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AROUND RANDOLPH

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we navigate our way through the fall semester, there is a sense of excitement and energy here on campus. This has been an amazing year for Randolph, and the stories in this issue of *Vita* touch on just a few of the reasons why.

We are growing—in enrollment and also in programs. In August, we welcomed the largest first-year class on record, and our total enrollment is the largest since 1969. Retention

has improved significantly, and we are finding that students and families are attracted to our innovative TAKE2 curriculum model.

Last year, we announced the addition of several new academic programs and athletic teams. This year, we are seeing this hard work come to fruition. Our robotics and mechatronics engineering major kicked off the fall by earning a GO Virginia Grant. This grant will help provide some of the high-tech equipment necessary for the program. In addition, we welcomed new faculty for our new majors, including film and video, criminology, and more. The women's and men's wrestling, men's volleyball, and women's STUNT teams began this year, and we recently dedicated a new facility on nearby Bedford Avenue that will provide additional practice space for wrestling.

Our Martin Science Building renovation continues to move forward, and we are excited about the new opportunities this space will provide our students when it's finished in the fall of 2025. Now, thanks to the new enrollment growth, we are in the planning stages for updates to our dining hall and residence halls.

Our alumnae and alumni continue to be engaged and involved. In fact, we just recognized three alums during our first Distinguished Young Alumni Award ceremony held in September.

We reintroduced the Quillian Visiting International Scholars program with this year's recipient, Sudesh Mantillake, a permanent faculty member at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. He will be leading "Movement Rhizome: Quillian International Symposium on Sri Lanka" in early February.

The opportunities we provide to students are expanding, and we are proud of our diverse, welcoming community and its commitment to the liberal arts. I invite each of you to visit us on campus to learn more and become involved yourself. As our cover headline says, our future is indeed, "Full Speed Ahead."

Vita abundantior,

Sue Ott Rowlands
President

NEWS



Organic Garden certified as a People's Garden by U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

Randolph College's Organic Garden was certified as a People's Garden by the United States Department of Agriculture. The designation recognizes gardens that produce local food, use sustainable maintenance practices, provide educational opportunities, and bring people together in their community. The Organic Garden includes community plots, chickens, a protected amphibian pond, an edible perennial food forest, greenhouses, and a native fruit tree orchard.

Randolph named a College of Distinction

Randolph College has once again been named a College of Distinction for the 2024-25 academic year. The honor recognizes the College's high-quality education, hands-on learning, strong student-faculty relationships, vibrant campus life, and stellar student outcomes. The organization only accepts institutions that adhere to the Four Distinctions: Engaged Students, Great Teaching, Vibrant Community, and Successful Outcomes.

Randolph ends fiscal year with highest annual giving total since 2019

Randolph College ended the 2023-24 fiscal year with nearly \$9.4 million raised for all funds, with over \$1.8 million of that total supporting the Annual Fund for the College's greatest needs. The generosity of the College's donors provided funding for student scholarships, capital improvements, mental health resources, and new graduate programs. Support for the sciences was also strong for the fiscal year. The Martin Science Building renovation received more than \$2 million in gifts and pledges, buoyed by a \$250,000 1:1 matching challenge from the Mary Morton Parsons Foundation, and \$225,000 in matching funds from two anonymous alumnae.



Nonpartisan voting initiative launched on campus

Faculty and staff launched the #RandolphVotes initiative this fall. The effort was designed to simplify the often complex voting process and inspire students to see the importance of their votes in shaping the future of their communities. The nonpartisan group provided information and resources to students, including transportation for early voting and Election Day walking groups.



National Gallery, London curator speaks at Randolph

Susanna Avery-Quash, lead curator at the National Gallery, London, recently gave a public lecture at Randolph College. She spoke about the gallery's bicentenary and the recent exhibition she curated there, *Hockney and Piero: A Longer Look*, which sheds light on the relationship between living artists and the gallery—and how displaying the collection for free to inspire artistic encounters and creativity has always been and remains a fundamental aim.

Erika Alexander to speak during MLK event

Erika Alexander—an actress, trailblazing activist, entrepreneur, creator, producer, and director—will participate in Randolph College's annual celebration honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday, Jan. 27. Alexander, who starred as attorney Maxine Shaw on the popular 1990s series *Living Single*, will have



a conversation with Chief Diversity Officer Charles E. Gibson III about King's legacy and her work in the arts and activism.



Randolph included in Princeton Review's Best 390 Colleges guide

The Princeton Review included Randolph College in the 2025 edition of its guide, *The Best 390 Colleges*. Randolph was ranked 13th for Best Health Services alongside much larger institutions including the University of Virginia, Florida State University, and Auburn University. It was also singled out as one of the Best Mid-Atlantic institutions in the 2025 *Best Colleges: Region by Region* web feature recognizing colleges that are academically outstanding.



Education department receives CAEP accreditation

Randolph College's Department of Education received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)—a mark of excellence in teacher preparation. CAEP is a nationally recognized accrediting body that accredits providers at the initial and advanced levels based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement.



Fiske Guide recognizes the College

The Fiske Guide to Colleges once again named Randolph one of the nation's "best and most interesting" institutions. The 2025 edition of the guide praised Randolph for pursuing "its traditional mission of strong liberal arts through a unique and creative curriculum." Editors noted how that curriculum model, TAKE2, allows for more in-depth immersion in coursework, as well as free time to pursue other educational opportunities.



Annual exhibition runs through Dec. 15

Vita Wild: Contemporary Wildlife Art, Randolph's 113th Exhibition of Contemporary Art, explores contemporary wildlife art. With a primary focus on animals in the American wilderness and their intrinsic connection to the ecosystem, the exhibit showcases nine contemporary artists whose works reflect cultural and environmental changes that expand the expression and definition of traditional wildlife art. It will be on display at the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College through Dec. 15.



The Princeton Review ranks Randolph 19th on Top Green Colleges list

Randolph College was named one of the nation's most "green" colleges, according to rankings recently released by The Princeton Review. The College was included in *The Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges: 2025 Edition*, which recognizes the 511 most environmentally responsible colleges in the nation. Randolph was ranked 19th, the only Virginia institution to make the top 20, alongside the likes of New York University, Colorado State, Bates College, and the University of Miami.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Daniel Allee '23

Residence and Commuter Life Coordinator

Allee and professor Sara Beck co-authored the article, "Conversations from Arendelle: Children's understanding of musical affect in a narrative, multimedia context," which was published in *Psychology of Music* this fall. Allee majored in psychology.

Sara Beck

Associate Professor of Psychology

Beck published an article, co-authored with Daniel Allee '23, in *Psychology of Music* that examines children's perception and understanding of musical emotion in the Disney movie *Frozen*.

Suzanne Bessenger

Barbara Boyle Lemon '57 and William J. Lemon Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Randolph's 2024-25 Presidential Fellow

Bessenger attended the annual ASIANetwork Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, in the spring. She presented research conducted with students in Nepal during a trip funded by the ASIANetwork Freeman Student-Faculty Fellowship.

She was also the chief guest at Movement Rhizome: International Conference on Dance Studies this winter in Kandy, Sri Lanka, where she gave the keynote address.

Emily Yap Chua

Catherine Ehrman Thoresen '23 and William E. Thoresen Professor of Music

Chua performed George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" as a soloist with the Lynchburg Symphony Orchestra in September to mark the 100th anniversary of the piece. She also gave a guest artist recital and taught a masterclass with opera singer Katherine Jolly at Youngstown State University's Dana School of Music.

Erin Heller

Assistant Professor of Biology

Heller spoke to the Lynchburg Bird Club about "Factors affecting migratory shorebirds and their prey during spring stopovers on Virginia's barrier islands" in April.

Crystal Howell

Associate Professor of Education

Howell was recently named editor of the scholarly journal *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue*. Published in two volumes each year, it features research on topics related to curriculum and teaching.

Siavash Sattar

Assistant Professor of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering

Sattar published the article, "Influence of Flow-Induced Polymorphism and Fiber Morphology on Mechanical Behavior in

Long Discontinuous Glass Fiber Polyamide Composites," in the journal, *Composite Part A: Applied Science and Manufacturing*.

Sarah Sojka

Associate Professor of Environmental Studies and Marine Science

Sojka attended the 2024 Ocean Sciences Meeting in New Orleans in February. Sponsored by the American Geophysical Union, the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography, and The Oceanography Society, the meeting connects scientists from around the world and allows them to share their findings, bridge disciplines, and make lasting partnerships. She also attended a workshop, organized by the Ocean Observatories Initiative, while she was at the meeting to support ongoing curriculum development for the College's marine science major.

