, "We continue to enjoy the benefits of independent living at Roland Park Place in Baltimore. It is located close to where we used to live and near 2 of our 3 children. One of the many advantages we have enjoyed most are overnight trips to Richmond and Ocean City."



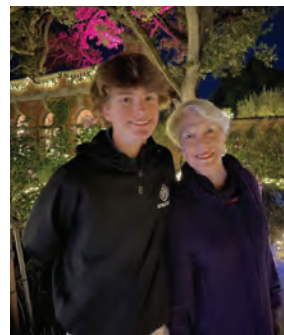
Ann Trousdale '63 and Mary Dale Vansant Kea '60



1964: (Left to right) Polly Cummings Hussain, Agnes Fitts Marshall, and Harriette Moskowitz Will in Switzerland



1964: (Left to right) Nancy Burch Wilkinson, Julie Block Milstien, Harriette Moskowitz Will, Sallie Crosby Smith, Agnes Fitts Marshall, Mopie Bagby Barefoot, Laura Alford Cotts, Jane Meredith Wolf in front of their Swiss chalet



Calley Eaton Jones '65 and 15 year old grandson, Julian, in San Francisco



1965: Barbara Sewell Jones and Marybriht Hunter Young at the middle TN chapter event

**Anne Luther von Rosenberg** reported they are doing well at Fox Hill. Grandson Reese, 17, is a junior and writing a novel. Grandson CJ, 14, a freshman at Brewster Academy in NH and an avid golfer, made the varsity golf team right away. Anne lost her remaining sibling to Alzheimer's in Apr. Husband Chaz is still active hiking, sailing, and looking forward to ski season. She sees Gerry Zink Gray occasionally. **Alicia Hazlehurst Ragsdale** and Carl moved to Wilmington NC to be near an ALS clinic. According to Alicia, "ALS has taken my voice but not my love of people. I am learning how to be the receiver and not the giver". Carolyn Reaves Hally and husband Dave and children and grandchildren are all well, thriving and very grateful to be doing so. **Martha Ann Sewell Daily** and Tom continue to enjoy independent living at Deerfield in Asheville NC. Martha Ann stays busy with choir, art classes, reader's theater, yoga, and a dulcimer group. What a wonderful example of "*Vita abundantior*"! **Anne Goodloe Berggren** wrote that she has had a wonderful experience the last few years of meeting on Zoom with **Cinda Richardson Anderson**, **Alice Dorrier Bonner**, **Betty Webb Ridenhour Brown**, **Carole Folts Dowd**, **Trammell Manly Maury**, **Anne Pagenstecher Simpson**, and **Alice Carnan Winn**. They meet once a month just to keep up on news of families and health, grandchildren, books read and movies seen. Anne indicated they still know each other so well since they lived together in college. She noted that she and Kurt are still living in Ann Arbor, retired, and doing well. **Susan Addington Hutcheson** and husband Pete are still having fun at Cedarfield and enjoying meeting new residents. It has been wonderful to hear from so many classmates and I hope 2024 will bring even more news regarding moves, travel and family activities.

## 1963

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It was good to hear from **Nancy "Hookey"**

**Sparkes Hamilton Bagnal** after many years! Nancy writes of her multifaceted life and careers from science to education to rare books to gallery owner and fine arts photography. She and her husband Joel Bagnal, a goldsmith, live in St. Augustine FL, and show their artwork at Aviles Gallery, which Nancy previously owned. **Bettie Jones Corey** writes that **Patsy Derby Chaney** spent a weekend with her in Knoxville in Oct. to attend a spiritual renewal event. Besides enjoying a rich and uplifting 3 days, Bettie and Patsy had plenty of time to visit. Bettie also proudly reports that her grandson, Girault Seger, won a jury award for best short narrative film at the Newport Beach CA Film Festival this fall. Way to go, Girault! **Jewelle Wooten Bickford** is determined not to let a recent Parkinson's diagnosis define her life and is getting plenty of exercise to that end. She has had the pleasure of seeing 2 R-MWC alumnae recently, working with **Ginger Hill Worden '69** on the board of EL Education in NY and seeing **Bess Dawson-Hughes '64** in the summer in MA. "These women are spectacular and lead very busy, inspiring lives." She says, "It's wonderful to be reminded of how much the College taught us." **Holley Leventhal Kilcullen** shared the sad news that her first grandchild, Vincent, died suddenly at age 32 of a medical drug response. "He was a terrific man," Holley writes, "doing well in all areas which makes it a bit easier." Holley still keeps up through Zoom with a spiritual share group with the same women since her 20s. She's enjoyed a year of good travel, with visits to Phoenix and Williamsburg and a cruise on the MS River. And news from me, your Class Secretary. I felt deeply honored to get to know **Renee Renka Alexander '68**, here at Deerfield before she passed away last Feb, and to officiate at her graveside service. **Carter Heyward '67** drove from Brevard to have lunch with Renee and me shortly before Renee's death. Speaking of Carter, Deerfield hosted a showing of the documentary *The Philadelphia Eleven* in Dec, to a full house, enjoying a stimulating conversation with Carter, one of the 'Eleven', afterwards. What an inspiration Carter was and is. Also in attendance was **Norma**

**Halmagyi Hanson '58**, who has fulfilled one of the items on my bucket list, inviting me to ride her lovely horse, which she boards nearby. I'm resigned to needing a mounting block at 82, but so glad to be riding again! A highlight of my year was having dinner with **Mary Dale Vansant Kea '60** and husband Don on a recent visit with a mutual friend in Macon GA. Mary Dale and I hadn't seen each other in 63 years, but I would have recognized her anywhere! Like Jewelle, I continue to be inspired by the rich and full (*abundantior*!) lives of our R-MWC alumnae. It's wonderful to be receiving your news, dear classmates. Please keep up these good connections!

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1964

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While there were some of our classmates who could not attend, 20 of us had a delightful Zoom visit in Oct. '23. There's really nothing like seeing old friends face to face and surely all of us appreciate the advantage that we have with modern communications. We called on each other to tell a bit about ourselves and I wish I could send you a recording of the conversations. Staff from the College's Alumnae and Alumni Office set the Zoom meeting up and they provided good insight as to changes on campus and some news to celebrate, such as the entering 2022-2023 freshman class is the largest in several years! One success story is the Take2 academic program that allows students to concentrate on only 2 courses for a 7 week period. New athletic programs have been initiated, to wit: wrestling for men and women. I encourage you to read about these and other stories in Randolph Right Now, the Alumnae and Alumni Newsletter, both email communications, or on the webpage <https://www.randolphcollege.edu/news/>. The real highlight of the Zoom was getting to hear about the planning underway for our 60th Reunion. Most of the Reunion Committee members were on the Zoom, **Jane Alford McBride**, **Mopie**



**Bagby Barefoot, Julie Block Milstien, Polly Cummings Hussain, Judy Hall McBroom,** and **Judy Nicholson Frey** and they were eager to tell of the benefits of that on-campus experience.

**Jean Ulfers Lucas** would have 'Zoomed' with us except that her husband suffered a bad fall that very day. We all want to see as many of our classmates as possible next May. If you haven't made plans already, please remember the dates for Reunion 2024 – May 16-19, 2024. I've learned that Julie's furniture arrived from France after 3 full months of being loaded on a truck; and she is happily now settled into her Baltimore abode. As you know, **Sallie Crosby Smith** died in Oct. '23. Before she died, even though quite ill, she attended her granddaughter's wedding and continued her activism against Alabama Power that maintains an unlined coal ash dump near the source waters of Mobile Bay. She lived long enough to hear the broadcast by NPR covering the efforts of Sallie and her friends in this challenging environmental crusade. The story aired on 9/4/23 on All Things Considered. Being able to personally read and reread Sallie's emails telling of her excitement surrounding her granddaughter's wedding and her pride that the press had picked up the important story about the coal ash dump makes her live on through her contributions. Sallie will posthumously receive the Alumni Achievement Award at Reunion 2024. Similarly, in the wake of the death of Polly Cummings Hussain, her email correspondents are left with lasting enjoyment of Polly's blow by blow commentaries on the workings of the Federal government. Always her humorous asides will endear her to us. **Agnes Fitts Marshall** recently sent a news item about a sophisticated new weapon in the Pentagon's arsenal and commented that she missed Polly's explanation of it for the layperson. Polly died while on yet another of the "Hikers" group's adventures – this one in UT in Zion National Park last Nov. That group of hikers and their less-arduous-more-strolling set of friends from college days have made a book of their travels through the years! This tome is only online for the time being so that final corrections and newly discovered photographs can be added. The intention is to make a hard-copy version for each to treasure and perhaps share with their loved ones and the College library. The effort to tell stories, share again old photographs, and recall memories of days spent together over more than 2 decades is testimony to the bonds forged at R-MWC in the '60s and made stronger with each trip. It is fitting that several of our classmates attended both Sallie's and Polly's services and there was a large bouquet of Helianthus blossoms at each service. Each of us knows the worth of those years growing up behind The Red Brick Wall. Come together again at Reunion 2024!

## 1965

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**Penny Hall** just self-published a novel called *Legacy*, which is loosely based on the life of her great grandmother, who lived in southern VA and Lynchburg during and after the Civil War. It is available on Amazon. **Alice Porter Hickerson** of Caldwell, TX sadly shares, "Our Thanksgiving table was not full this year as my best friend and husband Dick Hickerson died on 5/1/23. I'm very thankful to have my 2 sons living nearby." Alice, we send our heartfelt sympathy to you. Alice's email is aphick1@gmail.com. **Linda Noel Naftalin** writes that she has a new address. Linda moved to 8600 Midnight Pass Rd., Apt. 202, Sarasota, FL 34242. **Ann Weart Host** splits her time between VA Beach and Naples. She says she is happy to have visitors. Her new email is awost44@gmail.com. Ann is enjoying a book club, water aerobics and 9 holes of golf. Ann also delights in spending time with her 3 grown children and spouses and her 6 grandchildren ages 13-26 living in NJ, VA, and NC. **Mary Ellen Hocker-Freesland** of Alexandria sends warm wishes to the class. **Karen Olson Churchill** of Vienna VA celebrated with husband Fred on Nov. 11, her 80th birthday, at a family reunion in New Orleans where Fred's brother lives. Karen says how much she loved getting birthday greetings from classmates. For Thanksgiving Fred's sister and husband, who live in Copenhagen, visited them in their home in Vienna. Karen and Fred's 3 sons and wives also came for Thanksgiving. Their oldest son, who is a great chef, cooked for everyone. **Mary Kesler** of Sanford NC celebrated her 80th birthday in Oct. by traveling to Hong Kong to visit her cousin for 2 weeks. She says her trip was wonderful. **Gail Betz Manning** of Danville KY writes that she is active with a community women's chorus and a coed choral group under the leadership of a retired Centre College professor, who started the Summer Singers 35 years ago. Gail has faithfully sung alto in this group. Gail also enjoys being a substitute teacher in grades K-12 and is happy to begin her 17th year as a substitute. She writes, "I thoroughly enjoy being with young people and learning what is happening in education." **Mary Emery Chace** of Riverside RI hosted a friend **Ellen Joy van den Brandhof Groosman '68** from the Netherlands. Ellen was an international student our senior year. Mary writes, "We have kept up over the years and share many interests including being activists for women's issues and government affairs." **Suzu Wise Hawley** and **Margaret Tiley Holt** of Naples, who are best friends and business partners, enjoy the company of **Ann Cantey Payne** of Richmond and

husband Bob when they visit family in Naples. They all enjoy telling Randolph-Macon Woman's College stories. **Mary Milam Whiteside-Lee** of Dallas wrote about the ongoing Zoom calls that **Ellen Davis Shelton** of Richmond organized for the classmates who lived as freshmen on the 2nd floor of West. Their Zoom calls came about because Covid canceled their mini-reunion planned for Mar. '20 at Gulf Shores. This group includes classmates and honorary residents: **Mary Brewer Guthrow, Lula Cowling Carpenter, Ellen Davis Shelton, Margaret Luce Brown, Mary Milam Whiteside-Lee, Gloria Owen Covington, Dale Seay Kasab, Pat Sherrod High, Mary Ellen Skinner Bixby, Judy Stevens, and Jeanne Wessendorf Mathieson.** They Zoom every other Sun. night. Mary Milam writes, "We have shared the 100th birthday of a mother; births of grandbabies; the wedding of a granddaughter and niece; the joint purchase of vacation homes and rental of beach houses with grown children; trips to Australia, New Zealand, Greece, and Germany to name just a few places; building and buying new houses; moves to retirement homes; and of course assorted aches and ailments." **Rebecca Wall** of Richmond reports she had a very happy Thanksgiving with all her family gathered together. Her nieces and nephews were a noisy bunch but had loads of fun playing with each other. In the fall of '23, our R-MWC class decided to start a birthday calendar of our classmates. Most of us are celebrating the milestone of 80 years. So far 50 classmates have signed up for the calendar. On the day of a classmate's birthday the class secretary sends a happy birthday email with the classmate's contact information included in the email. Then classmates can send their own personal greetings. The project is fun and has been well received. If you wish to join the class of '65 birthday calendar, please contact **Lanier Sykes Bogen** at bogen1519@gmail.com. Our class enjoys staying in contact with each other and hopes to make our 60th R-MWC Reunion in June '25 our best one. We look forward to viewing the art work of **Ann Holsberry** of Berkeley CA. Thanks to **Meg Green Maguire** of Washington DC for instigating a petition to have Randolph College purchase Ann's art. **Susan Kellermann** was asked to be on the SAG Nomination Committee this year, which nominates the actors for the screen actors union on TV and all the actors vote on the committee's choices. Way to go Susan. Congratulations.

## 1966

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Well here we are, some are 80, some are not.



Melissa Lewis Bernstein '69 with grandson Spencer



1969: Alyce Hunt Pollitt and Cathy Madden Cuthbert, soul mates since their first year at R-MWC in Webb



Martha Baker Frickert '69 with Randolph soccer coach Chance Karcher



Suzanne Hannabass Grandis '69, ladies golf champion

But for me (**Margaret Northam**) it seems that a lot happens once you get to 75, some good. Grandchildren are almost adults for some and for me a wonderful 9 year old and a fabulous almost 2 year old, both boys. One inherited the artistic gene from his father, Austin Caughlin, maybe from my mother too, and he is a swimmer. The other, age 2, is not yet a swimmer, but loves anything with wheels. This came from his grandfather's family, my husband Michael Caughlin. Of course they are both brilliant. And the joy of seeing friends, discovering new causes to support, maybe even new interests. And then there is the not so good. Lots are leaving this world for another. Some need to care for spouses or friends. Concern about the health of others. The decision whether to downsize and where to go. But, wherever we are in life, we need to be thankful for what we have now and for having good friends from R-MWC and our lives. There's a long history there. I just received a birthday card from my friend from kindergarten. Who can top that? **Rogers Roseberry Bardé**, whose mother, **Kenney Shropshire Roseberry '44**, was a very loyal alum, wrote: "I could say that I've been going through mother's things - she died last Oct - and there was lots of R-MWC stuff. I sent a box to **Heather Ayers Garnett '86**, and have another one for her. Mother's Good Group had a round robin that continued until the last one - mother - died! She kept all of the letters! She kept everything! It's been difficult to go through all of that stuff - it makes me sad. But if I don't know anyone in the picture, I throw it away. I did go to Spain in Sept. with my friend Larry, and then to Mexico (Cabo San Lucas) for a destination wedding with my grandchildren. I loved both trips with interesting companions." **Pat Flinn** wrote: "It's been an eventful fall. I decided to sell the house and move to independent living in a life care facility in the next town. 44 years in the house, downsizing from 4 BR/2 BA to 1 BR/1 BA is an adventure...finding stuff I didn't know I had. Closings and movers the week before Christmas. Wish me luck!"