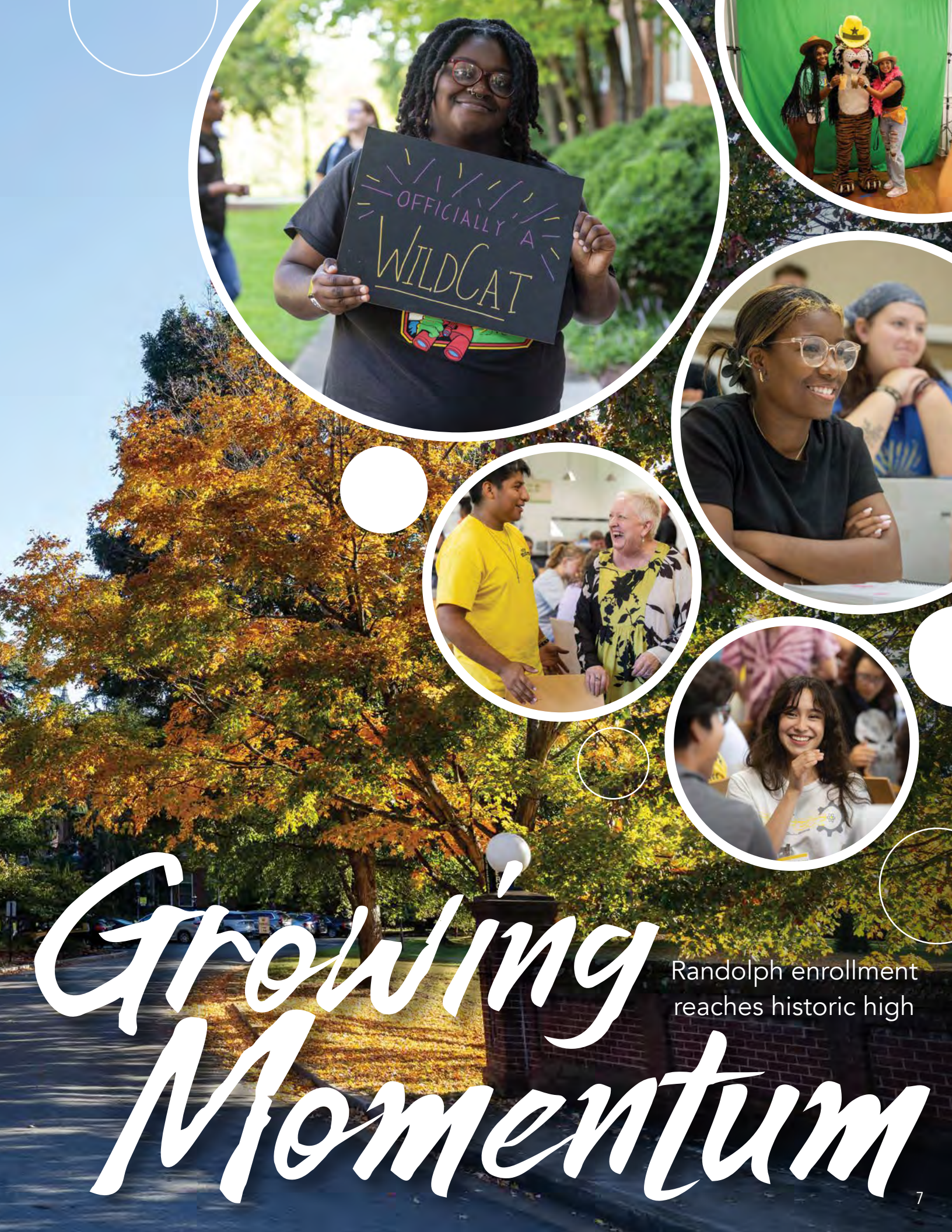
Karin Warren

Herzog Family Chair of Environmental Studies and Science

Warren attended an Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) workshop in June at the University of North Carolina Wilmington to support ongoing curriculum development for the College's marine science major. The workshop introduced attendees to OOI's collection of free online educational modules and lab exercises and how they can be used to support undergraduate teaching.







Growing Momentum

Randolph enrollment reaches historic high

On a warm, bright day in August, a sea of yellow descended on the Dell as students from Randolph's record-breaking first-year class arrived for their group photo. A drone buzzed overhead, grabbing aerial shots of the historic class, outfitted in their yellow orientation T-shirts.

At a time when many colleges and universities across Virginia and the nation are seeing decreases in enrollment, Randolph continues to grow.

"This is a testament to the value of a Randolph education and the innovative student experience we offer," said President Sue Ott Rowlands. "The campus is alive and thriving."

The first-year class is the largest on record at 267 students—a 34% increase over last year.

Total new students—including first-years and transfers—totaled nearly 300, which was also the largest on record.

Total enrollment for Randolph reached 816, a 28% increase over last year and the largest enrollment

since 1969. This is the College's third consecutive year of enrollment increases.

"There's so much good energy on campus and so many new faces," said Estelle Le Floch '26. "These first-years are getting involved, wanting to be a part of traditions and fitting right into the social fabric of the community."

The growth can be attributed to a number of factors. Randolph has seen a tremendous response from prospective students and families to its TAKE2 curriculum model, which was launched three years ago. Under

this model, students take two classes each seven weeks, with no classes on Wednesday.

"We know TAKE2 has made a difference in our enrollment, not to mention the success our students are having in the classroom," said Travis Carter, dean of admission and financial aid. "We have seen increases in test scores, the number of students on the Dean's List, attendance and more. Families see the difference TAKE2 is making in the lives of our students on campus, especially when you combine that with our small, beautiful campus, growing academic



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"We are doing the right things in terms of marketing the incredible experience that is available to students at Randolph," he added.

TAKE2 is one of the reasons Le Floch, a sociology major, chose Randolph.

"The ability to be totally focused on my two courses and still have time to participate in all my extracurriculars and work has been a

blessing," she said. "I'm able to be a member of a number of clubs, work three campus jobs, and still feel confident going into every class."

The College has also expanded its academic offerings, adding six new majors, new master's programs, and an honors program. The athletic program is growing as well, with four additional sports (women's STUNT, men's volleyball, and women's and

men's wrestling) started this year.

"All of these new programs mean that more students are able to find their passions and their callings," Le Floch said. "It's great to know Randolph is putting in the work to make sure students can confidently find a place and their academic niche on campus."

Le Floch has been able to find her place—and then some—on campus. She is president of the Student Philanthropy Council, a



Presidential Ambassador, and the Student Government academic affairs chair, in addition to serving as a Davenport Leader, Gold Key Guide, and an assistant in the Office of Alumnae and Alumni Relations.

"My experience here has included so much growth across the board," she said. "I've learned so much about myself, gotten to know so many amazing people, and found what I'm truly passionate about. I've gotten involved all around campus, immersed myself, pushed myself to do new things, and rooted myself in all the values we have within the Red Brick Wall."

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Introducing
RANDOLPH COLLEGE'S
CLASS OF 2028

Educational
equity and grace
are guiding
principles for
Randolph's new
chief diversity
officer and
Intercultural
Center

a place to just 'sit & be'

Charles E. Gibson III grew up in a multicultural family rich with diverse traditions—a background that provides the foundation for the work he does every day as Randolph's chief diversity officer and director of the Intercultural Center.

"A lot of the skills I have developed over the years, I've inadvertently done just to interact with my family and get to know them better," said Gibson, whose father is African American and mother is Mexican-American. "I had to get skilled navigating through different cultures, but I never imagined I would call on those skills professionally like I do now."

Since arriving on campus last spring, Gibson has embraced life within the Red Brick Wall. He's a familiar face at campus events, showing his support at award ceremonies, lectures, admissions events, and more.

This fall, his office has already hosted several of its own events, including a

Spiritual Life Fair featuring local faith leaders and a town hall on belief co-hosted with Presidential Fellow Suzanne Bessenger.

"We are so fortunate to have Charles here at Randolph," said President Sue Ott Rowlands. "His vision for an equitable and inclusive campus aligns with our values and principles. We appreciate him very much."

Gibson has implemented some changes within his office, rebranding it the Intercultural Center to better reflect the function it serves on campus.

"With this new name, we are honing in on the College's commitment to creating opportunities and spaces for people from different perspectives to interact," Gibson said. "It's about facilitating those interactions."

A new addition to the Intercultural Center—the Hermina W. Hendricks Gathering Place, named after the College's first director of multicultural student services—was created with that in mind.

Gibson envisions the space as a welcoming environment for students to hold club meetings, gather with friends, or simply relax in a safe, comfortable setting. He has also been hosting monthly gatherings there to foster connection and dialogue among students.

Senior Nafi Thiam '25 and her friends have been frequent visitors this fall.

"With the door open and the new welcoming lounge," she said, "it's now becoming my hangout spot."

Thiam has also been in the office more often thanks to another of Gibson's initiatives. She is one of two inaugural fellows for the new Eugenia Livings Welburn '95 Fellows Program, named in honor of an alumna and trustee who has supported the office over the years.

Two students will be selected to serve as fellows each year, receiving a stipend to assist with the Intercultural Center's programming

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- Charles E. Gibson III, Chief Diversity Officer and Director of the Intercultural Center



and events.