## 1967

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**Pat Harriss Holden:** For the past 3 years, 36 members of our class have signed up to participate in our monthly House Party Zooms (usually about 26 attend any given month covering locations from the West Coast to England). We have 3 sessions and they run from High Noon (Eastern time) to about 2:30. We are coming to know and care for each other through this sharing of our journey "as we walk each other home." **Julia Dorsey Reed Loomis:** "I'm so grateful for the contact and conversation with classmates through the Zoom moderated by Pat Harriss Holden. It's been a pleasure getting to know people I didn't know very well back in '63-'67, classmates who became urban leaders, artists working in various media, a camp director, mothers, aunties, fly fishing teachers, college and seminary professors and administrators, an opera singer, a small town lawyer (female Atticus Finch), therapists, business women, bridge experts, an Air Force officer, clergy, an NPR journalist, a Latin teacher for umpteen years, protesters for justice, agents of environmental protection, master gardeners, experts at Words with Friends, wannabe experts of Words with Friends, and more. Truly "Vita abundantior"! **Carolyn Imrie Fisher** or **Adele Howell Shepherd** host and record these Zoom gatherings and could send them to other classmates on request. **Nancy Bell Cooper's** husband, Larry Mayo, passed away on 6/10/23, at their beloved Dream Creek Ranch in Anderson County TX. In his obituary, Nancy reports, were some tidbits of information that she didn't even know. He was a career journalist and dedicated over 40 years to the TX daily newspaper industry. Several members of the Class of '67 have met with or hosted meetings with Randolph College's President, Sue Ott Rowland. All report that she is dynamic, engaging, and making positive headway with enrollment. **Nancy Gardner Carter** reports that she is still serving on the Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Finishing up a term as the NC Alternate Delegate to the National Assoc. of Conservation Districts' Board (NACD), she traveled to 4 Areas in NC in both the spring and fall, 3 of them being in the far eastern portion of NC, to give NACD Board reports. At the last NC SWCD annual meeting, she was honored with their Distinguished Service award and at the summer SE Region, was inducted into the SE Region Hall of Fame (probably because of) a mouth in the South. "The overall arc of what I've tried to do these last 12 years is to demonstrate bridges, common needs and potential between our rural and urban areas." She has loved being in politics (12 years on Charlotte's City Council and now these years on Mecklenburg SWCD), serving on their state and national boards, because of the friends, the travel to fascinating places, networking and problem solving. If anyone in the Randolph family knows about untitled land and how to resolve the issue of not being able to put projects on such land (SWCD and NRCS), she would be tremendously grateful to hear from you!!!

## 1968

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**Martha Baker Frickert** was in Raleigh to watch her granddaughter compete in a high school soccer tournament, and was delighted to meet Randolph's coach Chance Karcher, scouting for recruitment. They had a great conversation, and Martha was duly impressed! **Alyce Hunt Pollitt** wrote a poignant story about reconnecting with her Webb roommate **Cathy Madden Cuthbert**. They bonded from the get-go. The roommates to whom they were assigned returned from Christmas break to find Alyce and Cathy had made some changes: now Alyce and Cathy were further aligned in a shared room! After R-MWC,



Alyce went home to Louisville, graduated from U of L and then had 2 children. Cathy went home to Indianapolis, had 2 children and graduated from Butler. Alyce taught English at Kentucky County Day School for 25 yrs; Cathy worked at a bank. Three hours of driving time between them, but they were absorbed in raising children and work. A Randolph fund-raising call was the impetus for their reconnection. Alyce had suffered from a brain tumor in 2000, dying twice on the table, that left her with one eye blind, one ear deaf, the top right side of her body paralyzed. The fundraiser listened to Alyce's story and passed it on to Cathy who immediately drove to see her. For the past 15 yrs she has visited her several times a year for a long lunch. While retired from teaching, Alyce still does individual tutoring (one of the top SAT/ACT tutors in the area.) Both Alyce and Cathy are involved in volunteer work and philanthropy (Alyce—Blessings in a Backpack and Dare to Care; Cathy—Board member, Eiteljorg Museum for American Indians and Western Art, the Caring Center). Alyce and Cathy, true soul mates, share a love of the beach—Alyce at Delray Beach FL; Cathy at Gulf Shores AL. Their friendship exemplifies R-MWC bonding of the finest! **Sallie Call Brown** had a great time as a participant in Randolph's trip to Tuscany and Umbria. One of the highlights was the camaraderie among 12 alums from 11 classes. Congratulations to **Suzanne Hannabass Grandis**, winner of the Country Club of VA's Senior Ladies Club Championship (golf). **Melissa Lewis Bernstein** and David are thrilled that daughter Lauren, husband Kevin, and Spencer, 1 yr old, have bought an apartment on the Upper East Side, convenient for frequent visits. Melissa stays busy as warden of her Episcopal church, especially overseeing a search committee for a new rector. David is still practicing law and playing golf, anticipating his 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion in '24. **Robey Watson Frasche** wrote of plans to spend Christmas in Denver with daughter-in-law Naomi and son James at their home. Daughter Carolyn and granddaughter Jasmine will join them, flying from Australia. Missing will be Sean and Andrew, twin grandsons, part Japanese, who are studying Japanese on Okinawa. Robey and Jim will be in Scotland and France in May. They will visit with a niece who is studying at University of Edinburgh and will go to a beautiful place in the Dordogne region, the site of a wedding attended by Robey and Jim. The owners of the place have invited them to spend a week there. **Sally Johnson Townley** shared a tragic story, but one with a happy ending. Her son Pete went into cardiac arrest twice last fall. The doctors were confused about the reason in a seemingly healthy man. Exploratory surgery pointed to an arrhythmia causing multiple PVCs. An ablation seems to have solved the problem. Sally and Guy were with him at Thanksgiving

and he is doing well, with no real restrictions. Lots for which to be thankful! For the past few decades, **Carol Prince Kostic** has been working in international trade in food ingredients. She has also been involved as a real estate investor and as a personal development trainer. Her various endeavors have meant commuting between Salt Lake City and FL, where she has a home with husband David Walker in Winter Haven. Now she is thinking about a new place to call home—France (where she spent 14 yrs and maintains dual citizenship), Costa Rica, or where? She welcomes your advice! **Elizabeth Keesee Henry** is rolling off the vestry at her parish and off of a 6-year term on the Board of Trustees of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. She has had wonderful experiences, including trips to the Holy Land to visit schools, hospitals and centers for people with disabilities. One of the places she has been is the Episcopal Ahli Hospital in Gaza, and she wonders about the fate of the already marginalized children she met there. Elizabeth has been taking pottery classes for several years ("... and can occasionally make a decent pot."), but the classes have also taught her patience and humility. I hope to see each of you at Reunion; I'm thinking of making a playlist with 'our music'. Start amassing photos and other memorabilia to start a "Remember when..." conversation! **Lucy Lacoste** writes of her adjustment following the death of her husband in June '23. The hardest part, to her surprise, is how much she misses him. Lucy is still running her eponymous art gallery in Concord MA, although she is not spending as much time there as she would like. She traveled to Maui last spring and Glastonbury England in the fall. Lucy is participating in a leadership course and writing a memoir—"unraveling threads of my life." From **Llyena Farbman Boylan**, "My husband of 23 years, Donald E Spieth, passed away on 9/1/23. I will miss his and our wonderful life immeasurably. Don's Memorial Service took place on Sept. 16 at Central Moravian Church in Bethlehem PA. I am blessed to have a large loving family with sons Shawn and Stow Spieth, Gabriel Boylan and daughter Alexis Boylan; grandsons Jordan and Steven Spieth and Lonnie and Damon Boylan and granddaughter Ellen Spieth. I will continue with my consulting clients and volunteer positions."

**1970**

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**Sarah Collier Heatwole** and husband sold their CA mountain home in '21 and are now full-time residents of FL. They have a turn-key condo on the beach so they feel footloose and fancy-free. They

celebrated Thanksgiving in West Chester, PA with their daughter Millie and her family. Then they are headed to Lake Bluff, IL to celebrate Christmas with their daughter Elizabeth and her family. After that, they are off to Santa Barbara to celebrate Sarah's sister's birthday. This will all be long past when you receive this bulletin so let's hope they have also found time between travels to visit their new beach home on Amelia Island. **Marcia Hale Russell** reports no news but wishes everyone a wonderful New Year. Since I now realize she lives just down the road in Winston-Salem, I hope to connect with her in person in '24. **Anne Dichtel Dwiggin**s and her husband, Paul, moved in Dec. '22 from the Washington DC area, where both were "born and bred," to Norton MA. Two of their 3 sons live in this area and they wanted to be closer to them because of Paul's health issues. She is sad to report that Paul died on 8/27/23 due to COVID/pneumonia, aggravated by dementia and a rare blood cancer. Marcia adds that after nearly 52 years together, adjustment is a challenge. Old political science majors never go away! **Pat Bennett Forman** is currently engaged in 2 projects that relate to our democratic process. (1) In conjunction



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1971: Debbie Ward Heritage, Debbie Anthony Dodge, Laurie Groner Tillett, Karen Russell, and Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell in Richmond for Susie Witter's celebration of life



Betsy Krome '71 discussing her pottery at the Clay Festival in Stanardsville, VA in Sept.



1971: Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell, Sherley Osgood Keith, Debbie Ward Heritage, Lynne Seekamp, and Sarah Rouse Sheehan in Alexandria



Elisebeth Bashinsky '75 with granddaughters and children



Lesley Morgan '75 in Greenland

with the League of Women Voters Washington, Pat has been giving classes virtually on effective testimony and contact with legislators; and (2) she has been advocating with Congressional representatives for a bill to recognize the need to provide mental health support for educators and other school staff (HR 744/S 2530). Along with working to provide food and housing for the homeless via her Kiwanis Club and rushing to various soccer games in which her grandsons are playing, she remains quite busy. It was a great pleasure to have **Quay Dortch** visit in Oct. '23 and wonderful to know that friendships with former roommates also never go away. **Jennie McClellan Hyman** has recently had good visits with **Frank Hull** and **Libby King Prickett**. She missed seeing **Sally Abrams Dean** at Book Group because Jennie was quarantining at home with COVID. I spoke with Jennie yesterday and am happy to report that she is on the mend and feeling much better. **Helen Whelchel** has recently been publishing some of her writing on Substack. For some reason, I am having a hard time connecting with my email. (Probably all my fault.) Hopefully, you will have better luck with this address [helenwhelchelcurrently@substack.com](mailto:helenwhelchelcurrently@substack.com).

**Vicki Burgess Pitman, Bonnie Treadwell Blackwell, Lois Rodgers Reynolds**, and their spouses all got together in Oct '23 at Barrington Court, a Tudor National Property in Somerset. Vicki and Tony picked up Lois and Simon at Castle Cary station and drove to meet Bonnie and Ian. The house was closed, but they did have a walk around the gardens on a rainy, blustery day, and discovered a huge walled garden full of pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. They then took themselves off to a pub for lunch where they had a wonderful time chatting about things old and new. **Janie Ligon** continues to make me green with envy with her recent trip to Kenya, Tanzania, and Rwanda in Sept. '23. **Mary Nelle Smith** feels fortunate that her son, Smith Woosley, also lives in Greensboro where he was just named alumnus of the year for the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering. On 11/16/23, **Susan Webb Russell** had a "surgical revision of a left shoulder anatomical replacement from 2017 into

a reverse shoulder replacement." Translation - her shoulder mobility will no longer rely on her rotator cuff, but will now use the deltoid muscle for movement. Susan thinks that one more shoulder replacement will make her a completely bionic woman. She'll be in a heavy sling through Dec. 28 so her children and their spouses will get to make Christmas dinner this year. She and her husband downsized from the lake house to a condo in May '23. She misses the lake views, but she appreciates having everything she needs on one floor with plenty of room for family and guests upstairs. In the spirit of the Thanksgiving just passed, **Betty Wallenborn Green** and her husband are most grateful for 3 healthy daughters, husbands, and 9 grandchildren. Although none of their children live in Huntsville, they are fortunate to be able to visit them regularly. Your secretary thanks you all for your notes and emails and would love to see you in person if you are ever traveling anywhere near Chapel Hill.

## 1971

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The Celebration of Life for **Susie Witter** in Richmond on Sept. 15 was attended by **Karen Russell, Laurie Groner Tillett, Debbie Anthony Dodge, Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell, Debbie Ward Heritage, and Linda Bradshaw Gragnani**. It was a wonderful tribute to a life well lived. Laurie Groner Tillett is doing well after a total knee replacement and thankful that her Navy SEAL son-in-law is back home for good after 30 years of service. **Polly Sheffield Roberts** has moved to an apartment in Roanoke. She has had an arduous few years having lost her mother, sister-in-law, and nephew. Both her daughters suffer from serious health concerns. In July she had a wonderful visit in Richmond with **Ann Eutsler Coulter** and husband Bill. Both are doing well in retirement. She keeps in touch with **Sherley Osgood Keith** and **Janice Brodka Baldwin-Hench**. **Sarah Rouse Sheehan** traveled to France in the spring and MT in June to help husband Pat's sister clear her basement

of her late husband's boxes of books. In Sept. she attended the VA Clay Festival in Stanardsville with **Ann Wright Dye, Lynne Seekamp** and **Betsy Krome**. They remembered Susie Witter with toasts and stories on the day of her memorial. Sarah sold some of her unframed watercolor sketches at the neighborhood Art Walk in Capitol Hill. She painted some more in Taos, NM in Oct. In Nov, there was a R-MWC lunch in Alexandria attended by Sarah Rouse Sheehan, Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell, Sherley Osgood Keith, Lynne Seekamp, and Debbie Ward Heritage. **Carol Aderholdt Widmeyer** and husband Bob moved from Roanoke to The Cedars in Chapel Hill NC. She has met other R-MWC graduates, starting with the class of 1950. She is very happy with its excellent healthcare, cultural opportunities, gourmet food, and basketball. **Stacy DeLano** continues to find Portugal fulfilling, adventurous, and challenging. Her language skills have improved so that she can exchange pleasantries, chat with vendors, and ask directions. She has had several houseguests including retired Professor Francoise Watts and friends from CA and Chile. Stacy's big trip this year was to the Amazon in Brazil with 2 friends who are originally from the northern Amazon. She enjoyed eating every species of fish she could find and trying fruits, plants, and seasonings she had never had before. Also, there was the unbearable heat and sun and mosquito bites. Later this year, she ventured to northern Portugal and Vienna. Stacy still encounters some problems sorting out banking, tax, and health insurance in Portuguese. The wonderful local wine and food make up for it. In Sept, Debbie Ward Heritage and Karen Russell spent a few days in the Outer Banks. They drove the long and lonely road to the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, rode in an open truck to see the wild horses in Corolla, heard a history lesson about the lost colony at Fort Raleigh, and strolled the beautiful Elizabethan Gardens. Of course, there was the opportunity to taste wonderful seafood and Carolina barbecue. It is amazing how many places you can meet R-MWC alumnae. While Karen and Debbie were walking along the perimeter fence of the Presbyterian cemetery in Alexandria to locate Karen's relatives' headstones,



they began talking to a woman inside walking a beautiful golden retriever. The woman was able to obtain permission for them to enter the locked gate. As they were talking, it turns out she is **Deborah Semb '74**. She said many of her female relatives graduated from R-MWC. Please remember to update your contact information with the College so we can keep in touch

## 1972

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**Lorena Kern** wrote that she visited her brother in LA for Thanksgiving. Her brother needs a hip replacement, scheduled for July. How many of us have new parts? She told of her trip to Italy with the College. She met **Anne Harrington** and husband Steve in Geneva and visited with their daughter Nora and grandson, Julian who Lorena described as "beyond cute!" Nora is working at the UN. They went on to Rome for 3 wonderful days. She said the weather was perfect and they did a private 4 hour walking tour of Baroque Rome. She really loved Rome. Then they went to Montecatini Terme and met up with the tour group from Randolph. The tour turned out to be great. It was made up of all alums, most with spouses. No one was there from '72 except Anne and Lorena. She had a general feel of familiarity with R-MWC grads. President Sue Ott Rowlands, Steve Willis, and Farah Marks were also on the trip and that was great fun. They went to Tuscany and Umbria with the last day at a winery in Montepulciano. It was the first time she had seen the Tuscan countryside and the hills. Several classmates checked in to say they were fine. They are **Laura Bullock Crumbley**, **Anabel Smith Bowen**, and **Martha Delaney**. Martha went to VT for the Christmas holidays with family and friends and did downhill skiing at Sugarbush Resort. In Jan. '24 she went with friends on a Tauck trip called "Winter in Yellowstone" where they got to explore the national park without the crowds. The trip ended up in Jackson Hole, WY. **Bette Jones Albert** had lunch with **Ellen Parkhurst** and **Mollie Danforth** to catch up on their lives. **Stuart Tuggle Harkleroad** has been busily knitting this past fall. So far she has knitted 4 sweaters, a cap, and 1 blanket. She also has painted a few watercolors. Recently, her local blood bank asked her to donate a pint of blood which she did! **Hilary Harris Hanslip** wrote that she and her English husband, Russell continue to be well and live in London. Their one-year-old grandson Oscar is now walking and their younger son has settled into his first home of his own. Both of their sons live in London. She mentioned again how much she enjoys seeing her Randolph-