"I was born in Sénégal and have always been fascinated about other cultures," said Thiam, a global studies major. "Growing up, I loved learning about new cultures, whether it was through food, clothing or music. I want the Intercultural Center to be a safe space for everyone."

For Gibson, the desire to provide that safe space can be traced back to his own undergraduate years at Wake Forest University when a conversation with the school's chief diversity officer changed his perspective.

"She asked if I'd considered going into higher education," said Gibson, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in music and a minor in English. "Then, my senior year, she advocated for me in a way that left an indelible impression. It was really powerful. I wanted to do that for other people."

Twenty years later, Gibson still has a letter she wrote on his behalf.

"Whenever I have high points or low points in the job, I pull that letter out, and it takes me back," he said. "It reminds me, 'This is why you're doing this.'"

Gibson earned his Master of Arts and Education Specialist degrees in higher education from Appalachian State University. He also received a Master of Education degree in higher education from Penn State, where he worked in the Office of Graduate Educational Equity Programs for five years. He is currently pursuing his doctor of education, also at Appalachian State.

He went into consulting work before returning to higher education as Lees-McRae College's inaugural chief diversity officer in 2021.

Gibson centers his work on several guiding principles, with educational equity and grace at the forefront. Grace is important when approaching difficult conversations and allows for open, productive dialogue—"interaction with difference," as Gibson put it.

"We want people to be culturally competent and able to interact with other cultures without fear," he said. "And we want them to know how to do it appropriately."

A liberal arts environment is the ideal place to foster those skills.

"Students are able to have a wide range of perspectives from which to view things," he said. "Those conditions really allow for the cultivation of critical thinking in a way that's unique. That's really important—allowing people to develop the ability to critically analyze, to not take things at face value."

"A lot of people have preconceived notions about what my work entails and who I serve," he added. "My goal is for everyone to see themselves in the work."

Chief Diversity Officer Charles E. Gibson III (top photo) envisions the Intercultural Center as a welcoming environment for students to hold club meetings, gather with friends, or simply relax in a safe, comfortable setting.

A new gathering space was named in honor of Hermina W. Hendricks (bottom, left photo).

From CLASSROOM to CAREER

Randolph's Career Development Center
partners with students to reach goals

Randolph College played a pivotal role in preparing Grace Duckworth '23 for her current career as a museum educator at George Mason's Gunston Hall.

From hands-on experiences at the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College to in-depth class discussions, Duckworth credits the College with shaping her professional approach to museum work.

"It also prepared me for the before-working part too: job hunting," Duckworth said. "I had a lot of support from the Career Development Center to prepare for looking for work in the first place, with mock interviews and guidance writing my résumé and cover letters. They hosted open houses, networking practice events, résumé review coffee chats, and more."

These resources—and the availability of the office—helped Duckworth confidently navigate the job search process.

"I leaned on the CDC for support many times, so I became close with staff members,"

she said. "As a result, they knew my goals and aspirations, so whenever they came across an opportunity I'd be interested in, or a good fit for, they'd go out of their way to forward it to me. The staff always went above and beyond, and I always felt comfortable asking for help."

Starting college can be an overwhelming process in and of itself. Adding in the pressures of internship and job hunting—and even knowing when that process should start—adds to the challenge.

Many students feel the weight of figuring out their future from the very beginning.

"Students think they're expected to have all the answers, but they're not," said Adrienne James, director of the Career Development Center. "That's what we're here for: to help them figure out the answers and what's best for them. And it's not going to be the same for everybody. It's not one-size-fits-all, and we tailor services to each student. This is our fishbowl here, but there is a huge ocean out there once you start applying for jobs and

internships."

Services include the aforementioned mock interviews—in various formats, from virtual to in-person to one-on-one to panels—and résumé assistance, along with professional development programming, networking opportunities, career immersion trips, career and graduate school fairs, and application assistance.

And they're not just for current students; alumni can also utilize the services listed above, along with consultations and career support.

"We still kept in touch even after I graduated," Duckworth said. "While I was searching for jobs post-grad, they still made the effort to keep me in mind and send me job listings."

On campus, James regularly organizes panel discussions and workshops and tables outside of the dining hall. She also sends out information on internship opportunities in addition to the College grant programs that can help pay for them.

" Looking for a job is a job. It can be frustrating and overwhelming. Sometimes you have to just step back. You need someone in your corner, and that's what this office can do."

- Adrienne James, Director of the Career Development Center

She has a particular affinity for résumé work.

"I really enjoy doing résumé building one-on-one, where the student and I can do a deep dive," James said. "We focus on transferable skills and a wide range of things they might not think about. And it's good for them to hear from someone with a different perspective from what they're used to hearing."

She encourages students to use Focus 2, a self-paced career and educational planning assessment tool that gauges where they rate in regards to eight career readiness competencies developed by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

The competencies include career and self-development, communication, critical thinking, equity and inclusion, leadership, professionalism, teamwork, and technology.

The assessment provides students with an action plan to improve on any areas they've scored low, while also exploring career fields and areas of study most compatible with their results.

"Everything you're doing from day one is helping build your résumé," James said. "Sophomore year is a great opportunity and time to really start focusing on the career development piece. I tell students they want to make use of all of their time here and not just wait until the end of their junior year to look for an internship."

James' background in education and human resources gives her a unique insight and ability to help students as they launch or continue their careers or pursue graduate school.

"It's meaningful to me and satisfying to be able to help students grow," said James, who majored in sociology and elementary education at William & Mary and later earned her MBA from Liberty University. "I think there is a great need there and being able to fill that felt right."

She taught in Lynchburg City Schools for nearly 10 years before transitioning into human resource work in a variety of industries.

She's worked as human resources manager for the Gretna trucking company,

Amthor International, talent training manager with First National Bank, talent acquisition specialist for Lynchburg City Schools, and, most recently, human resources director at Freedom Aviation, the fixed-base operator at Lynchburg Regional Airport.

"I know what goes on in human resources and I know what students will be facing," said James, who maintains her certification through HRCI, the professional credentialing organization for human resources management. "I myself have been out there on my own career journey. I've switched careers."

James also emphasizes the importance of students' mental health.

"Looking for a job is a job," she said. "It can be frustrating and overwhelming. Sometimes you have to just step back. You need someone in your corner, and that's what this office can do."

"It takes time, and it takes effort," she added. "I'm here to partner with you, the student, to get it done and reach whatever goals you have."



Adrienne James, the Career Development Center director, works with a student this fall. The office offers a range of internship and career services to students.



NEW FACULTY FACES

Learn more about Randolph's newest professors
at www.randolphcollege.edu/news

SUDESH MANTILLAKE

Quillian Visiting International Scholar



Sudesh Mantillake, Randolph College's Quillian Visiting International Scholar, had a truly global education.

He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Peradeniya in his native Sri Lanka, followed by a master's degree in communication science from the University of Lugano, Switzerland, and a PhD in theatre and performance studies from the University of Maryland.

He is also trained in the Kandyan

dance of Sri Lanka, which combines dance, song, and drumming, and the Kathak dance of India, for which dancers use their bodies, facial expressions, and footwork to tell stories based on myths and legends.

"I was an average kid growing up," said Mantillake, a permanent faculty member in the University of Peradeniya's Department of Fine Arts. "I had no dream to become a professor. However, some of my teachers and friends saw that in me and

encouraged me. By the time I was doing my undergraduate studies, the seed had been planted. I wanted to become a reputed intellectual in the country. It became my passion."

He arrived at Randolph this fall as part of the relaunched Quillian Visiting International Scholars Program, named for the College's fifth—and longest-serving—president.

Mantillake is passionate about the

intersection of dance, philosophy, education, healing, and activism.

He is a past recipient of the International Teaching Fellowship (the University of Maryland, 2013-2014), the Leonardo Fellowship (University of Lugano, 2006), the University Prize for Academic Excellence (University of Peradeniya, 2004), and Best Solo Traditional Dancer (Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka, 1997).

He serves as vice chair of the International Council for Traditions of Music and Dance National Committee for Sri Lanka and a member of the Research Committee of the International Association for Creative Arts in Education and Therapy.

His research interests include dance historiography, cultural heritage, traditional dance, and nation-building.

At Randolph, Mantillake will teach comparative philosophy and performing arts courses, conduct dance workshops, choreograph a public dance performance and symposium in February, and lead a group of faculty members and students on a study abroad seminar to Sri Lanka next spring.



Q&A WITH **SUDESH MANTILLAKE**

Why were you interested in helping to relaunch Randolph's Quillian Visiting Scholars Program?

First of all, I consider the opportunity a big highlight in my academic career. I like the liberal arts education model that Randolph has implemented, especially initiatives such as TAKE2, which create space for a holistic learning environment for students. I am really interested in immersing myself into the holistic learning experience. I am glad that I am able to share my international experience with the students, staff, and faculty of Randolph College.

What are your initial impressions of Randolph and its students?

They are very friendly. They also

have a very good curiosity that requires them to be good learners. I also like how students take ownership and responsibility for their actions through the College's Honor System.

Describe your teaching style. What can students expect in your classes?

Pedagogically, I use the rhizomatic learning approach inspired by the philosophical concept of the rhizome. This metaphor is used to describe a learning process that is non-linear, interconnected, and constantly evolving. Rhizomatic learning is a way of thinking about learning that emphasizes interconnectedness, flexibility, and adaptability. I also believe that my students should take ownership of their education and see my role as more of

a facilitator in the class. I always leave room for students to interact with the syllabus, me, and the material. Central to this is questioning and understanding why we learn what we learn. Thus, I use the Socratic method of questioning as a way of both facilitating student interaction and ownership while developing students' critical thinking skills. This also means that many components of my classes are participatory, and student-led.

Other than formal examinations, I always try to build a practical component into the course where the students can see a tangible output of what they have learned. It could be a research paper, a presentation, a group research project, a performance, an exhibition they put together as a group, or curating an academic conference.





KATHRYN BOYER OLIVER '16

Visiting Assistant Professor of English

Nearly a decade after finishing her undergraduate degree, Kathryn Boyer Oliver '16 is returning to Randolph—this time as a faculty member.

"Working at Randolph is my dream job for about 100 reasons," said Oliver, a visiting assistant professor of English. "I have the privilege of joining an exceptional

faculty, many of whom I studied with as an undergraduate. Randolph holds many warm memories for me, and it is thrilling to observe how it has changed over time without losing its essential character."

Oliver studied English with an emphasis in creative writing, then earned her masters in English literature and her PhD in English

literature and visual studies from Pennsylvania State University.

"I started becoming the person and scholar that I wanted to be here," said Oliver, who also married her husband, Nik Oliver '16, '20 MFA, on campus. "After all this time, I feel such an abiding love for this place—nowhere has been more fundamental to giving my life shape and direction."



NASIM MALEKSHAH

Assistant Professor of Economics and Business

Nasim Malekshah, Randolph's newest assistant professor of economics and business, began her career as a marketing strategist for an advertising agency before serving as a consultant.

"My work in marketing, especially in advertising and data analytics, provided me with valuable insights into the industry's evolving landscape," she said. "I became interested in teaching as I wanted to share these insights and help students understand how to apply theoretical concepts in real-

world scenarios. Teaching allows me to integrate my professional experiences with academic principles, offering students a more comprehensive learning experience."

Malekshah holds a civil engineering degree from Shahid Beheshti University and an MBA in marketing from Alzahra University in Iran.

She recently completed her PhD in marketing at Southern Illinois University and has conducted extensive research on marketing strategy, service marketing,

political ideology, and multicultural marketing—a combination of practical experience and research that allows her to bridge theory and practice effectively.

"I'm so excited about my new job at Randolph and the opportunity to contribute to such a vibrant community," she said. "I look forward to getting to know the students and my colleagues, and to bringing my passion for teaching and marketing into the classroom. This is a new chapter for me, and I'm eager to make a positive impact here."



ALESSANDRO MOSCARITOLO PALACIO

Assistant Professor of Comparative Philosophy



Alessandro Moscaritolo Palacio likes to joke that he wasn't very popular as a student in the economics department at the Universidad Central de Venezuela.

"I am a curious individual, and I enjoy questioning things, which the economists with whom I interacted at the time accepted without questioning," he explained. "I was frequently complaining that economic theories greatly oversimplified the target phenomena, and many of my professors and

classmates hated me for that."

Moscaritolo Palacio, who joined Randolph this fall as an assistant professor of comparative philosophy, eventually decided to channel that questioning nature into a new field.

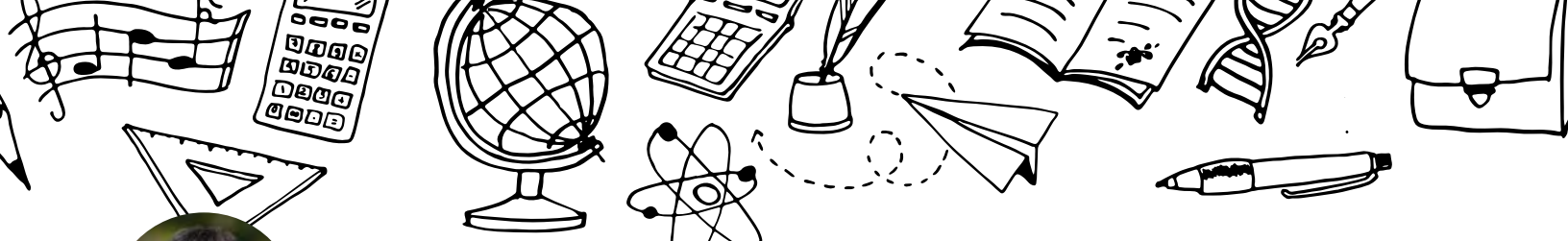
He earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy and his master's in logic and philosophy of science at the Universidad Central de Venezuela, as well as a master's degree and PhD in philosophy from the

University of Illinois Chicago.

Before coming to Randolph, he was a visiting assistant professor of philosophy and the Chauncey S. Truax Postdoctoral Fellow in Philosophy at Hamilton College in New York.

A historian of Western philosophy, his research and teaching interests include the philosophy of education and the philosophy of art, as well as the ethics and marginalized philosophies of the Americas.





CLAIRE HANCOCK

Visiting Assistant Professor of Dance and Director of the Helen McGehee Visiting Artists Program in Dance

Claire Hancock traces her voice as both an artist and teacher back to a childhood filled with diverse exposure to the arts.

"I've been immersed in the arts since a very young age," said Hancock, a visiting assistant professor of dance and director of the College's Helen McGehee Visiting Artists Program in Dance. "Both of my parents were professional dancers and dance educators. I fell in love with many different genres of music

and the visual arts early on; my grandfather was a jazz musician and printmaker, and my grandmother was a vaudeville performer."

Hancock earned both a Bachelor's and Master of Fine Arts degree in dance at the University of Arizona and also holds a Master of Arts in European dance theatre from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance in London.

She has danced professionally with San

Francisco-based company ODC and River North Dance Company in Chicago, in addition to featured solo performances with Broadway veterans Ben Vereen and Liz Callaway.

In 2009, she co-founded Artifact Dance Project, a professional dance company dedicated to dance, live music, and film, in Tucson, Arizona. Over 10 years, Hancock and her company premiered more than 100 new works, including two successful tours of Asia.



ANDREW WALDEN

Associate Professor of Chemistry



Andrew Walden was in graduate school when the realization hit.

"I found that helping others understand difficult concepts was even more rewarding than making new discoveries in the laboratory," said Walden, Randolph's new associate professor of chemistry. "I knew I wanted to continue to study chemistry, but that was when I decided I wanted to spend my career in the classroom

helping students rather than conducting experiments."

Walden holds a BS in chemistry from the University of Virginia and a PhD in organic chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He was a postdoctoral researcher at Yale University and a chemistry professor at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia, for six years before coming to Randolph.



ABIGAIL MOORE

Assistant Professor of Criminology/Criminal Justice and Sociology



As a student at Yale, Abigail Moore's majors in English and women's, gender, and sexuality studies were avenues for her to study language, power, and violence—all of which remain a focus of her research today.

"I am a cultural theorist especially concerned with what power is, how it functions, how we can describe it, and what can be done to rectify power dynamics of domination in the world," she said. "My joint fields of sociology and criminology

have been the perfect home for my current work about the language used to describe violence and race within various legal systems."

This fall, Moore joined the Randolph faculty as an assistant professor of criminology/criminal justice and sociology. She is teaching courses for the College's new criminology/criminal justice major.

"I'm thrilled about the opportunity to start a brand-new program," she said. "Starting a program from scratch offers the

opportunity to think very carefully about how to craft a curriculum that balances skills for the current job market, the needs of our greater society, as well as student interests."

Moore, who spent much of her childhood in the South African country of Lesotho, earned her masters and PhD in sociology from the University of Virginia.

Prior to coming to Randolph, she taught as a visiting assistant professor of sociology at Wake Forest University.



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Randolph's new major explores fast-growing film and video world

Youssef Shalaby '26 sits in the center of a dimly lit room staring at his own image, which is magnified on a large screen in front of him. Nearby, his classmates adjust equipment and position lights during a video production course this fall.

"We were composing some shots using lighting techniques and equipment we had learned earlier," Shalaby said. "A lot of it was

experimenting, or 'auditioning' as we call it, with what worked and what didn't."

The course was the first to be offered in Randolph's new film and video major.

"At a lot of bigger film schools, students don't touch the equipment until they're in their junior or senior years," said Dustin Abernathy, the students' film and video professor.

"That is what's so special about what a small program can do. At Randolph, our students are using equipment on day two of classes. We spend several weeks in production workshops, and then they build their own projects."

The major is designed to prepare students to understand and harness the power of visual media to send messages, build communities, educate, and advocate for change.

Students work on lighting during a video production course this fall. The class was part of Randolph's new film and video major.