Macon Woman's College roommate, **Betsy Maloney Hurst**. Each summer Betsy comes over and finds windmills throughout Britain and shows Hilary places she would never normally visit. She says it's still a stretch for her to think of our college being coed, but she is fascinated to read about its new life. If any classmates go to London, she would love to see you and she can be found at hhhanslip@gmail.com. **Ann Sturgis Coates** wrote that she would probably pose with her dogs for a New Year's card. Yes, Christmas did creep up! She had wonderful news of a new grandbaby coming in Apr. She needs to brush up on baby things and get that new Tdap shot. It is another boy, brother to Flynn who wants to name him Bear. Ann told him that could not be since that name was used for one of their late Goldens! Last Sept. at Atlantic Beach NC there was a mini-reunion of **Joan McRae**, **Cathy Simmons Brookman**, **Juliette Ezzell Grumley**, **Debbie Carson**, **Julianne Low Venable**, **Martha Johnston**, and **Sandy Worth Page**. Cathy got to dancing to the finale of "The Greatest Showman" and fell and broke her wrist. She spent some of the mini-reunion in the ER. She had surgery on her wrist after she got home and another surgery in Dec. which involved transferring one of the 2 tendons of her index finger to her thumb. She was in a splint for 6 weeks and her thumb is positioned in hitchhiking mode—very convenient! She didn't have too much pain and her other digits were unencumbered. She was so very relieved to get that behind her. Debbie Carson flew to the USA in Sept. and came to the above mentioned reunion. Husband George went to Charleston, SC. Debbie rode with the mini-reunion revelers to Wilson NC to catch the Palmetto Express to Charleston to rendezvous with George. Afterwards they went to Lynchburg to see Debbie's mother who had moved there from Blackstone. She visits about twice a year. She also enjoys seeing a niece who visits from Madrid. She added that she has swapped her choir and piano lessons for political campaigning and church activities. Juliette says she and Paul enjoyed a Regent cruise in Aug. from Lisbon to Rome with Cathy Simmons Brookman and Doug. They quickly became part of the Paducah pack – with 2 other couples from there. She and Cathy reminisced about their visit to Morocco, when they docked in Casablanca, following their junior year in Reading. She was also happy to announce their newest grandson makes their total now 8, ranging in age from 20 years to 6 months. On Dec. 7, **Catherine Gibbes'** beloved friend and long-time walking companion Mark King Scott was laid to rest with military honors in the cemetery of his hometown, Lincoln MA. His accelerating decline in health was clearly unidirectional despite all her efforts to coordinate care for him at home. The excellent care he

received at the Bedford MA Veterans Hospital over his last 5 months could not reverse the course of his illness. She feels unbelievably privileged that she discovered "this absolute gem of a human being" after they were both past 60. At the same time she is overwhelmed with sadness that they had only 12 years to share their lives. She added that his spirit continues to walk beside her. **Cathy Irvin Chavarri** wrote that some things never change! She is still working as an interpreter and an attorney defending criminal cases in federal court in the New Orleans area. She is trying to slow down, but always seems to get sucked back in! She has 1 grandchild who has already graduated from LSU. Two grandchildren are there now and 3 are living in Redmond WA and one in Mandeville, LA. **Bev Ballard Kennedy** wrote that her husband, Michael Kennedy, passed away unexpectedly on 4/24/23. She said it has been a challenge to navigate this new normal. **Sally Buttner** visited her sister in NC in Sept. They were thrilled to climb Mt. Mitchell especially since they did it on 3 hours of sleep. They were too excited to be tired. Sally's son and his partner came for a visit in Oct. – yay! And in Dec. she had a heat pump hot water heater installed, the latest chapter in electrifying her house and transportation. She sends love to all!

## 1973

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**Cathy Havener Greer** writes, "**Allison Gulick Muller '71** came to Boulder for a visit in Sept, and we had a great time enjoying all that Boulder has to offer, as well as the Denver Art Museum and the Art Students League of Denver."

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## 1975

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From **Lesley Morgan**: "I retired 8/31/23! and have so far loved retirement and have started traveling full-time. I was in Iceland and Greenland last summer with **Sandra McFarland Garbisch '76** and her husband Norb. I then headed to the Baltics, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, and on to Saudi Arabia and Qatar Nov. 30." **Margaret Wells Hayslip** is "busy preparing for my grandbaby's first visit to the USA for Christmas!

She finally got proof of her American birth abroad in The Netherlands and has spent most of her first year in Senegal. My English Setter dog is at doggy boarding school in order to have the best manners possible when she arrives!" Many of our classmates have celebrated a big birthday.

**Alison Keller Townsend** wrote that "we celebrated my birthday, 3/27/2023 on the Big Island of HI. A wonderful time with our 3 children and their significant others." Alison and Charlie enjoyed a special birthday dinner on the beach, complete with festive Hawaiian leis. **Elisebeth Bashinsky's** big birthday celebration included her 4 children: Cassels, Noble, Max, Neily, and 2 grandchildren, Neily's daughters Emmy and Aila. They dined at "a white tablecloth restaurant," then went next door to a game arcade and beer joint. **Marsha Taylor Pepper** celebrated her 70th birthday last spring by checking off a bucket list item. She, her family and their dog Sadie traveled to Seabrook Island where Marsha enjoyed a horseback ride on the beach. Having been an avid rider in her youth and inspired by reading Geraldine Brooks' novel *Horse*, she loved being back in the saddle! Since Sept. she has been mapping out the unfamiliar terrain of retirement after 16 years as Office Manager of Money Counts, Inc, a financial advisory firm in Charlotte. The firm honored her via press release, client letters of congratulations, dinners and other fun gatherings. **Lisa Cloar Sutton** and husband David joined Marsha and husband Steve at Oak Island beach for their annual retreat in Oct. Thanks to all who contributed to this edition of the *Vita*!

## 1976

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## 1977

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Many thanks to those who shared their news for these Class Notes. **Kim Pusey Crawford's** youngest, Allison, was married in Manhattan in June. Their family of 17 was all in attendance! In Oct. she attended her high school's 50th reunion in Miami. She also had a total knee replacement surgery. Time to get new parts to keep on moving! **Karen Campbell** had a stupendous visit with **Betsy Crighton '67** at her home in Claremont CA for 4 days in Sept. She and Betsy co-chaired the presidential search committee. **Pattie "Toad" Hallett** was busy traveling. She found St. Thomas in Oct. perfect for snorkeling and a trip to Borrego Springs State Park in Nov. a beautiful opportunity to stargaze in an International Dark Sky area. In



(Left to right) Karen Campbell '77 and Betsy Crighton '67

Dec. she traveled to Belize to scuba dive in the Big Blue Hole. **Debbie Randall Bowie** adopted a retired racing English Greyhound, Flintstone, in Oct. She was mesmerized by this elegant, gentle breed the first time she saw one. Research revealed that Greyhounds make wonderful companions and are universally beloved by their owners. And, finally, she got her Greyhound. She also helps her father, 95, who is still living independently. Debbie and husband Bob also spent a restful week of reading and resting in the Poconos in Oct. **Libby Dodd Slight's** granddaughter, Lucy, was born 7/10/23 in Montreal, the 4th "grand", and, yes, they are all grand! Unfortunately, her daughter had some health issues as a result of the birth, so Libby traveled to Montreal and spent 8 weeks helping her. She did manage to squeeze in an amazing 2 week trip to Italy with a friend in Sept. They planned the entire trip themselves! Their journey started in Rome, went by the Amalfi coast, and to Pompeii, Florence (a must!), Cinque Terre (my favorite area), and finally Venice. All the history brought back fond memories of Dr. Thayer! She was also delighted to get to spend a week at the beach with **Claudia Smith Payne** and husband Jud in Oct. When she wasn't traveling she loved playing pickleball, having fun with her 2 local granddaughters, reading for her own enjoyment and her book club, working hard for a non-profit to save a nearby State Park threatened by big business with deep pockets, and planning the next adventure. Please remember to contact Debbie Bowie with changes in your name and/or email address so you can keep receiving Class Notes.

## 1978

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Thanks so much to those of you who shared some news! **Holly Babb Brown's** daughter, Kimberly, has earned her PhD in Clinical Psychology and is now applying to postdoc positions. They celebrated by meeting up in Carmel-By-The-Sea (CA) for a week in Dec. Last Sept, **Anne McBride** got together with **Betty Kerns von Zielinski '77** and **Margaret Parker Shrewsbury** in Harwich Port on Cape Cod and had a fabulous



1980: (Left to right) Kathy Reckling Burns, Ann Ames Edelmann, Katy Colonna Worriow, Lisa Dawson Ende, and Meredith Raynor

time. I think the last time the 3 of us were together was in 1975! We had phenomenal weather and a wonderful time, with a lot of laughs remembering our younger selves. I keep in touch with **Anne-Stuart Mudd Darrell** (of course!), **Eileen Miggins Hohlt**, **Martha Hamblin**, and sporadically hear from **Karen Richardson Tucker** and **Russell Willis Taylor.** **Beth Shinn Kempe** was blessed in Nov. with her first grandchild, Kami Beth! Beth was thrilled that Kami Beth and her parents would be with them in Atlanta for Christmas. **Fran Ruggles Albro** had a fantastic trip to Iceland in Oct. "Beautiful land, awesome Northern Lights, and great fun! I enjoyed a weekend at Wintergreen with **Phebe Williamson Wescott** and husband Bill and **Leighton Clarke Krips** and husband Jim. Kind of like this retirement thing!!" **Claudia Cassone Stewart** shared, "We have introduced a very animated trip hazard into our lives: Big Red, a mini goldendoodle. He's sweet and lovable and has boundless energy. What were we thinking?! We love him." **Lucy Gerald Cook** and Charlie have finally finished the new bathroom and office at their house. She adds, "Only took a year and a half! We had our 3 kids and all but one partner/spouse, 2 granddaughters and one of my brothers here the Mon. before Thanksgiving to celebrate Charlie's 70th birthday! All but one of our kids was able to stay for Thanksgiving. It was wonderful to have us all under one roof! We had a quiet Christmas here with friends, then spent a week in FL and 2 weeks in Southern CA with our daughter and her family in Feb. A great time to not be in ME but we were back for mud season! We had a great weekend trip to VA to see **Donna Price Tibbs** and husband EC. Had dinner with **Margaret Anne Morrisette Nost '79** and husband Eric while we were there. Loved catching up!" **Ginger Sherrod Miller** retired from teaching in '15 but continues to be a part of the education team by substituting when she wants to! As she says, "My volunteer work with a little gravy! I play a lot of golf now and surprisingly have reconnected with Margaret Parker Shrewsbury! She has a condo in Perdido Keys and has been playing golf for about a year. We get together when she is down and meet in Point Clear for golf then head to Fairhope for lunch and shopping! We've had so much fun





1982: Katie Trabue Puryear and Rosemary Wood deButts



1980: (Left to right) Meredith Raynor, Lisa Dawson Ende, Ann Ames Edelmann, Katy Colonna Worrilow, and Kathy Reckling Burns



1982: Sarah Lemon Ludwig, Martha Nase Donovan, Amy Thornhill Talboy



Christine Rainwater '82



Bonnie McMillian '82 (right) with family at wedding of son, James"

catching up with one another! Boyd and I traveled to Bangkok this past Feb. to visit our daughter, Ginna, husband Ty and 3 of our 5 grandkids (Johnny 5, Harris 4, and Francie 2). They are missionaries and have been there for 2 1/2 years. I'm jealous of those of you who get to babysit grans!! Our son, Jim, is finishing his residency in anesthesia in Louisville, KY. He and wife Mary Morgan, with children Emmy, 2, and Wells, 2 months, will be moving to Tuscaloosa in July. Hope to see them more often as it is a 4 hour drive from Daphne AL as opposed to a 9 1/2 hour drive to Louisville. Stay happy and healthy one and all!" Phebe Williamson Wescott would like any of you on Facebook to join our class facebook page: R-MWC Class of 1978! Let's keep connected!

## REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 1979

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**Emily Gill Mills** happily reports that daughter Valerie and family have moved from the UK and are living with her in her multi-generational home in the neighborhood that she grew up in! Emily is almost finished with the remodeling of the home with wonderful bones but needing love! Her mom **Margot Holt Gill '52** is doing well in Dallas at 92 years young! Emily hosted a college event this fall, introducing our new President Sue Ott Rowlands. "I think you all will enjoy meeting her!" **Joan Hull Stumborg** met President Rowlands at Emily's house and was very impressed with her presentation! She is going through a new phase of adulthood - cleaning out her parents' home for sale, babysitting the grandsons, playing golf, gardening, staying active in her book club, mahjongg group, and volunteering. Joan traveled to St. George UT for a wonderful golf trip last spring and highly recommends the area. **Marty Daniel Tucker** is looking forward to the holidays with family and the family's Collie puppy. Marty continues to enjoy volunteer experience in Bible Study Fellowship, studying the Book of John now and then Revelations. **Judy Jones Booth** is happy to report that they have retired from Omaha NE to Southport NC in July. They love the weather in St. James Plaza. Her 3 kids live in Minneapolis

MN, so they love to come visit. **Tracy Walter Stunja** never imagined she'd be retired and so busy. She and husband Joe spend much of their time in Bucks County PA where they bought her ancestral family horse farm. Their grown children and their kids enjoy visiting and having country experiences, especially fishing with Papa Joe. The eldest grandson Drew asks for riding lessons, which positively makes her heart sing. Tracy is usually either in the barn or tending flower gardens. Winters see them back to Houston where they raised their children and owned a real estate business. It's fun there, but after a few months, she's missing the countryside. **Sherry Lynch Conrad** and husband Dale had a spectacular 7-day tour of the Canadian Rockies followed by a 7-day Alaskan cruise in early June. Walking on the Athabasca Glacier, seeing the Alpine Glow on the Victoria Glacier with the gorgeous reflection of Mount Victoria appearing in Lake Louise, watching a glacier calve in Glacier Bay National Park, observing many turquoise blue glacier-fed lakes along the Icefields Parkway, enjoying the humpback whales playing around their vessel on an excursion to Misty Fjords National Park and riding the Rocky Mountaineer train from Jasper to Vancouver were some of the incredible experiences on this trip of a lifetime. **Janet Hansen Martinet** and husband Mike went on the Potomac Valley Watercolorists annual ME trip at Balla Cragga, the extraordinary old house on Mount Desert Island near Acadia National Park. This year, ME really put 'water' in watercolor. Despite the fog and rain, they found some lovely spots along the ME coast to paint and brought back works of art to share around the fire in the evening. They both enjoyed hiking and touring some of the lovely gardens and then visited a few of Janet's relatives in CT on the way home. **Leslie Hoge** hasn't retired yet but did reduce her hours after their plan to move to Charlottesville didn't work out. They are staying put in Reston for now, which is good as it keeps her within 40 minutes of her mom, who is close to 100! In her spare time, she enjoys riding her electric bike with Jeff on the great trails that they are lucky to have near their house. "Love that electric assist on the hills!" **Mindy Meredith Coulter** is still teaching etiquette and social dancing in Knoxville. After 23 years with middle school students, one of her

former students and mother of 3 started helping with pre-Cotillion instruction for K-5th graders. They are having a ball! Mindy pinches herself because their 4 children and grandchildren live in town, making for a busy schedule. Mindy's oldest son and wife had their 5th baby on 4/4/23 - a home birth - bringing the grandchildren total to 7! Mindy and husband sneak away whenever they can, enjoying Ireland last Apr. and AK in Aug. **Nani Broadbent-Yale** loves retirement. She and Philip have launched a Pickleball Club in their village, there are 35 active members, and they have run out of indoor playing space. So the next step is to secure funding for the construction of some outdoor courts! Nani had a lovely day in Cambridge with **Victoria Collins Greenlee** who was traveling last autumn. They talked, walked and tried to catch up on 45 years of life! Philip and Nani are planning a stateside trip in Apr-May and can't wait! Your secretary is enjoying life on the ranch, with 5 grandchildren and never enough time to quilt and sew. Please think about coming to Reunion in May! Many of our classmates have indicated they will attend, and we would love to see all of you! Keep in touch.