"We're training students to make the messages themselves. There's such a push these days for a wider variety of points of view in stories, whether it's Hollywood or anywhere else," said Jennifer Gauthier, professor of media and culture, who proposed the major. "The only way you're going to get that is to have a wider variety of people behind the camera."

Abernathy is one of those storytellers. He studied mass communication with a focus on film at the University of North Carolina Asheville and entered the industry after graduation.

"Filmmaking is one of those industries that can be difficult to get a foot in the door to score your first job," he said.

Abernathy worked on a variety of projects, including music videos and short films, as a director, editor, cinematographer, and colorist. He enjoyed it all but soon found himself back at his alma mater, working as equipment and editing lab manager for the mass communication and new media departments.

"I discovered my true passion for teaching and helping others find their path into the industry," said Abernathy, who eventually earned a Master of Fine Arts in filmmaking from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

He's continued to work on short films over the years and is excited to show students the diverse ways they can explore careers in media production.

"Every Fortune 500 company in America right now has a production arm," Abernathy said. "Whether they're paying an outside company to do it or they have an in-house team of one to five people doing it themselves, these positions are available. It's not just content creation or narrative

production.

"Media content creators and videographers can be just about anywhere in the world," he added. "Getting that first job in the industry could be as simple as reaching out to a local company and saying, 'Hey, let me run your social media page and do all the video content for a month and see how that goes.'"

Randolph's major includes coursework in video production, cinematography, editing, directing, and documentary research. Students are also required to take film history and theory classes, with topics ranging from race and Hollywood to global media and society to documentary history and theory.

"The skills students acquire translate across industries—including jobs that didn't even exist 10 or 20 years ago," Gauthier explained. "It's rooted in media production, like shooting and editing video, but also involves producing, directing, managing logistics, and utilizing available resources. These tools are essential in today's world."

She also emphasized how filmmaking connects to the College's broader educational goals.

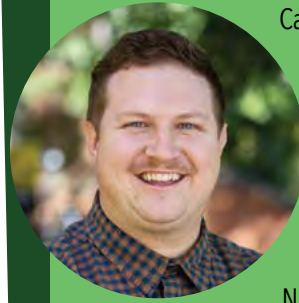
"This brings together the skills we aim to develop in a liberal arts education: critical thinking, communication, and problem-solving," Gauthier said. "These are exactly the qualities employers are seeking."

Shalaby, for instance, is majoring in global studies and sees firsthand how video production can enhance understanding of complex issues.

"It's easy to approach things from an abstract, academic standpoint," he said. "Video can tell the stories in ways words alone may not capture. It's an invaluable educational tool."

Dustin Abernathy has worked in the film industry as an editor, cinematographer, and director.

A native of western North Carolina, he holds a bachelor's in mass communication with a focus on film from the University of North Carolina Asheville and an MFA in filmmaking from the University of North Carolina Wilmington.



What attracted you to the job here?

First and foremost, the Randolph community. When I first stepped onto campus, I met with such nice people. Everyone was welcoming and immediately interested in getting to know me. Second, is the location near the mountains. My wife and I have always had a soft spot for the Blue Ridge Mountains and being close to them was a plus.

Describe your teaching style. What can students expect in your classes?

My teaching style is very hands-on. If you like to be up and moving around in class, you will feel right at home. I am usually excited and animated when it comes to the technology of filmmaking. I love discussions on lighting, camera movement, directing actors, scoring, color, and editing styles. Students can expect to learn about their favorite films and TV series, while also peeking behind the curtain of movie magic to reveal how things are actually made.

What do you like to do outside of the classroom as far as hobbies or other activities?

My wife, our dog, Slate, and I love to get out into nature. We enjoy hiking, camping, and a good brewery or winery on a weekend afternoon. We love attending film festivals throughout the year. We like trivia from time to time and are often trying out new restaurants here in town. I also love playing disc golf at the many courses in the Lynchburg area.



JUMP INTO HISTORY

Randolph's new STUNT team heads into competition

The most exciting aspect of STUNT, one of Randolph College's newest athletic programs, is its unpredictability.

"You might be flying today, or you might be backing a teammate," said coach Shania Thorpe. "You never know where you're coming into the game."

STUNT is a relatively new sport that incorporates the technical and athletic components of cheer without the crowd-leading element.

Athletes compete in head-to-head matchups across four quarters of play, executing skills like jumps and tumbling, pyramids, partner stunts, tosses, and team routines.

"You're performing simultaneously, against the other team, so whoever is executing the best is getting the points," Thorpe explained. "You're fighting to have the cleanest performance, with no deductions and no falls. It's strategic, too, and the roles are constantly shifting. You sub in and sub out the right people, so not everyone is on the mat at the same time."

Hallie Darmante '28 jumped at the chance to make history at Randolph.

"I feel really honored to be a small part of this emerging phenomenon and am so

excited to see where it goes," Darmante said. "I have high hopes that Randolph will help shape the sport and encourage other girls to pursue this incredible opportunity."

By highlighting the athleticism, structure, and team-based aspects of STUNT, Darmante hopes to challenge stereotypes and give it the respect it deserves.

"It defeats the overarching assumption that cheer isn't a sport," she said. "STUNT proves that cheer is a highly athletic sport that requires the same skills, if not more, than many other highly recognized athletics."

Before coming to Randolph, Thorpe served as the head cheer and dance coach at Averett University, where she led her teams to two national championships and one Grand National Championship.

More than 60 schools offer varsity STUNT, including 13 NCAA Division III institutions. But Randolph is the only team so far in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference—and, at the time the spring sport was announced, the only school east of the Appalachian Mountains and south of New Jersey to offer it—so Thorpe and the athletes will travel to competitions.

"Being part of this brand-new, evolving sport has been the most exciting part of my college career," said Alexis Connor '26, who has participated in competitive cheer and gymnastics. "I've always loved being the person to hype up my teammates and the crowd, creating crowd-crazy routines."

Thorpe's coaching and recruiting philosophy is simple: Heart over sport.

"I want athletes who have good hearts and good attitudes," she said. "I can teach you how to stunt and jump. But your character is who you are, and that's harder to change. I'm also big on knowing who these girls are and what they need. I want them to know they have me on and off the mat."



Team ATTACK

Men's volleyball makes its Randolph debut

While on the recruiting trail for Randolph's new men's volleyball team, coach Jordan Leandro focuses on one core principle: Can prospective players take care of business on and off the court?

"When we talk on the court, it's pretty straightforward," he said. "But it's also about what he does in the classroom and in the community—all those things that are important to me that shine through when I

start to recruit them.

"It's going to mean something to everybody when I give them a Randolph College jersey," he added. "You're not just representing the school. You're representing yourself, your family, your hometown, and every single person who has impacted where you are today."

Character counts for Leandro, who played volleyball at Grove City College in Pennsylvania when the team was consistently ranked among the top 25 Division III club teams in the country.

"Coach Leandro is shaping us as players and as men," said Conner Maher '28, who moved across the country from Arizona to join the team. "He encourages and pushes me to be the best version of myself I can be and the best player I can be on the court."

Leandro came to Randolph from Northwestern High School in Albion, Pennsylvania, where he taught math and coached the girls' volleyball team.

"It became apparent in the interview process that Jordan's seemingly endless energy and passion for the sport of volleyball will translate well to the collegiate men's game," Randolph Athletic Director Tom Galbraith said. "He is a proven program builder as both a coach and player, and he will be a perfect fit for the program we intend

to establish at Randolph."

Participation in men's volleyball is growing across the nation. The NCAA recently granted it National Championship status, which requires participation from 33 percent of NCAA Division I schools.

The Old Dominion Athletic Conference announced its adoption as a sponsored sport for the 2025 spring season, with six schools set to compete alongside Randolph: Averett University, Eastern Mennonite University, the University of Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, and Virginia Wesleyan University.

"The thing I love most about volleyball is that it is truly a team sport," said Maher, who played on his high school team. "There is no room for selfishness."

The season runs from January to April, with a home opener scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28, against Warren Wilson College.

"We're going to have our highs and lows, but we're setting the foundation for what's to come, and that's my biggest goal for this year," Leandro said. "Every person in our program understands the why behind what we're doing. If we don't understand why we're doing something, we're not doing it with the right intent or purpose, both of which matter when it comes to building a successful team."





DISCIPLINE & Dynamics

New men's wrestling coach puts focus on teaching life lessons

Levi Dennis '28 first discovered his passion for wrestling in middle school, drawn to the sport's unique blend of individual and team dynamics.

"I like the discipline that it takes to be a wrestler," said Dennis, now a member of Randolph's men's wrestling team. "It also has taught me many lessons I will carry throughout my life."

Those life lessons are central to coach Paul Biggs as he leads the new team, which began competing in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) this fall.

"Wrestling teaches self-discipline," Biggs said. "Sometimes you face adversity. What do you do? You put your head down and go to work, and you look to score the next point or create the next opportunity."

That work ethic is directly transferable to the real world, he added.

"I love the fact that you can wake up every day and push yourself in some way," Biggs said. "You can chip away at becoming a better person, getting better at communicating, getting better emotionally and understanding that not every action needs a reaction. These are quality life skills."

Biggs is a 2016 graduate of Ferrum College, where he qualified for the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships in 2016 after winning at regionals in 2015.

After graduating from Ferrum, Biggs worked as an assistant wrestling coach there before running his own program at Morehead High School in Eden, North Carolina.

"He is doing a great job of bringing together a new team and building not only a wrestling culture but a Randolph wrestling culture," said Dennis, one of 19 wrestlers Biggs recruited for the team's first season.

Teammate T.J. Piluso '28 said Biggs has fostered a supportive and driven team dynamic from the beginning.

"Beyond his tactical knowledge and experience, what truly sets Coach Biggs apart is the personal investment he has made in each of us," Piluso said. "He took the time to learn about us as individuals—our strengths, weaknesses, and motivations."

Expectations are high, but Piluso and his teammates wouldn't have it any other way.

"I enjoy the sense of community with the guys when we're going through intense workouts, grueling practices on the mat,

and just knowing that we are building the foundation for the future," Piluso said. "My college experience so far has been incredibly positive, and a big part of that comes from doing this alongside my fellow wrestlers. We're all navigating this new chapter in life together."

Men's wrestling was added as an ODAC-sponsored sport in 2022.

"Right now our conference is sending a large number of individuals to the national tournament on a very large scale, very quickly," Biggs said. "In the last 10 years, the ODAC has exploded with wrestling, which tells me there's a lot of good wrestling in the area we've got to tap into and then bring those guys to campus."

Development on the mat and in the classroom is his chief focus.

"I want them to do the right things," Biggs said. "We're here to develop all your skills, from academics to athletics. I need guys who are willing to help develop the program and keep the culture going. I want to compete, to wrestle whistle to whistle, and long-term success comes from consistently doing the right things. You've got to put your head down and go to work."

PIONEERING POSITION

Women's wrestling is one of the fastest-growing collegiate sports



Kylie Brigman '28 was a sophomore in North Carolina when her school began its first-ever women's wrestling team. She's been involved in the sport ever since.

"I like knowing if I put in the hard work, I get good results," Brigman said. "It's an escape from reality, to do something I know and love. It's also helped me become more social."

Brigman is now a member of Randolph College's new women's wrestling team, which started competing this fall.

"The experience so far has been great," she said. "Everyone loves to ask questions about wrestling, which I'm always willing to answer."

Brigman isn't alone in her passion for the sport. The popularity of women's wrestling at both the high school and collegiate levels has skyrocketed over the last decade.

More than 45 states have sanctioned high school girls' wrestling as its own event,

with its own state championships. Statistics compiled by the National Federation of State High School Associations show that participation grew to 65,257 female wrestlers last year from 31,654 in 2021-22.

In February, the NCAA announced plans to recognize women's wrestling as a championship sport starting in 2026.

Randolph's new coach, Brooke Richards, brings a background in both women's and men's wrestling at Bluefield State University.

"Building a program from scratch is hard work but worth it," said Richards. "I do believe my past coaching experience will help me with this role. I have started a program from scratch before and loved the journey. Getting to bring in your first class is the best feeling. I am excited to be doing that at Randolph."

Prior to her time at Bluefield, Richards was a graduate assistant at her alma mater, Tiffin University, and also served as the

assistant women's wrestling coach at Adrian College.

Richards, herself a two-time Scholar All-American, has coached 10 national qualifiers, a national champion, two All-Americans, and 11 Scholar All-Americans.

She emphasizes positivity in every aspect of training and team culture and looks for student-athletes with the right combination of ability, personality, and academic performance.

The current team is a diverse group, with athletes from all over the country.

Satori Swanson '28 came to Randolph from New Hampshire, drawn in by Richards' leadership and vision.

Her favorite part of wrestling is the individual challenge it presents. On the mat, everything comes down to her—if a mistake is made, it's hers to own.

Now she's eager for the journey ahead. "I can't wait to see how far we go."

TAKING IT TO THE MAT



Randolph opens new athletic facility with community ribbon-cutting event

Randolph's new wrestling facility is more than just a building.

"When athletes walk into a top-notch facility, it sends a strong message: the College believes in the program and is willing to invest in its future," said T.J. Piluso '28, a first-year member of the men's wrestling team. "It shows Randolph is serious about creating an environment where athletes can thrive. It's a place where we can focus on our training, push ourselves to new levels, and come together as a team."

"This season," he added, "we plan to show that the investment in us and this facility was worth every penny."

This fall, Randolph held a ribbon cutting for the 4,700-square-foot building, which is located on Bedford Avenue.



Randolph College and community leaders gathered in October to officially open the new 4,700-square-foot wrestling facility, located on nearby Bedford Avenue.



"It is such an exciting time to be at Randolph College, and we're happy to partner with the community on projects such as this. This athletic facility is the result of much hard work. With Randolph's recent enrollment growth, it was necessary for us to find additional space to accommodate some of our programs, and this building was the perfect match."

- Sue Ott Rowlands, Randolph College President

Members of Randolph's Board of Trustees were among the attendees, along with faculty, staff, students, representatives from the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, and other community members and leaders.

"It is such an exciting time to be at Randolph College, and we're happy to partner with the community on projects such as this," President Sue Ott Rowlands told the gathered crowd. "This athletic facility is the result of much hard work. With Randolph's recent enrollment growth, it was necessary for us to find additional space to accommodate some of our programs, and this building was the perfect match."

The facility houses the College's women's and men's wrestling programs, which are currently in their first year. The renovation was led by Penny Lane

Properties, and the new space includes a practice facility, locker rooms, changing rooms, and offices for women's wrestling coach Brooke Richards and men's wrestling coach Paul Biggs.

In their remarks, both Ott Rowlands and Athletic Director Tom Galbraith spoke about the process of expanding the athletics department with the addition of four new sports over the last two years.

"When we talked about wrestling, we ran into one roadblock, and that was a facility," Galbraith said. "You are now standing in front of the answer to that question. This building not only represents the College's commitment to wrestling, it represents the College's commitment to the athletics department as a whole and our nearly 350 student-athletes who call themselves WildCats. Thirty of those this

year will be wrestlers."

Richards, Biggs, and two students also spoke during the event, sharing their enthusiasm for the upcoming seasons.

"It started out as a vision, but now we have something malleable we can touch, and the teams have bought in," Biggs said. "It's really nice to see the administration and the school backing the programs."

Megan Lucas, CEO and chief economic development officer of the Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance, shared that sentiment in her remarks.

"This is my route to and from work every day, and I have been so excited watching this building transform into an amazing athletic center," Lucas said. "We couldn't be more proud to be home to Randolph College, a growing, thriving college in the heart of our region."

GROWING INTO future ENGINEERS

New robotics lab, partly funded by GO Virginia grant, emphasizes collaboration and engagement

A good engineering lab fosters creativity, collaboration, and hands-on learning while also providing students access to the tools and technology necessary to solve real-world problems.

The first floor of Presser Hall has become that place for Randolph's new robotics and mechatronics engineering program.

The College renovated the space in Presser specifically for the major, and students began using

it this fall. Improvements include a machine shop, teaching lab, faculty research lab, and offices.

"It emphasizes functionality and engagement," said Siavash Sattar, a new robotics and mechatronics engineering professor.

"We're creating a space where students will not only work on projects but also experience how engineering comes to life, from prototype to final design."

An interdisciplinary branch of engineering,



"We're creating a space where students will not only work on projects but also experience how engineering comes to life, from prototype to final design. The goal is to provide students with a place that embodies engineering innovation—where they can build, experiment, and grow into future engineers."

- Siavash Sattar, Assistant Professor of Robotics and Mechatronics 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.

The program received funding from GO Virginia, a state-funded, competitive initiative administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development that strengthens and diversifies Virginia's economy and fosters the creation of higher-wage jobs in strategic industries.

"While manufacturing and robotics are big everywhere, Lynchburg is a particular hotbed for that kind of engineering," said Peter Sheldon, Randolph's Charles A. Dana Professor and chair of the physics and engineering departments, who proposed bringing the major to the College.

"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," he added.

GO Virginia was established in 2016 by the General Assembly, which initially awarded funds to nine different

regional councils to develop growth and diversification plans to assess their economic landscapes, gaps in the workforce, and opportunities for collaboration.

Randolph is in Region 2, which includes the cities of Covington, Lynchburg, Radford, Roanoke, and Salem and the counties of Alleghany, Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Craig, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Roanoke.

The \$340,000 in GO Virginia grant money was used to purchase mechatronics and robotics lab equipment necessary for industry training and primary certifications, with matching funds used for faculty and staff, additional equipment, community engagement and outreach, and recruiting prospective students into the program.