## 1980

In need of a Secretary.  
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To volunteer or send your updates. **Laura Norris Robinson** and husband, Drew, and just moved from Cary NC to Winter Park FL. They have one son 15 minutes from them in Winter Park and the other in Tampa. They can't believe they're Floridians! **Ann Ames Edelmann, Katy Colonna Worrilow, Lisa Dawson Ende, Meredith Raynor, and Kathy Reckling Burns** got together for a weekend in the Outer Banks in Sept. Great memories, lots of laughs, walks on the beach with the dogs, and of course, they celebrated the big 65. Kathy provided them all with mementos: a "cheaper than therapy...girls weekend 2023" t-shirt and water bottles, "still hot, in a Medicare sorta way"! They can't wait to schedule 2024. **Carol Turner Rogers** writes, "This year I traveled to Spain with our church choir, singing in chapels from Madrid to Barcelona and visiting Portugal. Kirk and I

traveled to HI big island with our daughter for a week, enjoying hiking along some beautiful beaches and snorkeling, including a night swim with Manta Rays."

## 1981

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In Aug. '23, **Mary Kathryn Hastings Cooper** attended daughter Claire's Masters of Social Work graduation from Smith College. She "virtually" graduated in '20, but Claire was finally able to walk in Aug. She continues to enjoy her work at MD Anderson Cancer Center as an AVP in Philanthropy. **Laurny Awbrey** writes, "I was lucky to travel to the USA in Apr. and had a glorious 10 days in CA with **Marjie Blevins**. We then drove up the coast from LA to Menlo Park to stay with **Nisha Advani '79** and talked and laughed a lot. I also lucked out when **Christi Ruddy** made a trip to France in Nov. We met up for 3 days of wine and chateaux in Chantilly. We discovered that **Linda Hendrix Kelly** was just down the coast traveling in Portugal! Back home, I remain active in ministry and these days with the world's cutest granddaughters (3 and 18 mos). I facetime with **Dilara Samadi Constantine** weekly, which is great! Next travels are to the Northwest in '24, including OR, Seattle, and BC. So glad that travel is back on the agenda, post Covid."

**Chris Gschwind Camors** flew east in early Oct. to rendezvous with **Robin Fulwiler Nohe**, Manhattan flatmates in the '80s. We noticed a change—Little Island with fabulous views of our old stomping grounds. Next we strolled through Chelsea Market, then on to look for the Real Housewives of NYC while lunching at Catch NYC. Good times! During a recent business trip to the Pacific NW, **Lydia Ashanin** visited with **Daphne Foreman** in Portland OR. Daphne and Lydia plan to meet up next time at the Santa Fe Opera as Daphne studied opera and Lydia originally hails from NM.

## 1982

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**Trish McCall** took a celebratory trip to Aruba with friends, including fellow dancers. **Adgie Lou Dirom Davidson** writes that she has moved back to Northern VA. Her mom, **Adgie Williams Dirom '57** just celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday and both children, Lena and Ross, are doing great. **Christine Rainwater**, also living in Northern VA designs training for the federal government, has her own management consulting firm, and

is mom to 4 rescue pit bull mixes who keep her on her toes! **Mary Thomas** says that aside from being the Library Director for the Wythe-Grayson Regional Library system, she is part of the New River Bell Choir ensemble, and proud grandmother of 2 toddlers. **Rosemary Wood deButts** and her freshman roommate, **Katie Trabue Puryear** have gotten together 3 times this year: White House East Wing, Charlottesville, and a trip in VA wine country in Sept. which also included **Mary Hancock**. **Bonnie McMillian** writes that she and husband Bruce celebrated their son James' marriage to Cassidy Budde in Oct '23 in Fredericksburg, TX. **Sarah Lemon Ludwig**, **Martha Nase Donovan** and **Amy Thornhill Talboy** met up for a girls' weekend in Colonial Williamsburg in Dec. '23 and enjoyed taverns, shopping for Christmas gifts, and the Grand Illumination fireworks. **Suzie Smith Harper** writes, "I am thoroughly enjoying retirement. Love spending time with my granddaughters and their parents. Ted and I spent 2 months in Europe last spring and are headed to cruise the St Lawrence to Canada in a few weeks. Life is great!" Keep the stories and pictures coming! The last Bulletin was full of pictures and stories for the class of 1982.

## 1983

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**Frances Miller** writes, "Currently in between husbands and careers. Two children ages 26 and 24 who live in Toronto. Ready for a new chapter of writing and finding balance." **Ann Lindner Morrison** is enjoying life in Santa Fe, where she is mostly retired and exploring the Southwest. **Elizabeth Seward Deastlov** had a great visit with **Diane Lilly Gee** in July at their wonderful home on the Outer Banks, and they met again for lunch in Oct. at Diane's home in Chesterfield VA. Elizabeth reports that Diane definitely knows how to cook a delicious spread! **Ginni McMath** has been directing and performing in shows at North Street playhouse since moving home to VA's Eastern Shore from Los Angeles. Her latest adventure was working with and performing in Stan Zimmerman's (Golden Girls, Gilmore Girls) "Right Before I Go." Ginni is also working on her fourth book, which she reports will not be a children's book like the other 3. She also works as a phlebotomist at Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital where, besides being a vampire, she is gathering info for a play she is writing. **Kathy Fields** had the opportunity to spend Fashion Week in Paris. **Robin Winford Daughtry** and husband Hugh relocated earlier than anticipated from Knoxville to Wilmington N.C., and are in a holding pattern until their new house is ready

in early spring. They've visited with **Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo** and husband Bill, who finished building their Wilmington house in Apr. Jamie and Bill love being retired from shoveling snow in New England, but after one summer in the south, missed it enough to buy a cottage in Kennebunk, ME. Jamie invites classmates to come visit in either location! Jamie also accepted the nomination for President of the Alum Association. If elected, she looks forward to recruiting much help and support from our fabulous class! Reach out to her if you are looking for a way to get involved. Jamie also broke her hand over Thanksgiving and was off KP duty for the holidays. **Anne Schoeffel Manley** and **Julie LeHew Walker** joined Jamie for a weekend in Wilmington to celebrate 40 years since the summer of '83 when they all lived together in the Outer Banks. Anne also has a new granddaughter. **Nancy Kline** loves living in Richmond and is continuing to explore the area since relocating from Alexandria in '18. She is still obsessed with opossums and recently became a volunteer wildlife transporter for the Wildlife Center of VA. Her first run included a cardinal, box turtle and a vulture (they stink!). In June, Nancy traveled to France and is planning trips to Mexico and Scotland in '24. She spent a lot of her summer at her place near Cape May NJ. On the work front, she still conducts a few very dull anti-money laundering audits and hopes to focus more on creating art in '24. **Elizabeth Dechert-Boscovich** chimed in from Grant FL to say she doesn't do anything... but she must be lying because she is always busy running around doing something! **Margaret Davis Shields** spent Thanksgiving on the Eastern Shore of VA with **Penne Smith Sandbeck**. Since Reunion, she has enjoyed mini-reunions with **Sara Thompson**, **Melissa Marks Williams**, **Kim Keleher**, Elizabeth Seward Deastlov, Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo and Penne Smith Sandbeck. Kim Keleher reports that her long-time partner Tom Rust III passed away recently. Our long-lost classmate **Frances (Nipsy) Miller** has been found again and caught your Class Secretaries up on the last 40 years. After graduation, she fell into a line of work far outside her Communications major and ended up in the financial industry. After working in mortgage banking and as a compliance analyst for Dean Witter (now Morgan Stanley), she wandered into marriage, motherhood and life in Canada. Today she is single with 2 wonderful children and back home on the sleepy Eastern Shore of MD where she works as a realtor and renovates houses for fun and profit. But after coming through a serious spinal injury and surgery last year, Frances is now looking to start a new chapter. When former roommate Nancy Kline got in touch, she traveled down to Richmond for a busy weekend of food



and sightseeing, and also got to see **Martha Frase**. Maybe the new chapter starts in RVA!

## REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 1984

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The Class of '84 will be showing up when we have our 40th reunion on May 16-19, 2024. No doubt there will be so much to learn about our fellow classmates over the span of the last 40 years. It will be like drinking water from a firehose, especially when it comes to subsequent class notes. Until then, I must say news from the Class of '84 has been sparse. **Kay Smith Jay** retired from the mortgage industry in late '20. She is enjoying her time making quilts and gardening. She reports that in '21 she took a Master Gardener class through the local University of TN Extension Service and earned her Master Gardener Certification in '22. Kay and her husband have a 6-year-old grandson and 2 granddaughters, ages 2 and 9 months. Kay and husband recently returned from a long-planned anniversary trip to Oahu HI for a glorious 10 days. Kay is planning on coming to Reunion '24 and looks forward to catching up with long lost friends. **Tori Staples Shequine** (my junior year roommate) says that she is looking for ways to retire from her very busy mental health practice. Tori is hopeful that she has just the right person that might take the reins of this thriving practice so that she can retire one day soon. Tori's prophetic words ring so true to me with many professions - "Most therapists aren't so good at business and many businesspeople do not understand therapists - A few of us can do both." On a personal note, Tori reports that she spent the last 2 summers on a walkabout seeing ancient megaliths, burial cairns, sacred wells, and caves in southern France, Northwest Scotland, and Western Ireland. She is hoping that she can come to our 40th Reunion!

## 1985

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## 1986

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Greetings All! I hope these latest notes find everyone happy and healthy. Sadly, I have to start off with the news that **Allison Kehoe** passed away in Nov. from complications of surgery. Please keep her sister, **Elizabeth Kehoe Sigmon '87**, and her family in your prayers. I have also just learned that **Melanie Furber Fudge's** mother

has passed away. Melanie, please know that we are all sending you our prayers as well. **Alicia Cahalane Lewis** writes that she's had a big year! She is the proud grandmother to 2 grandbabies; Emi Cahalane born to one daughter in Jan. and Jago Robbie born to her other daughter in Sept! Congratulations Alicia! **Julie Coxe** reports - "All is well here in Dallas. Lucija graduated in May. In June we went to Paris and a small village near Bordeaux where we stayed with some long time friends. It was a magical trip. We also had time in Crested Butte CO. Aug. was back to school for me and I took Lucija to Tucson to begin at University of AZ. She has settled in well with a wonderful roommate, nice friends, sorority she is very happy about and good classes. We had a fabulous weekend in Laguna Beach celebrating the marriage of **Alison Kenny Brennan's** son Jonathan. It was superb fun & very special. Had a blast with Alison and **Ruth Moyers Hallman**. The whole fall has been busy and fun. School is going well and Pero continues with his IT work and has become a runner. We see **Kiki Karos** and her husband who are doing great. I loved meeting our new President, she is wonderful, and seeing **Heather Ayers Garnett** at the Dallas event." **Caro Ward Miguelez** reports, "In June, I had the pleasure of accompanying my mother, **Caroline Teague Ward '58** to her 65th R-MWC Reunion! She enjoyed her time with 17 of her classmates (records in attendance & giving were set!) including **Ann Verbeke Richards '58** and **Toni Scott Day '58**." **Daisy Bibb Miller Davidson** reached out with her news "Once again, the rambling gypsies have gathered. **Chase Buchan Thompson**, **Ann Liles Cox** and Daisy showed up in Beaufort NC to **Amy Rose Cecil's** darling new summer home, which is a sweet bungalow overlooking a quiet inlet complete with a white picket fence, porch swing and rocking chairs! It was nice to pull up to Amy and her sister, **Mary Margaret (Mimi) Rose Radford '89**, on the porch waiting for us. We will absolutely return to this gem of an area since we didn't burn the place down which nearly happened forgetting a new appetizer recipe in the oven while sharing stories on the porch! As the years tick by, we are grateful to Chase and her trusty cattle prod for insisting we "check-in IN person" with each other! **Alison Smith Christiansen** was unable to be with us due to her booming real estate career. She was awarded the 2023 Realtor of the Year by the Galveston Association of Realtors, Inc! WOW! I am happy to report all of our children are adulting well on their own with my two. The youngest, Gunnar, is a freshman at the Citadel while Elinor is in the midst of a busy senior year of high school. On a recent run to Charleston, **Lisa Edwards Thomas** and I caught up over a lovely dinner. Truly 3 hours of speed talking about



1986: Julie Coxe, Alison Kenny Brennan, Ruth Moyers Hallman at wedding of Alison's son, Jonathan in Oct. '23



Owen Inge Conway '87 and her newest grandchild, Virginia Carter Hodges

the wonderful events of our past 20 years ending with her latest adventure in Scotland where she and 3 other ladies all came home with gorgeous pheasants after a successful shooting outing! We have missed each other! It is always a pleasure to visit with alums no matter where." **Ginny Kregler McKinley** remarried 4/8/22 and started teaching at Chatham Hall 8/17/23. **Dorothy Chew Clark** and husband Penn took a fabulous trip to Switzerland in Oct. Dorothy hadn't been back since our year in Reading so was thrilled to return to a place of happy memories! She was able to get a quick visit with Ruth when she rolled through Richmond at Thanksgiving. **Heather Ayers Garnett** writes, "My exciting news is that I traveled to New Zealand with my mom and went on a 12 day tour! We covered the North Island and I will save the South Island for another trip (hopefully!). We were able to spend time with my brother Greg and his wife Jean. They were the impetus for the trip. It was a fabulous trip." I was lucky enough to have Ruth and Julie Coxe travel to Laguna Beach to see my middle child and oldest son Jonathan get married in Oct. As Ruth did for my daughter, Kallie, she lent Sam the sixpence she and her mother wore in their shoes on their wedding days. I love that my children have formed relationships with my Randy Mac crew and their children. My newly minted daughter in law told me that the stories she had heard about my crew were legendary and she wasn't sure they could live up to the hype. After Kallie's wedding last year she told me they exceeded all the hype! It was a fabulous weekend all the way around! I wish you all a happy and healthy 2024. As this year comes to an end and we reflect on our blessings, please know that you fabulous women of the class of '86 are always at the top of my list!



Diana Owens '88 (center) and family



Katie Kelly Richards '91 and sister Megan Murray in a pub in Yorkshire



1995: Leslie Johnson Yoo, Jocelyn (JK) O'Connor-Carmody, and Jeannette Ulrich Yoo



Kelly Harris Hemmeline '95 and family

## 1987

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**Liz Connolly** is back in school, completing her doctoral degree. **Debbie Lombard** works as an Office Manager/Construction Administrator for a General Contractor that specializes in historic preservation & restorations and new construction in New Orleans LA. Her grown daughter works as a vet tech and lives with her husband, a firefighter, in Asheville, NC. **Mary Mullen "Bunny" Brinson** writes, "I am living in Madison MS and working at the American Heart Association as the Marketing/Communications Director. Edward recently retired from Entergy and is consulting. After Martha graduated from Ole Miss, she spent her gap year in Philadelphia doing research for a trauma program at UPenn Hospital. Being in love with the City of Brotherly Love, she was thrilled to be accepted into Temple Medical School and began the program in Aug. To celebrate before she started school, we spent 10 days traveling all over Scotland, from Edinburgh to Thurso in the north, with stops in Inverness and Glasgow." **Sarah Pollard Chiffriller** shared she is "Currently just retired - happy not to be spending weekends working in the event industry! I sold my floral biz last Jan. Kiddos are doing well, Jane is an attorney here in RVA, and our son has moved from St. Thomas to Pompano FL. We have a rental house there and go when it's not making us some dollars!" **Owen Inge Conway** noted "I am thrilled to announce that I have a granddaughter, Virginia "Carter" Hodges. Little Carter's other grandmother is also an R-MWC grad, **Betsy Powers Hodges '80**. I'm still a lawyer in Richmond. Our 2 daughters, Catherine and Sarah, are married and son, Webb, is 13." **Afreen Yusuf Gootee's** update included, "Life in Mechanicsville, VA is pretty good. After my retirement from the school system here in 2019, I've been busy with my new company, Thoughtful Minds Consulting where I help businesses, organizations and government agencies in 4 areas: Diversity Awareness, Trauma Informed Care, Stress Management and Group Dynamics. I'm happy to say that I was very busy this fall and hope to be just as busy next year. My family and I traveled to HI in Oct. to see our son who is a Marine

and is stationed there. I do love HI, if you've never been, I highly recommend it. I have a wonderful 2 1/2 year old grandson. I would love to see anyone traveling through the Richmond area!" **Becky Meisburg Healy** reports "Dave and I are excited to stroke our last 2 tuition checks this spring. Dave (my college sweetheart) and I celebrated our 36th anniversary on Nov. 8. We helped our oldest, David, Jr, and his family (including our 3 grandchildren, Silas, Everly, and Juliette) for 2 weeks as they got ready for school and Sarah went back to work as a dietician. David is with Instacart Corporate. Our other son is finishing up residency this next year in family practice, and our daughter will be editor in chief at University of Chicago Law School. Coincidentally, she ran into another law student there - a Scalia, granddaughter to Justice Scalia. Anyway, Dave and I continue to mentor married people through our church, Four Oaks, in Tallahassee, and I disciple high school and college girls. I also run my JP+ and BEMER businesses and volunteer at a school we helped start in '04 and which our 2 youngest went to called Christ Classical Academy." **Sarah Lloyd** shared "I am finishing up (this week) my 20th year as a CRNA (Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist). Like many of us who have been in the same careers for decades I am finding myself seeking an encore career. In recent years I have experienced significant losses of family and others, including the loss of our beloved Maui home Kilohana. That said, I seem to have been freed to enjoy one of my favorite years ever in 2023 thanks to a new very special person. Not sure if anyone can relate to this; but, it's my reality. I remain unbelievably grateful to the ladies of the class of '87. I treasure the moments we have together. And, poor **Nancy Pasternak** can expect me to stay in her gorgeous home again as soon as possible." **Melanie "MeMe" Burke Schrimsher** emailed, "Michael and I feel we are wrapping up our time in Rome GA and are looking to move to Lake Oconee by spring. We both continue to work in our family right-of-way business. Our children are doing great; our oldest, Molly-Ryan, graduated this past summer and has her first teaching job, Maggie is in her senior year at UGA and is heading to the medical field in some capacity and Burke is a junior at University of MT living his best life playing lacrosse and traveling the world on his

next adventure. I had the opportunity to spend time with several classmates this past year and it was fun catching up with **Sara Smith Brown, Molly Mehring Shaffer, Kelli McCormick Bynum, Daphne Dixon Williams, and Melissa Calpakis Crozier**. My parents are healthy and doing great and always ask about my Randy-Mac friends."