"Nowhere else on campus screams 'engineering' quite like the new first floor of Presser," said Gregory Wietrzykowski '26, a chemistry major who plans to study materials science in grad school. "It's become a great place for me to get work done—and one of my favorite spaces on campus."

"The shop has a big window that can

be written on with dry-erase markers, which makes the space feel really open without infringing on the lab/lecture hall right outside," he said. "The whole floor is arranged in a way that seems to encourage group collaboration and project productivity."

The program is planning to launch as a FANUC robotics-certified program. This certification is designed to prepare students with core competencies and automation technology skills for today's manufacturing industry.

"Dr. Sheldon has designed a program that began with engagement with the local workforce," said Gary Dop, Randolph's dean of innovation. "For years, he has cultivated relationships with local schools, employers, and professionals, so the design of this program naturally began with a desire to help meet the needs of our local industries and engineering firms."

"This program grew out of that collaboration," he added, "identifying how Randolph can meet the need for a talent pipeline that starts in local high schools and ends with employment in our region."



(Center photo) A robotic arm takes care of the ribbon cutting during a special ceremony for the robotics lab. (Left and right photos) Students are utilizing the new space in Presser Hall.

SIAVASH SATTAR

Assistant Professor of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering

Robotics and mechatronics engineering professor Siavash Sattar arrived at Randolph ready to help students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to excel in what he calls a dynamic discipline.

"This field is rapidly growing, and the opportunity to shape a program that will prepare students for future challenges in engineering is both exciting and fulfilling," he said of the College's new major, which launched this fall.

Sattar holds both a bachelor and master of science in mechanical engineering from Azad University and Tafresh University, respectively, where he focused on solid design and manufacturing.

He earned his PhD from Old Dominion University in 2022 and came to Randolph from the University of Minnesota - Duluth.

As an assistant professor there, he worked on research projects related to the

design and processing of advanced materials and taught courses and labs in materials engineering and manufacturing.

"My research spans materials engineering, structural mechanics, and manufacturing, emphasizing sustainable mobility solutions," he said. "My career has been dedicated to advancing the field of polymer composites, with a specific focus on developing digital twins for virtual testing to design and predict advanced material performance for cutting-edge engineering applications."

At Randolph, he's excited about the possibilities for interdisciplinary collaboration among the College's vast offerings.

"This will be critical in driving innovation," he said, "and providing students with a well-rounded education that prepares them for the future."



What are your initial impressions of Randolph and its students?

Randolph College has a vibrant and supportive academic community, which I find very appealing. The students are enthusiastic and motivated, showing a strong interest in exploring new ideas and technologies. I am impressed by their curiosity and eagerness to learn, which makes teaching here very rewarding.

What attracted you to the job here?

I was drawn to Randolph College by the unique opportunity to contribute to establishing a new robotics and mechatronics program. My background and expertise in solid design and manufacturing will help build the

program and prepare students to excel in the specialized challenges of robotics and mechatronics.

The College's emphasis on close student-faculty interaction and its commitment to high-quality teaching and research made it an ideal place for me to further my academic career.

Describe your teaching style.

What can students expect in your classes?

My teaching style is research-driven and hands-on. I believe in the power of integrating cutting-edge research with practical applications, so students can expect a theoretical and highly applicable curriculum to real-world challenges. I emphasize critical thinking,

problem-solving, and using advanced computational tools to understand complex phenomena. Students in my classes will engage in projects that mimic real industry scenarios, preparing them for the demands of the engineering field.

What do you like to do outside of the classroom as far as hobbies or other activities?

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy staying active through hiking and exploring nature. I am also passionate about DIY projects, particularly those related to materials and engineering. Additionally, I am continuously expanding my knowledge through research and staying updated on the latest developments in my field.

JONATHAN SKELTON

Assistant Professor of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering

Jonathan Skelton has worked in many fields—science and engineering among them—but teaching is his real passion.

"It took me a while to find a job that felt like I was making a difference in the world," he said. "While I enjoyed doing research as a scientist, I felt like I was able to make a larger impact on my community during my time as a middle school teacher. I decided to pursue a PhD and a job in higher education so that I could invest in the lives of students and explore my scientific interests."

Skelton, who grew up in Farmville, graduated from

Longwood University with a degree in chemistry and worked as an engineer, scientist, and middle school math teacher before earning his PhD in materials science and engineering from the University of Virginia.

He joined Randolph this fall as an assistant professor of robotics and mechatronics engineering, one of the College's newest majors.

"I believe higher education is a great place to ask the big questions about life," he said. "I plan to keep my door open so it can serve as a place where students, whether in engineering or not, feel comfortable stopping in."



How does it feel to be part of a new major here at Randolph, in a field that is becoming more and more popular among students?

It is exciting to get to build something from the ground up, to set up students well for successful careers, and to weave the principles of engineering into the other strong components of Randolph.

What attracted you to the job here?

I loved my experience at Longwood, and I always hoped to end up teaching at a small liberal arts school.

Describe your teaching style. What can students expect in your classes?

I believe the best way to learn is by seeing concepts in action, so I like to build classes that incorporate a lot of hands-on learning components.

I want students to walk away from my classes feeling the confidence that they truly understand and can apply the course material, rather than just having memorized content for an exam.

What are your initial impressions of Randolph and its students?

It seems like a close-knit family, and everyone has been very warm and welcoming.

What do you like to do outside of the classroom as far as hobbies or other activities?

My wife and I love to spend time outdoors, especially hiking and backpacking. I also really enjoy sailing, playing chess, and bouncing my 2-month-old son.

Students enjoy newly opened lab spaces in the midst of the Martin Science Building renovation

SERIOUS ABOUT SCIENCE

When it comes to the Martin Science Building renovation, Gregory Wietrzykowski '26 is particularly excited about the hallways.

He admits it's an odd choice.

"I think that it's important for the science building to feel like a science building," said the chemistry major, who also works as a lab assistant in Martin. "Being able to see the new labs through the hallway windows and the clean, modern aesthetics will tie the whole building together quite nicely.

"STEM is constantly advancing, and our facilities must change to reflect that," he added. "Some of the other colleges and universities in our area have dropped or simply do not have quintessential majors in science like physics and chemistry. But Randolph College proves time and time again that we are serious about science. We are committed to our distinctive and hands-on science programs. It is rare to find the level of faculty accessibility and quality we have here, and I believe that is

going to be supercharged by the updated facilities."

Martin's new organic chemistry lab was completed and opened this fall, offering a glimpse of the high-tech learning environment students can expect from the renovation.

"It's really open, bright, and comfortable," said Wietrzykowski, who took an environmental chemistry course and analysis lab there during Session One.

The lab, named in honor of Elizabeth A. Grimm '71, a trustee emerita, includes a centralized learning area for lectures and group work surrounded by fume hoods. These enclosures safely contain and ventilate fumes, vapors, gasses, and dust generated when chemical processes are performed—and the glass walls allow everyone to keep an eye on what's happening around the room.

"Between each lab bench and hood, there's an alley where students work facing opposite directions of each other,"

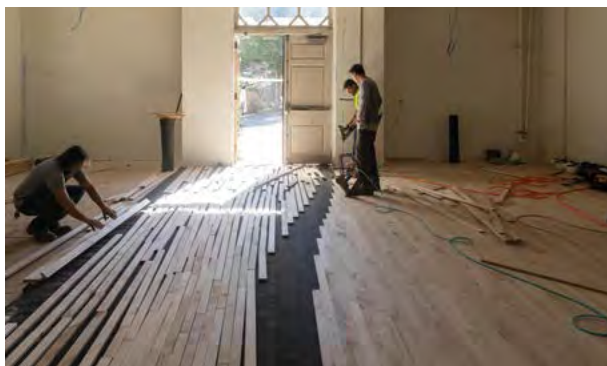
Wietrzykowski said. "Because we're so close, it's really easy to ask another group for help or just engage in some banter to keep spirits up. The infrastructure is simple but strikingly intelligent."

Prior to the renovations, students attended classes in a separate lecture hall before moving into the lab.

"The setup makes it ideal for transitioning between lecture and hands-on experiments, which will be a huge benefit for courses like organic chemistry and biochemistry that often need that seamless integration," said Ann Fabirkiewicz, Randolph's Charles A. Dana Professor of Chemistry. "The shared space encourages more interactive and dynamic teaching, especially with the ability to pause lectures for demonstrations or to finish lab work when a lecture ends early, or vice versa."

The lab is physically connected to an instrument room where students can analyze samples.

"That's going to make the workflow



much more efficient, allowing students to prepare and analyze their samples without leaving the lab," Fabirkiewicz added. "And there will be a student study area right outside the organic lab. My teacher soul hopes it will be a great place to get work done before they leave the lab area, with comfy chairs and a whiteboard to sort out their questions before leaving."

Grimm, professor emerita in the Department of Melanoma Medical Oncology Research at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, committed \$750,000 for the lab.

"As a medical researcher, I feel privileged to empower our future scientific leaders and innovators with my support of this vital project," Grimm said recently.