## 1988

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Hi all! I was unable to include everyone in our fall issue so here is catch up news for a few more of our classmates. First off, **Sara Dyck Taylor** has been living in Birmingham AL. In '23 she traveled with her family to many destinations! In Mar. they headed West, visiting Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon (part of which was covered in snow!), Antelope Canyon, Horseshoe Bend, and Sedona. She writes, "The scenery was amazing!" In Apr. she traveled abroad to meet an awesome friend in Amsterdam for the "Exhibit of the Century", the largest collection of Vermeer paintings ever housed at the Rijksmuseum. They also visited the Keukenhof to view the tulips in full bloom and biked along canals dotted with windmills. She called it, "Heaven!". She also goes on to tell us while driving home with daughter and co-pilot Ava, "We had a great Thanksgiving spending time with husband Logan's family in Sandestin FL. We watched daughter Ava take her first few polar bear plunges and they were very chilly! Logan also took all of the kids fishing, and they reeled in 9 red snapper in only 20 minutes, WOW!" **Diana Owens**, a field hockey teammate I played alongside, has been in education for 27 yrs and has been a building-based administrator the past 10 yrs. "I love my calling!", she exclaimed. She sadly lost her father she called Pops at 94 in '17 and her mom at age 90 in Feb. '22. She writes, "my heart is still healing but I know they are safely at rest!" She is happy to have only lived 5 minutes from her parents in Baltimore, and is happy to currently live right up the street from her brother, David. **Susannah Raine-Haddad** has been living in Richmond for 25 yrs. Her oldest son Raine, 19, attended George Mason





1995: Rachelle Ricci Aiken, Nell Travis Campbell, and their husbands

University, and after deciding it was not a good fit, is currently attending community college. Her youngest son Rye, 18, is applying to colleges now. She still successfully runs her own business (zouzousbasement.com), and teaches private art classes. Check it all out! She is also an Artist in the Residence at Westminster Canterbury and teaches art to Alzheimer's patients. **Kristin Hanly Dickey** has celebrated daughter Sarah's graduation from East Carolina with a Master's in Occupational Therapy. Sarah is currently living in Charlotte and is working at Atrium Health as an Occupational Therapist. Her townhouse is located near Freedom Park which is full of wildlife and trails. **Jennifer Smith Dollins** celebrated daughter Alexandria's graduation from Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton TX in May '23. Son Parker, also graduated 3rd in his class from Thrall HS in May '23. He is currently in the Engineering Program at TX A&M. **Michaux Segar Parsons** has worked as a Paralegal for Litigations for the same firm for 35 yrs. She is the proud mother of her 27 yr old son, Jimmy, who works with endangered wolves in the Saint Louis area. Ok, now my turn - **Paige Coates Hamilton**. I love serving as Secretary for our class and am looking forward to the next 5 years! Please send updates to me! I also am a proud Mama to my only child, Croft, who graduated Brevard College in Brevard NC in May '22. He is currently living in Brevard beside the Pisgah National Forest where he enjoys rock climbing, backpacking, and woodworking. He lives with his girlfriend KC and dog Denali. I am overjoyed and happily engaged to Steve Passaly now, who I have dated since '17. He is the most wonderful man and lives with me in Charlotte. I have been here since '91 and feel like a pseudo-native. I have also loved the ever-changing challenges of working as an Environmental Law Paralegal for the last 13 yrs. Lastly, so excited that **Courtney Brinkerhoff Rau '86** and I met for coffee at Amelie's Bakery on 6/14/23. She shared that she was in Charlotte to see daughter, Ann Elisabeth, who moved into her own Southend apartment 6/23, after graduating from Denison University. AE works as an analyst for Wells-Fargo Bank. Courtney also shared, "In our small world, one of Ann Elisabeth's college besties is **Mary Margaret Upshur Johnson '85's** daughter Charlotte!" **Sue Mackay Roberts** writes, "I have been splitting my time between



1995: Jennifer Preston, Laurel Westly, and Susan Apollonio Barrows

Boston and Lynchburg enjoying both family and friends." She seems very happy to be spending a lot of vacation time at the beach in CA. And lastly, I am sad to inform everyone, if not known already, that one of our sister classmates passed away. **Anne Hazlehurst Garrard** lost a courageous battle to cancer on 12/1/23. She was a warrior for years and we will all miss her very much. Deep condolences to her family. **Rob Regan Camarata** writes, "After the Mar. '23 death of my beautiful wife, I am traveling around the country in my Mercedes Sprinter, writing a book and visiting friends. Loved seeing **Briggs Saroch '87** in Richmond in Aug. and camping with **Laurie (Duck) Caldwell '87** in Provincetown in Sept. Daughter of **Kathryn Falk**, Julia Taylor Brandus, 12, published *Girl To Boss, Advice For Girls From 50 of America's Most Successful Women* with her Dad. Proceeds go to Inova Children's Hospital. The book is available on Amazon, HMS Host airport stores, and Barnes & Noble. Find the website at [www.GirlToBoss.com](http://www.GirlToBoss.com).

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**Dawn Harris Floyd** shares that professionally, she is focusing on making her final 3 years of teaching the best yet. Her retirement date is June '26. Her joys this year: trips with kids. She took a mother-daughter trip to NYC & a cross-country road trip to Tucson with her son as he moved west.

## 1992

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**Suzanne Shalet** is a practicing equine

ambulatory veterinarian in Bedford, VA and the surrounding areas.

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**Melissa Buettner Bartenslager** writes, "My grandson, Rippey C. Bartenslager-Gallagher was born 9/23/22. I attended my 30th reunion this summer '23. 25+ yrs since I had been on campus. The weekend erased my age. May all those educated remember the strong roots that remain Randolph-Macon Woman's College. "Vita abundantior." **Missy Thomas Irvin** shared that she is serving her 12th year in the AR State Senate. She loves her policy work and representing rural AR! She is still in Mountain View, running a cattle ranch and horses with husband Dawson. Kids raised and replaced with horses and dogs! Come visit the Ozarks, Buffalo River, lakes, creeks, mountains! **Linda Bishop** writes that her Dad, who walked with her at Graduation in 1993, passed on 12/8/2021, at age 97. She is presently taking care of her Mom who is 98. She recently finished restoring her 1910 2-story home, working extensively during the pandemic. She finally has the gourmet kitchen of her dreams.

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**Ali Cargill Reynolds** was published in *Frederick Magazine* for a Hemingway meets English meets cottage project for Lewis Miller. The project entailed saving the integrity of a 1926 historic home and making it magical. In addition, she's been involved with Boy Scouts of America for over 10 years and is now the Lighthouse District Chair for the Gulf Stream Council in South FL. **Jocelyn "JK" O'Connor-Carmody** got together with **Leslie Johnson Yoo** and **Jeannette Ulrich Yoo** for a couple of 50th celebrations. I love to see the celebrations. Jocelyn and husband Phil enjoyed a wonderful holiday in the UK for a few weeks in early summer. Sons Zachary (18) and Elijah (15) had a great time reconnecting with their pals from their time in Scotland and enjoyed their cousin's wedding in the Cotswolds. **Alecia Sanders Gray** still works remotely for the University of MT. Alecia's job focuses on process improvement and gets a great job from professionally asking "But

why?" regularly. She's temporarily solo parenting again as husband BJ heads to Santa Maria CA for his next career move. Alecia and son Ben will stay in Chico until the end of the school year, when they'll rejoin BJ. Alecia's active with their church, both singing and volunteering. She's taking a stained glass class with Ben and has restarted embroidery art. **Rachelle Ricci Aiken** and husband Jason were able to visit with **Nell Travis Campbell** and husband Doug when they were in Lexington KY visiting their son who's a junior at UK. They went to the Keeneland Horse Races and had a great time. **Gigi Good Majors** entered into a separation agreement with Harmoni Towers in June and is taking a year off from work to breathe, enjoy life and figure out what's next in her career. Husband Justin is well and son Cameron is doing great in 7th grade, busy with band and choir. Gigi reconnected with **Stacey Robbins Kennedy** on LinkedIn. Stacey's family has moved back to the US after 12-14 years abroad - quite the adjustment. She's really happy to see that **Kerry Thomson** was elected mayor of Bloomington IN. Congrats Kerry!! **Cathy King Madsen's** daughter Charlotte turned 8 this year and she had her first ever "house birthday" party with friends over. There were kids up trees, play-doh and cake all over the floor and lots of fun was had by all. It was Cathy's turn to cook Thanksgiving this year and she served sage stuffing for the first time in her married life. Charlotte asked for seconds and foremothers were appeased. **Kelly Harris Hemmeline** lives in Austin TX with husband Steven and son Duke, 9. She moved there 20 years ago from Richmond for an advertising job. They love living in Austin - they love music, spending time with friends at the lake, swimming and wakeboarding, and anything else in the water to stay cool in the TX summer. Duke is into soccer, running and football. He keeps them moving. Kelly is still a runner. She met Steven training for a marathon with a local running club. She's been with Dell for 12 years and will be starting '24 as the CMO of Uplift Desk, an Austin company that makes stand-up desks. Steven loves teaching PE at a local elementary school. If you're ever in Austin please reach out. Kelly would love to reconnect with you. You can find her on Instagram at kelly\_hemme or contact me for her email address. I was able to visit with **Susan Apollonio Barrows** and **Laurel Westly** this fall in Portland. We all got together for lunch one day and then Laurel and I went to Crater Lake for a few days and the OR Coast. It was a fabulous trip and I hope to see both of them again soon!

## 1996

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Hello Class of '96! I admit that I didn't get the request out for class updates early this time, so I'm

sure we'll have more news next time. **Gabrielle (Ellie) Ballantine** wrote with both happy and sad news to share. On the sad news first, sending our condolences to Ellie and her family as her father passed away in Aug. '21 and her mother passed away in Feb. '22. They were married for over 61 years. On the good news, Ellie said that she ran into **Becca Watson O'Connor** and **Kelly Stuart Johnson** at the Kennedy Center this past July. They were all there to see Natalie Merchant with the National Symphony Orchestra. Sounds like an amazing concert! Ellie also stays in touch with **Anna Bunce '95**, and one of these days she hopes that they'll actually get together when she's out in CO. Lastly, Ellie said that she and her husband live in Alexandria VA with their dog. Her husband is an attorney for the Air Force and just retired from the military. Ellie is the Revenue Director for an AmLaw 100 firm in D.C. **Carrie Youngquist Cammock** sends her greetings from the Pacific Northwest. Her son, Olaus, is 9, in the 4th grade and loves coding, robotics, art, skiing and swimming. Her daughter, Signe, is 4 and just started pre-K. She's very theatrical and loves playing dress-up and dancing to her favorite songs. Carrie and Craig just celebrated 16 years of marriage in Jan. - congrats! She is working as a property manager and still getting out to ride her horse, Dez, on a regular basis. She also spent time in HI last Mar. and has a ski trip and Maui trip planned for '24. As for me, in the new year I'll be changing roles at ExxonMobil within our Public & Government Affairs department to join the ExxonMobil Foundation leading our international programs. After 21 years I'm getting back to my Peace Corps and public health roots! My husband, Paras, and I continue to manage the multiple activities of our high school senior (and now an Eagle Scout!) and our 8th grade daughter who swims 6 days a week and travels around the state for meets. Never a dull moment! Wishing everyone a great 2024!

## 1997

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**Cindy Frachel Manuele** graduated from University at Buffalo (NY) School of Law in '19. She currently works as corporate counsel for Tompkins Financial Corporation and celebrated her 2 year anniversary. **Ruth Chaffin Airhart** writes, "I've reconnected with my classmates this year, starting with **Megan McLeod Cutter** and **Catherine**

**Farish Tillery '97** in Boulder CO in Oct. and then **Eliza Parker '99** and **Jenny Settle Jackson** at a reception in Nov. to meet the new Randolph College president, Sue Ott Rowlands."

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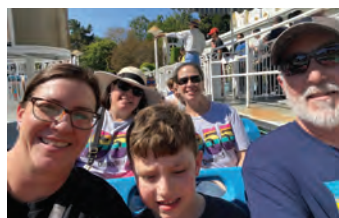
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**Maria Elena Amador** is entering her 4th year working at Intuit as an Expert Bookkeeper with QuickBooks Live and getting used to life as an empty nester. Son, Kayden, is in his first year at VCU in the School of Arts and hopes to be admitted to the Arts Education program once he declares his major. Maria is still living in the Lynchburg area, just minutes away from the Red Brick Wall. She can be found most evenings working on her latest crochet project. **Rhys Long** is loving her job as a small animal vet and is still in NC, near Winston-Salem. She stays busy with dogs and daughter Alison's, 13, activities. **Lauren Baddeloo Methena** got a new position at Dominion Energy with the customer experience team. In Dec, she marked 5 years with the company. She is active in the Diverse Ability ERG as a Communications Lead, working for disability inclusion. She can also cross "PTA president" off her bucket list, since she's co-president for her daughter's middle school. She's getting back in touch with her musical self as lead singer and cellist of For Fox Sake, a cover band comprised of current and former Fox Elementary School parents. Partner Garrett continues to do well with FEAM and completed a leadership fellowship. Senegal, 15, has been leveling up in travel soccer. He's completing his first year at a local computer science HS, CodeRVA. Cora Tallula, 13, got her kicks by joining the dance company at school. Ketzia, 4, and Theron, 2, now attend the same daycare the big kids attended when they were little, which has been a wonderful experience. Lauren says "I'm still in Richmond and love connecting with classmates, so hit me up anytime you come through! On Facebook, LinkedIn, or laurenmethena@yahoo.com. Can't wait to see everybody and not be pregnant at Reunion!" **Eliza Parker** was certified as an American Sign Language interpreter in July '23! She also still has her business, Conscious Baby, and is trying to figure out how to balance the two. **Sarah Paul** came through Loveland OH and saw **Destiny French Just** on her way out west. Sarah is working from home and traveling the country with her 2 dogs. They had a great time catching up after 20 years. Things are good with Destiny. She is looking forward to teaching both her kids, Rylee and Ezra, to drive over the next 6 months. Still editing physics, and has recently added engineering to her client list. As for me, **Kylie**





Jen Cullom '00, Jen Gollehon Biggs '02 and daughters Ainsley and Isabelle hiking Castle Rock near Durango CO



2002: Melissa Bradbury Coats, son William, and husband Bryan with Aimee Saunders and sister Mary on a boat ride in Disneyland



Jen Valentine '02 in Norway



Nora Brandon Rossman '01 and Jennifer Valentine '02 enjoying U2 in The Sphere in Las Vegas



2002: Dining with Jen Gollehon Biggs, husband, Jarrod, and daughters, Ainsley and Isabelle, Vikki Guarisco Lucas and husband, Kenny, and sons, Justin and Trentin in Durango CO



Boating with Nora Brandon Rossman '01 and Vikki Guarisco Lucas '02 and families at Jackson Lake CO



Jen Valentine '02 and Surayyah Colbert '03 at the Junior League holiday party



Liz Brecht Howard '02 on a wildlife horseback safari in Botswana

**Warkentien Cuthbertson**, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion in May!

## 2000

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**Kiesha Speech** writes, "As with many people, the pandemic sparked the need for a creative outlet. I leaned into my love of baking. I opened a Cottage Bakery called "Pure 'n Sweet Bake Shop." We create homemade, decorated sugar cookies and other gourmet treats using non-GMO ingredients." From **Ryan Hall**: "I just moved to Plainfield NJ (an hour from NYC), in case any of you are in the area and want to get together!"

## 2001

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**Mary Katherine Williams** graduated from the University of Lynchburg in May '23 with her Doctorate of Medical Science. She hit her 5 year mark with Alignment Health as a Care Anywhere Provider as a Physician Assistant and is happily living in Raleigh. **Megan Anderson** is now ABD in pursuit of her PhD in Literature and Criticism from Indiana University of PA. **Sharon Jeeves Abella** writes, "We moved into our current home in Aug. '21 with children: Abigail, born 2010; Michael, born 2012; Amelia, born 2013; Madeleine, born 2015; Sofia, born 2016; Genevieve, born 2018; Nathan, born 2020; John, born 2021." **Lelia Payne Thermitus** is the owner of Sunshine Marketing Firm, located in Downtown Lynchburg. **Jen Holterhoff Karp** visited Williamsburg, Jamestown and Yorktown

for the 4th of July and made a stop in Richmond to have dinner with **Christie McClure Bieber**. They had a nice time catching up, so much so that they forgot to get a picture. Earlier this year, she completed a Certificate of Advanced Study in TESOL and completed the NY State requirements for a second certification for ENL. She is currently in her 23rd year of teaching Latin and says life is never dull with 4 children aged 15, 13, 11 and 7. While she says they keep her constantly busy with music and softball, she wouldn't have it any other way. Jen would also love to meet up if anyone is ever in upstate NY. **Meredith Byrnes Daley** is still teaching 3rd grade at the same school she's been a teacher since graduation. Both of her children ran cross country this fall and are enjoying middle and high school. She also had a chance to catch up with **Jenn Cullom '00** this fall and said it was like old times. **Judy Thomas** earned her 200 hour yoga teacher certification in '23! That's quite an accomplishment! As for me, my husband had the first of 2 surgeries in Sept. We are thankful his surgeon was able to remove his tumor and hopeful for the future. We are preparing for his next surgery and keeping busy with work and our kids' various activities. I look forward to hearing more from everyone in '24. Please share any email or address updates you have and keep in touch.

## 2002

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**Karen Austin Marable** accepted a position as Nurse Practitioner and Contractor for the VDH's Adult Sickle Cell Clinic for VA's southwest region. She is excited to be able to provide care for one

of the most underserved populations within medicine! **Margaret Laster Cuthbertson** earned her Masters in Library Science from UNCG. "Thanks to R-MWC and the Barksdale Scholarship for helping me pay for school." **Liz Brecht Howard** spent 6 weeks in Africa on a wildlife horseback safari in Botswana and did a history tour of the Zulu battlefield of Islawana in South Africa. She was also part of a lion research effort in Tanzania to aid in anti-poaching efforts. Liz will be returning Aug. '24 for a one-year follow-up. **Melissa Bradbury Coats** celebrated 15 years of practicing medicine at Naturopathic Specialists in Scottsdale AZ. She has a son in third grade and she celebrated her 19th wedding anniversary with her husband, Bryan, this Oct. Also, in Oct, Melissa, Bryan, and son William, met up with **Aimee Saunders** and her sister, Mary, in Disneyland CA. Melissa reports life is going well and remains busy with work practicing medicine. She says if anyone comes to AZ for a visit, say hello! **Vikki Guarisco Lucas** enjoyed a memorable family RV tour from Baltimore to the Grand Canyon this summer. Kenny, Vikki, and their boys, Justin and Trent, enjoyed making family memories to last a lifetime rafting along the CO River in AZ with Hualapai guides, observing God's wonderful natural beauty at Arches National Park, zip lining across the Grand Canyon, tubing with Nora Brandon, her son, and Captain Kurt, walking through Big Brutus the second largest electric shovel from the 60s and 70s in KS, and having some hands on time with baseball history at the Louisville Slugger Museum in KY. She was also delighted to visit R-MWC friends **Jen Gollehon Biggs** and her family in Durango CO, as well as **Nora Brandon '01** at Jackson Lake CO. In June, Jennifer Gollehon Biggs celebrated 15 years of planning conferences and events for EDUCAUSE.



(Left to right) Lyndsey Lederer '05, Camille Dungy, Evelyn Shoop Mathew '03, and Jenny Minniti-Shippey '03



2003: (Left to right) Jenny Minniti-Shippey and Evelyn Shoop Mathew



(Left to right) Jenny Minniti-Shippey '03 and Ellen Willson Glover '00



Libby Sommer '03 and husband on the Colorado River



2004: Rory Collins Jansen, Ayn Dietrich-Williams, and Ayn's son Hawk

In those years she has advanced professionally with the organization starting with planning small retreats to now managing our flagship, city-wide, annual conference. In May, Jen shared dinner with **Margo Pretz-Pena** while in Seattle managing a conference. It was fun catching up and spending an evening together. Jen also spent a relaxing Thanksgiving week exploring her family's new home in Telluride CO with the company of **Jennifer Cullom**. Her husband, Jarrod, accepted a position in Telluride this fall, and they moved in Oct. Jen, Jarrod, and their adorable girls, Ainsley and Isabelle, are looking forward to life in such a unique community with access to skiing and all their favorite outdoor activities. Jennifer Cullom also visited with Jen Biggs in Durango over Labor Day weekend before the move where they spent time hiking and paddleboarding. It was great catching up and hearing about her travel adventures as she was abroad most of '22. **Evelyn Dunbar Webb** was sad to report of the passing of **Carolyn Reichard Phelps** on 3/17/21, at the young age of 63. May she know light and love. On a livelier note, Evelyn has also been very busy the last few years. She reports retirement is grand! She retired from Lynchburg City Schools in June '16 having taught 5-12th grade English and GED preparation at the Juvenile Detention Center. She has since published 4 children's books, 3 activity books, and is in the process of releasing a 4th activity book! She also enjoys traveling with her husband. They have visited Italy, Switzerland, the Caribbean, Paris to Prague on a river cruise, and the Greek Islands, as well as in-country visits to the Blue Ridge Mountains, Connecticut for a 50th high school reunion, Herman's Hermits, Union Gap, among other destinations. Their next adventures will take them to Iceland, Norway, and the British Isles for Evelyn's 70th birthday. **Jen Valentine** is also an avid traveler who recently saw U2 in Las Vegas with Nora Brandon Rossman '01 and spent time in Norway this Nov. to experience the Northern Lights, reindeer, whales, and dog sledding. She was also fortunate to catch up with **Surayyah Colbert '03** at the Junior League of Washington DC holiday party where they had a great time catching up and connecting on their work on the R-MWC/RC Alum Association Board. **Patrice Esson** reports she is an Associate Dean

in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Humber College in Toronto. She speaks about her Randy Mac days fondly and often. Her R-MWC experiences serve as a foundation for a lot of the student support work in her current role. When Patrice is not working, she is spending time with family, including my sister, another fellow R-MWC alum! **Marie Gourley Cornett** celebrated a 12-year wedding anniversary this Sept! Additionally, she will enjoy having all 3 of her kids in school all day this year. She also keeps busy as the PTA President for their elementary school for the second year, as well as serving as the Troop leader for her daughter's Girl Scout Troop. Then, among all of this she is super grateful for her part time, flexible HR and benefits job where she applies many skills and experience from her undergraduate and graduate studies. (Editor's Note: We apologize for leaving off some Class Notes for the Class of '02 in the Fall 2023 issue. They have been incorporated into this issue's notes.)

## 2003

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Hello everyone! **Kate Keith-Fitzgerald** has been working at the Concord Free Public Library in MA for almost 2 years now and loves being a part of a historical library that's celebrating its 150th year. From **Katherine Flansburg Cabrera**, "My son, Luka Alexander Cabrera, was born 06/08/21." **Jenny Minniti-Shippey** sends her greetings from Eugene OR; she moved back to her hometown from San Diego CA in late '19. She's enjoying being closer to family, especially since she welcomed home her daughter, AJ, age 10 1/2, on New Years Eve '21. They're about to celebrate their second anniversary as a family, and it's been an incredible and challenging 2 years. Jenny works as a fundraiser for academics and the arts at the University of OR; AJ is currently crushing her second season of middle-school volleyball. Jenny and AJ have hosted **Lyndsey Pelham Lederer '05**, **Evelyn Shoop Mathew**, and **Ellen Willson Glover '00** at various times over the last couple years. Recently, Jenny, Evelyn and Lyndsey had a wonderful night out

in Portland, seeing former poetry professor and general rock-star Camille Dungy at a taping of the Live Wire Radio Show. Jenny sends love to all, and please contact her on Facebook or Instagram if you'd like to talk to a friend about growing your family through adoption from foster care! In Oct, **Libby Sommer** and her husband kayaked the CO River through the Grand Canyon. Their trip, as part of a group of 16 people, took 21 days. Libby said, "we relished being disconnected from the outside world, and made some incredible memories!" From **Allison Sterrett-Krause**: I've been appointed as the Director of the Interdisciplinary Program in Archaeology at the College of Charleston and I started in Jan. '24. I'll manage a program with 40+ majors and coordinate with our 20 affiliated faculty members in 10 academic departments. I'm also excited to be publishing a chapter in Dr. Susan Stevens' forthcoming publication of Bir el Knissia at Carthage, A Rediscovered Cemetery Church (report no. 2), out in early '24. My chapter, written with the help of my College of Charleston research assistants, focuses on glass excavated at the church site. Related to that project, I'm currently collaborating with a colleague at the Field Museum in Chicago to do additional scientific analysis of the Bir el Knissia glass artifacts to study technological processes and glass recycling in Carthage in the 6th-7th centuries. **Tali Tafua Reiner** was recently promoted to Managing Director for Security Properties and President of Security Properties Residential. Congratulations Tali! I hope you are all doing well!

## REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2004

Kathryn Walker Manari  
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**Innocentia (Apiye) Afa** is back in VA after 15 months in Parkville, MD and is working as director of admission & affordability at Chatham Hall. She connected with alums **Mary Mantz Semler '92**, **Sheppard Waddell Morrison '80**, and **Ginny Kregler McKinley '86** who all work at Chatham Hall! Her daughter Jaya just turned 3. **Naomi Ware** and her lovely family visited **Amanda Adams Kusterer** and her family at their hobby farm in Doswell, VA. Both families





Alexis Brown '06, Rachael Messier Datsko '05, and Heather Sweitzer Dooley '04 celebrate the birth of Rachel's son Oliver



2004: Naomi Ware and Amanda Adams Kusterer catching up on the farm



2006: (Left to right) Chantel Albert Yurich, Monique Clark Hansen, LeAnn Siefferman Busdeker, Carrie Hunt, Susan Abbasi-Ouvreleoil, Kaitlyn Shaw Feiock, Leah Barber, and Anna Sherlock.



(Left to right) Kristen Fort '08 and husband Stuart Fischer at Blue Valley Vineyard and Winery in Oct. Natalie Fort '09 was in the bridal party.



Ashley Speed '09 welcomed her son, Robert (Robbie) Speed, on 11/30/23.

enjoyed catching up and relaxing in the pastoral setting. Amanda has also recently accepted a full-time position as a Reading Specialist and ELL Support at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Henrico, VA. She looks forward to supporting the students she works with. **Heather Sweitzer Dooley** and **Alexis Brown '06** helped **Rachael Messier Datsko '05** celebrate the birth of son Oliver. **Laura Moffitt** has happily discovered that Dr. Gail Bell retired to her town and they have both enjoyed reuniting over brunch. After 3 years away, **Ayn Dietrich-Williams** moved back to WA state. This time, her family includes a one-year-old human! Baby Hawk and Ayn met up with **Rory Collins Jansen** for a lovely waterside walk in Poulsbo, WA. This May, the entire 2004 reunion committee is excited to welcome you all back to campus!

## 2005

Melissa Grant Zehner  
2005@randolphcollege.edu

**Rachael Messier Datsko** and husband Jeff welcomed their second child, Oliver Martin Datsko, on 8/25/23. Big brother Finnegan is excited to have a new playmate! **Jenn Haas McLaughlin** earned an MA in English from TX Tech University. In Jan. '23, **LaShanta Gregory Smith** returned to Randolph College as a counselor in the Counseling Center.

## 2006

Julia Morris Schinault  
2006@randolphcollege.edu

Greetings! I am happy to share that I received an update from **Anna Sherlock** that 8 of their 12 Reading housemates (and a few spouses) got together for a mini-reunion in Chincoteague VA. In attendance were **Susan Abbasi-Ouvreleoil**, **Monique Clark Hansen**, **Chantel Albert Yurich**, **Kaitlyn Shaw Feiock**, **Carrie Hunt**, **LeAnn Siefferman Busdeker**, **Leah Barber**, and Anna. **Naomi Hollifield Ondrasek** recently transitioned from her job at an education policy nonprofit to a position at the CA State Legislature,



Taren Sloss '09 and family went to meet Santa at his house in Finnish Lapland!

where she gets to work on environmental legislation. Outside of work, she's been enjoying camping with the family, learning about native plants, and volunteering for her kids' school. We are only a couple years away from our 20 year reunion and I send well wishes to all of our classmates.

## 2007

Gessi Childress Wright  
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## 2008

Laura Pennington Briggs  
2008@randolphcollege.edu

**Kristen Fort** is teaching 9th grade English at Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School in Prince William County VA. She recently married Stuart Fischer at Blue Valley Vineyard and Winery in Oct; **Natalie Fort '09** attended.

## REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2009

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**Alexandra McKay Jaeger** married Stephen Randolph Jaeger in 2021. They had a small wedding at a French restaurant followed by a party at the family farm. **Kim Nesbit** was in attendance. **Tashama Carter Woodberry** is the program manager at Wall Residences, Inc. This past Nov, **Jackie Hockersmith Roos** was elected to Carlisle Borough Council. She received 2,994 votes. She was inaugurated on 1/2/23. She is the first Asian person to serve on Carlisle's Borough Council.

## 2010

Roxy Torres Medina  
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**Melissa Gilbert** relocated to KY where she teaches and is the Resident Costume Designer and Instructor of Theatre at Transylvania University. She also designs at the University of KY. **Iwalani Martin Rios** second child, a little girl, was born 1/26/23. **Wendi Thompson Gilman** writes, "Married to my best friend for the past 11 years and we are parents to 6 and 1 year old boys." **Brittany Dickey van Staalduinen** was elected as a senior partner in the The Permanente Medical Group with Kaiser Permanente. She also became a clinical instructor affiliated (CINA) in the Clinician Educator line of the Office of Medical Education with the Stanford School of Medicine. **Brooke Jamerson Barbieri** transitioned into a new career as a technical consultant in Anaplan as of '22.

## 2011

Raquel Cruz  
2011@randolphcollege.edu

## 2012

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**Kaitlin Stasiewicz Gibson**'s second child, Harley Gwen Gibson, was born 8/19/23.

## 2013

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## REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2014

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2017: (Back, left to right) Rosie Perash, Shelby Koretke '17, Conor Moran, Matthew Maki '20, Ryan McDonald '17, Tom Overgaag '17, Gabe Kuhl '17, and Deanna Payne. (Front, left to right) Kara Mullin '17, Nadine Rozell, Meghan Moran '17 (bride), John-Aubrey Stone '17 (groom), Samantha Strickler '17, Will Andress '17, Mio Moran, and Marianne Virnelson '17

## 2015

Samantha Fagone  
2015@randolphcollege.edu

**Lauren Sneed Beversluis** writes, "Hello everyone, I currently live in Roanoke. I have a new job with Roanoke City Public Schools and a wonderful little family. I hope everyone is well!"

## 2016

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**Andrew Gleitz** is married with one fur baby and is a facility manager for a telecommunications company.

## 2017

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**Meghan Moran** and classmate **John-Aubrey Stone** got married at Randolph College in Jan. '24. Randolph College alums in the wedding party were **Shelby Koretke**, **Matthew Maki**, **Ryan McDonald**, **Tom Overgaag**, **Gabe Kuhl**, **Kara Mullin**, **Samantha Strickler**, **Will Andress**, and **Marianne Virnelson**. **Rebecca Repass** writes, "I successfully entered the adult world and have a full time career. Found a wonderful rescue dog at a shelter and also have a moody cat. Living the dream I suppose. I am truly beyond grateful for Randolph College and

all it offered me." **Brandon Stroble** received his National Pharmacy Technician certification in fall of '17 and is working as a Lead Technician at a retail pharmacy. **Sarah Biegelsen** started a new job as a Special Collections Librarian and Archivist at the MO Valley Special Collections in Kansas City MO.

## 2018

Madeline Shelby  
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## REUNION MAY 16-19, 2024 2019

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In Sept. '23, Tyrah Cobb-Davis started as the Outreach Manager for Baltimore Tree Trust, a non-profit organization in Baltimore City that aims to increase urban tree canopy. She is excited to engage communities and get people excited about trees and the environment!

## 2020

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**Lauren Appel** married Aren Warner on 10/1/23 in Annapolis MD. **Devon Davis** recently moved back to Lynchburg and accepted the Payroll/HR Manager job at RSG landscaping! **Bobbielyn Jones** is currently getting her MSW and working as an elementary school teacher. **Maida Choudhery** writes, "I loved my life at Randolph College and all it had to offer, including their traditions. I graduated in hopes of going to graduate school to study Counseling, but life had other plans. I got married and now have 2 beautiful girls who motivate me everyday to pursue my dreams."

## 2021

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**Brandon Kaiser** is working in the accounting department for the Dallas Fort Worth International

Airport, the 2nd largest airport in the world.

## 2022

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**Savana Mata** got a job designing Dairy Barns. **Alex Kulvivat** is completing a dual degree program at University of Rochester and working as an Aerospace Engineer for the Navy. **Sierra Brock** is now working a highly coveted position with Navy Federal and is engaged. **Seth Pruitt** is currently a second-year student at Lincoln Memorial University-College of Veterinary Medicine. **Sidney Clark** is the center director for Code Ninjas World Golf Village, who recently celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony!

## 2023

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**Jacob Katz** is the neuroscience laboratory specialist in the Pocivavsek Lab at University of South Carolina, researching kynurenic acid and its relationship with sleep and cognition. **Jamila Read** got a teaching job at Boonsboro Elementary in Lynchburg and is absolutely loving her job! "Thanks so much to Randolph for helping me have a successful career!" **Tomi McGinnis** and her partner of 5 years, Ryan Bartley, got engaged on 8/19/23. **Katelyn Young** will be her maid of honor, and **Emily Schuch**, **Jacqueline Clardy-Josephs**, & **Maddie Daniels** will be bridesmaids. **Talia Santiago** started her first post-grad job with Sentara! She works as a Clinical Exercise Specialist, where she works under PTs and OTs to administer therapeutic treatments. **Keona King** started a new job as a 10th grade English teacher at E.C Glass High School. **Lea Sharpe's** band The Mums was in SPIN magazine. **Josh Bowes** is working as Research Assistant with South Asia Foresight Network (SAFN), contributing to future research in the region. **Thao Ho** is currently working at Duke Animal Hospital as a Veterinarian technician. **Mia Wright** shares, "I was granted a wonderful opportunity! I am currently working at LabCorp."





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# ALUMNI *Achievement Award*

**T**his May, Randolph honored three outstanding graduates with one of the College's highest honors, the Alumni Achievement Award. Diane "Misty" Matthews Walker '74, Katharine "Kitty" Stark Caldwell '74, and the late Sallie Crosby Smith '64 were recognized with the award, which is given each year to graduates who personify the value of a liberal arts education. The ceremony was held in May during Reunion.

## **SALLIE CROSBY SMITH '64**

**S**mith, who died in October, was a dedicated educator, volunteer, and activist who was passionate about education, diversity, equity, community, and environmental safety.

A lifelong learner and gifted teacher, she studied sociology at the College and earned her master's degree from the University of Delaware.

Her career in education included teaching, and later serving as elementary school director, for the Pilot School, an innovative school for children with learning challenges in Delaware; teaching English in an evening high school equivalent program; and serving as president of the Nursery Kindergarten Association of Delaware.

She also built a library and taught life skills classes at an adult minimum security

prison in Wilmington.

Throughout her career, she was awarded the Adult and Community Educator of the Year Award from the state of Delaware, and the Reading Achievement Award from the International Reading Association.

After retiring in 2004, she started her own tutoring business, Unlocking Potential, in Fairhope, Alabama, and founded Read Aloud Baldwin, a program that arranged for volunteers to read to preschoolers and kindergarteners in her community.

Social justice issues were close to her heart. In Delaware, she established a library of children's books in a women's prison, so incarcerated mothers could read to their children during visits.

She was involved in the founding of Hope Community, a Fairhope, Alabama, nonprofit with a mission to nurture unity and human rights through relationships and interactive education, and was a member of her church's Path to Peace ministry.

While battling cancer, Smith started the Coal Ash Action Committee, created to address a longstanding environmental threat to the watershed of Mobile Bay as well as to work toward the safe disposal of coal ash and the implementation of protective regulations.

The group successfully lobbied for the Environmental Protection Agency to end coal ash containment in the Mobile River and Tensaw River Delta. Their efforts were recognized in 2023 with the Annual Watershed Award, given by *Mobile Bay Magazine* to recognize environmental guardians.





## DIANE "MISTY" MATTHEWS WALKER '74

Walker is a longtime community leader, volunteer, and fundraiser who has spent her life championing children and mental health programs.

A recipient of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities' Humanitarian Award, she was one of the visionaries behind the creation of Amazement Square, a nationally recognized children's museum in downtown Lynchburg.

She is also a founding board member of the Crisis Line of Central Virginia, the Child Sexual Assault Task Force, the Coalition for the Prevention of Substance Abuse, and Lynchburg Grows.

Walker, who studied psychology at the College, earned her master's degree and PhD in child psychology from the University of Kentucky. After her master's degree, she took a job implementing the Education for All Handicapped Children Act in the Appalachian region of Kentucky.



She later founded and taught a two-year course training guidance counselors in that area on how to assess student needs and implement appropriate learning strategies.

Upon moving back to Lynchburg, Walker set up the Children's Mental Health Program at the Central Virginia Community Services Board. She supervised therapists and provided consultation with local schools, social service systems, and juvenile court facilities.

She is a Eucharistic minister for St. John's Episcopal Church and has also served with Meals on Wheels, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Family Services, Seven Hills School, and James River Day School.

In 2000, she received the YWCA's Women of Achievement Award. In addition, in 2002, she was named Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser by the Lynchburg Association of Fundraising Professionals.

## KATHARINE "KITTY" STARK CALDWELL '74

A lover of the arts, Caldwell has embraced the College's motto, *Vita abundantior*, and served as a leader for numerous organizations. She has also helped guide the advisory committee for the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College over the years.

A dedicated community leader, she founded the Passport Scholars Program, which gives low-income students in Hamilton County, Tennessee, the opportunity to travel abroad or engage in summer enrichment activities. She ran the program for six years, and it then became a part of the Public Education Foundation of Chattanooga for the next 14 years.

She has also volunteered as a director for the Allied Arts of Greater Chattanooga, the Boys and Girls Club of Chattanooga, and the private Girls Preparatory School.

She served on the board for the Hunter Museum of American Art—where she chaired the acquisitions committee and initiated a Chairman's Circle group

whose members provide vital support to the museum—as well as Chattanooga's Public Education Fund and Women's Fund.

Caldwell is a former trustee for the College and served from 2002 to 2012. In addition, she chaired the Institutional Advancement and Membership/Trusteeship Committees.

In 2022, she and her husband, Hacker, received the Ruth Holmberg Arts Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the arts in Chattanooga and who are actively engaged in its cultural life.

Her ties to Randolph remain strong. She's a member of the Vita Abundantior Society, and in 2016, gifted the labyrinth to the College.

In 2011, Randolph dedicated Caldwell Commons in her honor in recognition of her longtime support and service. The same year, she helped fund the creation of an illustrated book documenting 100 years of the College's Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art.



# ■ 2024-2027 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Term dates July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027



## **President**

**Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo '83**

Association Positions: 2nd Vice-President, Representative to the Board of Trustees, Nominating Committee Member, Class Agent, Alumni Admission Representative, Reunion Planning Committee member, Chapter President



## **Secretary**

**Jiletta Davis Jarvis '97**

Occupation: Training Manager for BusPatrol America, Sandown, NH

Association Positions: Class Agent, Class Reunion Committee Member



## **Member-at-Large**

**Da'Quan Saunders-McNear '20**

Occupation: Public Housing Manager, Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Richmond, VA

Association Positions: Class Ambassador, Black Alumni Weekend Steering Committee Member, Career and Graduate Panelist



## **District Director 4**

**Laura Williams '92**

Occupation: Environmental Specialist, Baker Botts LLP, Alexandria, VA

Association Positions: Chapter President, Class Agent, Campus Speaker



## **District Director 7**

**Alex Wiczorek '19**

Occupation: High School Social Studies Teacher, Evans, GA

Association Positions: Class Reunion Committee member, event planning assistant



## **District Director 8**

**Kate Meehan Pedrotty '00**

Occupation: Director of Marketing & Communication at Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, LA; Dance Teacher; Freelance Grant Writer

Association Positions: Participates in events to connect alums, Annual Fund volunteer



## **District Director 9**

**Julie Coxé '86**

Occupation: Middle School Literature and English Teacher, Dallas, TX

Association Positions: Reunion Class Committee, Chapter event host



# ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL BALLOT

Ballots must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2024

## Association Board Nominees

To vote for the entire slate, please check here ☐

### PRESIDENT ☐

Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo '83

### SECRETARY ☐

Jiletta Davis Jarvis '97

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR-4 ☐

Laura Williams '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](http://www.randolphcollege.edu/ballot)

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.

## NOMINATIONS FOR ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

Please nominate alumnae and alumni to fill the following:

- All terms are three years, beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028
- Self-nominations are encouraged

**Second Vice President:** In partnership with the Office of Alumnae and Alumni, this position is responsible for Leadership Council and Reunion programs.

**Representative to the Board of Trustees:** Serves as a liaison between the Association and the Board of Trustees.

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

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR-7 ☐

Alex Wieczorek '19

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR-8 ☐

Kate Meehan Pedrotty '00

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR-9 ☐

Julie Coxé '86

### MEMBER-AT-LARGE ☐

Da'Quan Saunders-McNear '20

### Alumna/Alumnus Signature

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

**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.

**District 2** (DE, MD, PA, DC)

**District 5** (NC, SC)

**District 10** (AZ, CA, CO, NE, NM, OR, UT, WA)

# ■ TRIBUTE GIFTS

9/8/2023-1/6/2024

## IN HONOR OF

### Class of 1984

Kay Smith Jay '84  
Elizabeth Kelley Karpowicz '84  
Robin Luttrell '84

### Class of 1987

B. Lee Dunn McGarry '87

### Class of 1991

Kameron Willis Booker '91

### Class of 1993

Leigh Flowers Inskeep '93  
Karen Ullman Pai '93

### Class of 1994

Naomi Rapoza Lenane '94  
Sallie Smith Sweeney '94

### Class of 1997

Michelle Le Floch Fernandez '97

### Class of 2000

Elizabeth & Norman Eisenmann

### Class of 2002

Marie Cornett '02

### Class of 2003

Addela Johnson Garboos '03

### Class of 2004

Amy Watson '04

### Class of 2010

Puspa Thapa '10

### Class of 2015

Hailey Nguyen '15

### Maegan Crews Fallen

Heather Legge

### My beloved professors

Mai Dam '15

### Weesie Ralph Douglass '65

Catherine Young Cockrill '65

### Jim Duffy

Richard Barnes

Christie McClure Bieber '01

Destiny French Just '99

### Jennifer Dugan

Mari Ishibashi

### Allison Kughn Ebert '93

Tina & Skip Kughn HA

### English Department

Megan Hodge '04

### Kelsey Fastabend '18

Melanie Harvey Fastabend '89

### Martha Martin Field '56

Frances Taber '71

### Grace Carmichael Finkel '63

Carol Robert Armstrong '63

### Marilyn Hicks Fitzgerald '68

Anne Page Shields '68

### Heather Ayers Garnett '86

McKinzie Garnett '17

### Ron Gettinger

Karen Godley Awenowicz '97

### Give Day

Renee Enzor '25

### Christine Speer Gnieski '13

Karen Speer '04

### Richard Goldberg '25

Amy & Benjamin Goldberg

### Haden Golden '25

Wendy & Kelly Golden

### Linda Bradsaw Gragnani '70

Penelope Turpin Clarke '70

### Kathryn Heath Graves '76

Susan Heath '79

### Kathy Seifert Graves '80

Martha Ruggles '82

### Mary "Chessie" Green '92

Mary Martin Green '56

### Teresa Harris '80

Shahriar Abbassi

### Mary-Morrison Harper Harris '52

Julie Schneebele

### Mary Catherine Haug '65

Margaret Green Maguire '65

### Susanna Henderson '99

Helen & Ian Henderson

### Hermina Hendricks

Nick Marshall Dean '11

### Elizabeth Heath Hershey '80

Susan Heath '79

### The Institutional Advancement Staff

Marianne S. Sanford

Kathryn Yarzebinski

### Paul Irwin

Karen Godley Awenowicz '97

Mai Dam '15

Kristy Schultheis Swayze '97

Anne Preston Robertson Farmer '80

### Henry Ellis Jenkins

Hannah Asher '12

### Kate Lachicotte Kern '72

Stacy DeLano '71

### Anne Kimball

Gwynn Callis Campbell '77

### Best Sullivan King '14

Laura Geisel Sullivan '74

### Tina Kirk Johnson '93

Tina T. Barnes

### Leia & Alyse Burgers

Tamara Kosic

### Sean Landis '22

Janet S. Landis

### Marynan Layton '21

Christian H. Stevens

### Estelle Le Floch Fernandez '26

Madison G. Harris

### Michelle Le Floch Fernandez '97

Estelle Le Floch Fernandez '26

### Susan Lewis '67

Page Hynes Sullenberger '67

### Sue Lockhart

Mari Ishibashi

### Love The Odds and Gamma 13

Raquel Cruz '11

### Farah Marks

Sharyn Marks '70

### Dominique Mayer

Lourdes Cuellar '04

### Ethan Meyer '25

Kristine & David Meyer

### Kathy and Jim Muehleman

Lyndsey Pelham Lederer '05

### Cathy Dale Murphy '77

Diana Mitchell Smith '77

### Lamar Jernigan Noriega '65

Catherine Young Cockrill '65

### Sue Ott Rowlands

Alison Kenny Brennan '86

Julia Dorsey Reed Loomis '67

Mort Sajadian

### Parents Council

Kym Walker

### Smokey Powers '17

Marta Powers

### Tracy Jo Earley Proffitt '04

Randy & Robin Earley

### Jamila Read '23

Katie Stewart Page '08

### Savi Reese '25

Sherry & Stuart Reese

### Sarah Parlette Sams '67

Carolyn Reaves Hally '62

### Maura Wilson Schneider '21 and

Matthew Schneider

Robert & Kathleen Wilson

### Peter Sheldon

Margaret Davis Shields '83

### Danielle Simms '10

Kathryn Miller

### Karl Speer '12

Karen Speer '04

### Susan Stevens

Sarah Barham Stuart '98

### Missy Woodson Stevens '74

Amy and Charlie Woodson

### Lisa Cloar Sutton '75

Margaret Wells Hayslip '75

### Jia Wan

Emad Davis '19

### Kayden Washington '26

Kerri Bond '06

### Randall Johnson Watts '77

Ty Moseley '17

### Frances White Webb '77

John Webb

### Lois Combs Weinberg '65

Emily Alford Carlisle '65

### Wildcat U

Meridith Hobbins Ingram '93

### Erin Winslow '26

Winnie & Marshall Winslow

## IN MEMORY OF

### Jo Ann Denman Akers '52

Virginia Jones Callicott '59

### Diana Anderson

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### Joan D. Anderson '86

Sally Anderson Wallace

### Lucile Yancey Barkley '30

William Y. Barkley

### Barbara Barnes

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### Alex Bell

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### Barbara Betenbaugh

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### Nancy Craig Blackburn '71

Gail Egan Niermeyer '71

### Mary Martin Davis Bowen '57

Jen Godley Brestel '93

Heather Ayers Garnett '86

Helene Mewborn

Mary Scott

Randall Johnson Watts '77

### Kathleen G. Bowman

Mrinalini Lhila '99

### Evangeline and Robert Bradley

Rosalind Bradley '78

### Margaret Louise Bullock

Ann Beatty '74

### Marion Owen Sims Bunker '61

Robert Bunker

### Gail Burruss '76

Lee Joyner Gallien '76

### Mary Boren Chandler '59

Rena Jones Johnson '59

### John Chandler

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### Susanne Price Clark '32

John & Phyllis Clark

### Deceased Alumnae from the Class of 1967

Susan G. Allman '67

### Deceased Alumnae from the Class of 1970

Tallmadge Jennings Brown '70

### Deceased Alumnae from the Class of 1974

Martha von Oesen Gilbert '74 &  
Robert Gilbert

### Rick Cobbs

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### David Cornelius

Jane Bosman Hatley '75

### Jean Bass Crawford '47

Jeannie Crawford-Lee '74

### Bradley N. Currey, Jr.

Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae  
and Randolph College Alumni Association

### Muriel Dahlgard

Tricia Reagan Pearsall '66

### Jan Mowrer Chastel de Boinville '38

Helen & Ian Henderson

### Jenny B. de Vries

Willem de Vries

Alice Harris '69

### Peggy Fisher Decker '48

Margaret Decker Cummins '78

### Anne C. Dinwiddie '86

Larkin Mott '86

Robyn Rorrer Puryear '86

### Leslie Disharoon

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### Ernestine Dodi

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### Pat Doyle

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Schuyler Godsey Somers '08

### Ernest A. Duff

Joan Wickham Sugg '69

### Helen Mann Durham '22

Susan Durham

### Virginia Elgin

Robert O. Elgin

### M. Lawrence Ellzey, Jr., Ph.D.

Judi Tontz Ellzey '59

### Dot Sutherland Etchison '51

Joyce Sullivan Ey '51

Ann Boon Rhea '51

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Kim Charlton Spears '51

Barbara Stanley Welsh '52

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## **Audrey Shuey Firkins**

Arlyn Firkins Bruccoli '55

## **Franklin Flint**

Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell '71

Kay Lewis-Wellman '78

Melissa Schuster Merrill '89

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Sarah Gaede Clauss '75

## **Marilyn McIntosh Gardner '59**

Virginia Jones Callicott '59

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Rebecca Howell Crew '01

Kate Leaming Goldberg '98

## **Cheri Hackenbracht**

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Barbara Sewell Jones '65

## **Virginia Hand Hester '38**

Caroline Hester Loken '63

## **Jean Perrine Hotaling '42**

Thomas Hotaling

## **Martha Walling Howard '37**

June Rutledge Heintz '66

## **Polly Cummings Hussain '64**

Laura Alford Cotts '64

Katharine Crockford '64

Agnes Fitts Marshall '64

Sallie Hay Swisher '64

Judy Nicholson Frey '64

## **Lucinda Garrett Ivy '88**

Mary Pinck Wood '88

## **Betty Jo Warden Keirstead '46**

Ann Keirstead Reed '78

## **Chris Kenyon '77**

Deborah Randall Bowie '77

## **Dennis Kern**

Stacy DeLano '71

## **Maureen Kiernan**

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## **Karen Grogan Kimberly '80**

Meg Barrett Deacon '80

Martha Huntley Rodes '80

Jennifer Lyons Thornton '80

## **Alexandra Knoppel '10**

Lorenzo Alvarez '11

## **Toni Kratt '64**

Ginny Ashley Gilbert '64

## **Amy Kuenzi**

Ana Morales '10

## **Marydine Lentz Lamb '65**

Constance Rogers Alford '65

Margaret Luce Brown '65

## **Peggy Spigner Lancaster '49**

Harry Lancaster

## **Bill and Annabelle Lavin**

Katherine Lavin Linder '68

## **Barbara "Babs" Pickeral Lee '66**

Jennifer Busbee Lee '03

## **Robert B. Lloyd**

Virginia Greenland '70

## **Sissi Loftin '67**

Martha Kever '67

## **Margaret Clark Louft '28**

Susan Louft Andreatta '64

## **Meredith Lumpkin Marchant '61**

Helen Barber Boone '61

## **Peter Marcy**

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## **Deaven Milam '22**

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## **Madeline Miller '66**

Marge Corlett Dillard '48

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Melissa Ward Colbert '94

## **Margaret Morland**

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## **Roger Mudd**

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Martha Weaver Marshall '74

## **Kobra Ahmadi Nader '10**

Mari Ishibashi

## **Ellen Nock Nelson '51**

Elizabeth "Gussie" Nelson Fauntleroy '78

## **Dorothy Lipps Nelson '90**

Kim Wornom Hicks '90

## **Fred Newcomb**

Cele Gourley Bryant '59

## **Cynthia Kramer Paris '86**

Jean MacLean '85

Amy Maffitt Barkley '86

Alison Kenny Brennan '86

## **Nancy Fraser Pearson '56**

Patsy Terry Nance '56

## **Carter Smith Pollard '56**

Marion Smith Chenault '66

## **Margaret Henderson Pullen '39**

Nancy Rogers Golodetz '81

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Jane Bosman Hatley '75

## **Ann Duckett Reed '55**

Ann Beatty '74

## **Richard Russell**

Debbie Ward Heritage '71

## **Emma Jane Neelley Saxe '64**

Sallie Hay Swisher '64

## **Geoffrey Ruth Schott '68**

Jim & Nellie Pat Clements Landrum '67

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Ann Sanders Jennings '88

## **Charles & Carolyn Simmons**

Mary Jennings

## **Lee P. Minichiello**

Catherine Baker Thompson '71

## **Lizanne Sheehy '83**

Mary Margaret Payne Little '84

## **Joe Sharrar**

Lynn Hodge '68 & Barbara Seals

## **Ann Pryor Simms '60**

John Simms

Joy Paterson Stallings '60

## **Anne Simpson '62**

Susan Addington Hutcheson '62

## **Sarah Crosby Smith '64**

Laura Alford Cotts '64

Katharine Crockford '64

Judy Nicholson Frey '64

Agnes Fitts Marshall '64

## **Irving Lewis Seward Smith '59**

Elizabeth Seward Deastlov '83

## **Ashley Brewer Spencer '01**

Jennifer Holterhoff Karp '01

## **Elaine Dahl St. Vincent HA**

Laura Bullock Crumbley '72

## **Edwin H. St. Vincent and Elaine Dahl St.**

**Vincent HA**

Sharyn Marks '70

## **Frances Dudley Strickland '43**

Martha Strickland Betts '68

## **Zi-Lin Tan**

Melody Pan Wong '93

## **Kay Redmond Teague**

Heather Ayers Garnett '86

## **Philip Thayer**

Joan Wickham Sugg '69

## **Joy Thomas '87**

Wanda Whitney '86

## **Barbara Thrasher**

Cheryl Lindeman

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## **Tyler Walker '10**

Ann Beatty '74

Heather Ayers Garnett '86

## **Charlotte Selman Watson '40**

Robey Watson Frasche '69

## **Poohie Forgy Watt '56**

Nella Kilbride Gatewood '56

## **Joanne Wright Widmayer '47**

Jean Widmayer Krafft '77

## **Barbara Williams**

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## **Mary Frances Williams**

Kristin Rehder '74

## **Susan Witter '71**

Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell '71

Deborah Anthony Dodge '71

Linda Bradshaw Gragnani '70

Debbie Ward Heritage '71

## **Suzanne E. Wollenberg '74**

LiddyBet Campbell Rightmyer '74

## **Dennis Wright**

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## **Cynthia Harter Young '76**

Douglas Young

## **Dorothy Harris Zehmer '58**

John Zehmer

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## **MARY MARTIN DAVIS BOWEN '57**

Mary Martin Davis Bowen '57, of Decatur, GA, died at home on October 6, 2023, at the age of 87. A Phi Beta Kappa society and Phi Mu sorority member, she earned a BA from R-MWC in 1957, graduating with honors. She received an MA from Duke University in 1959. She served her alma mater as president of the R-MWC Alumnae Association 1997-2000 and alumnae representative to the Board of Trustees 1995-1997, and was the chair of the Alumnae Challenge for Excellence. She was a longstanding member of the Association board, serving multiple roles throughout the years. She received the College's Alumnae Achievement Award in 2009. Her daughter, Louisa Bowen Edmonson, graduated from the College in 1994.

## **LEE "SANDY" AINSLIE**

Lee Sanford "Sandy" Ainslie Jr. died on October 22, 2023, at the age of 86. Ainslie served on the Randolph College Board of Trustees from 2007 to 2011. He earned his 1961 undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and his MEd in 1976 from Lynchburg College. He was the headmaster of Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg from 1974-1981. In 1981 to commemorate his service to the school, VES named the Ainslie House in his honor. He left VES to assume the headmaster post at his alma mater, Episcopal High School in Alexandria. During his 17-year tenure at EHA, he oversaw the school's transition to coeducation.

# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI DEATHS

*Listing includes notifications received by the College as of January 21, 2024*

1940	Howard Perkinson Lawrence	12/18/2023	1953	Gay Dantzer Ware	12/9/2023	1964	Sallie Crosby Smith	10/27/2023
1945	Margaret Pyne Ecker	5/19/2015	1955	Rhita Bailey McNair	5/30/2023	1965	Christine Johansson Weisfelder	9/9/2023
1946	Jane Aldridge Montgomery	12/2/2023	1955	Constance Guerdan Olsen		1967	Joyce Farr	10/7/2023
1947	Dorothy Bigger Grober	5/11/2023	1955	Sally Gleason Poilé	6/8/2020	1967	Susan Goar Worthen	12/1/2023
1947	Virginia Goodall Johnson	9/1/2023	1956	Claire Clay Amott	12/8/2023	1968	Suzanne Parrish Gebhart	9/15/2023
1947	June Plunkett Poe	12/20/2023	1956	Margaret Butte Booth	11/12/2023	1968	Geoffrey Schott	10/2/2023
1948	Mary Byrd Douglas King	10/24/2023	1956	Jamie Stillions Longley	9/19/2023	1969	Dorothy Tyler Obrochta	11/13/2023
1949	Edith Bien Thomas	10/15/2023	1956	Elizabeth Forgy Watt	2023	1971	Sarah Harrison Rhea	10/20/2023
1950	Barbara Hopkins Hall	12/5/2023	1957	Mary Martin Davis Bowen	10/6/2023	1974	Jacqueline McMillan	2023
1950	Virginia Hornbarger Harrington	12/21/2023	1957	Ann Langley Fauconnet	2022	1974	Paige Patton Prince	2021
1950	Nancy Topper Taylor	8/5/2023	1957	Ann Langley Fauconnet	11/9/2023	1979	Anne Patterson	7/11/2021
1950	Jill Wood	11/20/2023	1958	Delilah Little Turpin	12/1/2023	1980	Karen Grogan Kimberly	12/30/2023
1951	Dorothy Sutherland Etchison	9/18/2023	1959	Lynn Boren Chandler	12/6/2023	1986	Susan Barbre	7/1/2023
1952	Jo Ann Denman Akers	9/10/2023	1959	Jean Felder Dougherty	12/23/2023	1986	Allison Kehoe	11/29/2023
1952	Mary Pyemont Stephenson	9/11/2023	1959	Marilyn McIntosh Gardner	11/21/2023	1988	Anne Hazlehurst Garrard	12/1/2023
1953	Pence Farrier Ellis	11/6/2023	1960	Ann Pryor Simms	9/11/2023	1988	Lucinda Garrett Ivy	12/1/2023
1953	Elizabeth Gardner Larkins	9/25/2023	1961	Joy Mitchell Price	12/26/2023	1989	Jennifer Gustavson	12/16/2023
			1961	Lind Groseclose Wright	1/1/2024	1993	Kirsten Lounsbury	11/3/2023
			1962	Anne Pagenstecher Simpson	11/27/2023	1999	Tara Towler Guida	12/8/2023
			1962	Kit Tapers Wallingford	11/3/2023	2000	Sarah Pretlow Pretlow	12/8/2023
			1964	Polly Cummings Hussain	11/3/2023	2022	Sara Streett	12/29/2023
			1964	Patricia McKann Mancini				



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1951	Spouse of Elizabeth Oglesby Haugh Charles Haugh	10/29/2023
1957	Spouse of Edwina Sykes Koontz Warren Koontz Jr.	11/1/2023
1958	Spouse of Betty Underwood Clarke Hunter Clarke	8/18/2023
1959	Spouse of Joanne Tontz Ellzey M. Lawrence Ellzey Jr.	8/19/2023
1959	Sister of June Mitchell Pankey Joyce Mitchell Price '61	9/11/2023
1967	Spouse of Nancy Bell Cooper Larry Mayo	6/10/2023
1969	Spouse of Dorothy Tyler Obrochta Joseph Obrochta	
1970	Sister of Martha Crosby Jacobs Sarah Crosby Smith '64	10/27/2023
1971	Spouse of Kate Lachicotte Kern Dennis Kern	12/16/2023
1971	Spouse of Lynne Seekamp Lee Minichiello	9/1/2023

1973	Brother of Karen Patterson Tim Patterson	10/7/2023
1973	Spouse of Lillian James Smith Percy Smith Jr.	2/21/2023
1975	Spouse of Lorraine Blanks Potter John Potter	11/17/2023
1977	Cousin of Marianne Martin Mary Martin Davis Bowen '57	10/6/2023
1977	Mother of Carol Simpson Mohrman Camille Simpson	3/4/2023
1977	Cousin of Randall Johnson Watts Mary Martin Davis Bowen '57	10/6/2023
1978	Father of Eileen Miggins Hohl Larry Miggins	12/12/2023
1984	Father of Cornelia Harbison Hoover Richard Harbison	12/9/2023
1986	Spouse of Laura Keaton Morrison Paul Morrison Jr	10/29/2023
1987	Aunt of Eleanor Pankey Joyce Mitchell Price '61	9/11/2023
1987	Sister of Elizabeth Kehoe Sigmon Allison Kehoe '86	11/29/2023
1988	Mother of Mary Vaughan Lind Groseclose Wright '61	12/26/2023
1988	Mother of Sara Vaughan Wyant Lind Groseclose Wright '61	12/26/2023

1994	Mother of Louisa Bowen Edmondson Mary Martin Davis Bowen '57	10/6/2023
1994	Spouse of Rachel Tate Seely Laine Seely	5/16/2023
1997	Cousin of Jessica Johnson Moorhead Mary Martin Davis Bowen '57	10/6/2023
2005	Grandmother of MaryAnne Gragg Mason Howard Perkinson Lawrence '40	12/18/2023
2017	Parent of Penelope Porter Doss Henry Porter	12/26/2023

## COLLEGE FAMILY DEATHS

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Lee Ainslie	10/22/2023
Kathleen Bowman	11/21/2023
Virginia Elgin	11/11/2023
Suzi Gablik	5/7/2022
Richard Liebert	2/4/2023
William Staggs	11/29/2023
Beverly Williamson	3/20/2023

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Congratulations to Randolph's  
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# JETSUN PEMA

Jetsun Pema, the younger sister of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, was the recipient of Randolph College's Pearl S. Buck Award in April.

The award—given to women who exemplify the ideals, values, and commitments of Buck, a member of the Class of 1914 and the first American woman to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature—was reinstituted this spring.

Pema has dedicated her life to educating Tibetan children in exile.

She served as president of the Tibetan Children's Villages, which take in and care for orphaned, destitute, and refugee children, from 1964 to 2006, and has been recognized as the "Mother of Tibet" by the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile.

"We are so honored to award Jetsun Pema with the Pearl S. Buck Award this year for her advocacy and support of the children's villages in Tibet," said President Sue Ott Rowlands. "I cannot think of a more worthy recipient given Pearl S. Buck's dedication to children and education in China."