Through careful planning, students were able to use parts of Martin Science Building this fall while Phase One renovation work was being completed. Critical systems such as HVAC and mechanical ventilation and energy recovery throughout the building received updates, and work is progressing on the new entry ramp and accessible entry at the rear of the building on Norfolk Avenue.

The building's original high ceilings are being restored in order to give the spaces a more open and light atmosphere.

More chemistry labs are scheduled to be completed during Phase Two of the renovation, which is scheduled for completion in early

2025.

Phase Three, estimated to begin in January, includes the completion of second- and third-floor labs and classroom space, new restroom facilities, as well as faculty offices, and the new Natural History and Archaeology Collections Project collection space.

Corridors will also be completed on the second, third, and fourth floors during the summer of 2025. The renovation will also include extensive upgrades to the building's exterior, including window repair and replacement.

Fundraising for the project also continues, with the College in the midst of a \$100,000 match from an anonymous alumna trustee, that runs through the end of the calendar year.

The College has already received approximately \$16.4 million in gifts and pledges toward the project goal of \$23 million and estimates it will receive \$3.7 million in state historic tax credits, leaving nearly \$2.85 million needed to complete the campaign.

More information about the project can be found at sciencematters.randolphcollege.edu. If you or someone you know may be interested in supporting the project, please contact: Randolph's Office of Institutional Advancement at (877) 769-2443 or give@randolphcollege.edu.



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ELIZABETH ANN GRIMM '71

TELL US ABOUT YOUR LIFE TODAY.

My professional life has been dedicated to cancer research. At the end of 2023, I retired as professor emerita from the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, after more than 35 years. My final position was as a professor in the Division of Cancer Medicine's Department of Melanoma Medical Oncology. While working at MD Anderson, I also served as the deputy division head for research in cancer medicine; I was also a professor at the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences located nearby in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) where I lectured, designed, and led the first TMC NCI-supported Cancer Biology predoctoral program, which provided students with oncology-related classes. I am proud to have had a significant part in laboratory findings that led to successful immunotherapy for patients. This research continues today toward even more refined and specific treatment options. In my retirement, I am spending more time with my husband of 46 years, Jack A. Roth, MD, and our two daughters and grandchildren, as well as participating in book clubs, attending classical music events, and volunteering—particularly in local efforts that help children.

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST MEMORY?

I still vividly recall the overall beauty of the campus combined with the collegial ambiance of all the students and faculty. Everyone was focused on the goals of quality education and personal caring, for which I am most grateful.

Specifically, I owe my career success to the solid preparation I received in science and scientific research from the dedicated and passionate faculty at the College. When I started a PhD program, I was better prepared than my classmates because of the quality of my Randolph education. At Randolph, I had access to the latest instrumentation and

faculty engaged directly with students. I was encouraged to perform independent research, which became exciting opportunities for discovery. This excitement turned into a passion for discovery in the field of cancer research that has stayed with me all my life.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TRADITION?

This is a hard one to answer. However, two events come to mind. First was the Wednesday afternoon tea served in Main Hall Lobby and the many stimulating casual discussions with other students. Second, and maybe not quite a standard tradition, was serving as the head waitress in Main Hall. One of my duties was to ring the bell every morning to awaken all and signal breakfast. Fortunately, that year, I lived in Main and just needed to run up the "curly" to the bell tower and pull the rope six times. It woke me up for sure!

WHY CHOOSE A PLANNED GIFT?

As an alumna of Randolph College, I've seen firsthand the lasting impact this institution has on its students and the broader community. Randolph nurtures, not only academic excellence but also personal growth, fostering an environment where students are encouraged to think critically and lead with integrity. My planned gift ensures that future generations of students will benefit from the same enriching experiences I had. It's about leaving a legacy that supports the College's mission—offering scholarships, maintaining our beautiful campus, and advancing innovative programs that help shape our world's future leaders. Giving back through a planned gift is a meaningful way to secure my philanthropic legacy by sustaining the College's tradition of excellence for years to come.

WHY DO YOU GIVE TO RANDOLPH?

For me, giving to Randolph College every year is a personal privilege. I know my gift is vital to

helping the College maintain its strength and vibrancy. Annual gifts from individuals like you and me provide immediate support for scholarships, faculty development, and student programs, ensuring that the College continues to offer the high-quality education that transforms lives. Our gifts help bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a Randolph education, making it possible for more students to access the unique opportunities that Randolph offers.

In addition to my yearly Annual Fund gift, I am also a proud lead contributor to the College's Science Matters campaign to renovate the Martin Science Building. It gives me great satisfaction to know that my gift has been instrumental in renovating and revitalizing the organic chemistry laboratory that will bear my name. As a medical researcher, I feel privileged to empower our future scientific leaders and innovators with my support of this vital project.

WHAT IS YOUR ADVICE TO NEW GRADUATES?

My advice to new graduates is to embrace the journey ahead with confidence and an open mind. The critical thinking, resilience, and creativity you've cultivated at Randolph will serve you well, no matter what path you choose. Stay curious, continue learning, and don't be afraid to take risks—some of the best opportunities come from stepping outside your comfort zone. Also, remember the importance of building relationships and staying connected to the Randolph community. Your classmates, professors, and fellow alumni can be invaluable sources of support, mentorship, and inspiration as you move forward. Finally, give yourself grace—success is not always a straight line, and it's okay to change directions as you grow. Trust that the foundation you've built at Randolph will help you navigate whatever comes next.

A photograph of a campus scene viewed through a decorative, out-of-focus metal grille. The scene features a brick-paved path leading towards a large tree and a black lamppost with a yellow sign that reads "WELCOME TO RANDOLPH".

Bulletin

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

FROM THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Forty-five years ago, I began my freshman year at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. I was excited and a little bit afraid. This year, similar excitement and fear accompanied my election



as the Association president. However, my remarkable liberal arts education prepared me to put fear aside, embrace the excitement, and accept the mantle of leadership.

I did what my education taught me. I started at the beginning. I opened the Association's Bylaws. "The mission of the Association is to cultivate an active association

of members who are connected to each other, informed, and involved in supporting the life and work of Randolph College."

Let's break that down.

Members who are connected to each other: Heather Ayers Garnett '86 and her staff in the Alum Office have redoubled their efforts to support chapter events in your area. When you get an invitation—accept! When Reunion happens—attend! Connecting is the best part.

Members who are informed: This year, Randolph welcomed the largest first-year class on record, and total enrollment is the largest since 1969. The College has adopted the TAKE2 curriculum model, which helped facilitate this growth. President Sue Ott Rowlands and her "Culture of Yes" have created a learning environment where retention rates are rising. When we connect, we stay informed.

Members who are involved in supporting the life and work of Randolph College: This year we reinstituted Leadership Council. We brought alum admissions reps, class secretaries and agents, and district directors and chapter presidents together to share ideas and challenges. All of these leaders seek to help each of you to connect, be informed, and support the life and work of the College. Join them next September!

Speaking of bylaws, please read the insert and vote on the proposed changes. These changes seek to clarify and facilitate voting in the future.

Cheers!

Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo '83

Association President



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

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

December 15, 2024 (for the spring 2025 issue)

August 11, 2025 (for the fall 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.

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As far as I can tell, I am the only one still living in my own home. If there are others, please let me know! I would love to hear from you. **Bunny Willis Webb** is still in her retirement community in Buffalo NY but has moved over to the assisted living facility. **Barbara Stanley Welsh** is in VA Beach, **Mary Earle Nock Scovil** is in Atlanta, and **Margot Holt Gill** is in TX

1953

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A few members of the Class of '53, with a lot of help from **Heather Ayers Garnett '86** & Kendell Huskin of the Alum Office, got together for a Zoom reunion of sorts in Apr. Below are just a few excerpts from the conversation, our attempts to catch up on 70 years since graduation day – no easy assignment! **Nan Brown Beckman** retired from a teaching career, plunged right into banking and wound up opening 4 branch banks in Chicago. She's now truly retired and enjoying life in Pinehurst NC. Like several other former classmates including your Secretary, Nan was deeply involved with and deeply loved working as a hospice volunteer. **Ruth Farmer Barnett** husband Bill had just celebrated their 69th anniversary when the Zoom reunion took place. Bill died 7/17/24, at 96; our hearts go out to Ruth. Ruth's family now includes 4 children, 10 grandchildren and "3 greats." She cites Art Appreciation and Music Appreciation courses at R-MWC as having brought lifelong joy. **Mary Rae Rindsberg Zwiren** raised her 3 children in Atlanta while helping out in her physician husband's office. Her family now includes 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grands, the last, finally, a girl among the 5 boys. Mary Rae enjoyed (and "learned a lot!") volunteering at the GA Aquarium until it was closed by the pandemic. **Karin Vetter Mott** left R-MWC before graduating for the best of reasons – to marry Charlie Mott, whom all of us remembered as a UVA football legend. She raised their 3 children in Charlottesville; the family (husband Charlie died 11/8/20 at 93) now includes 8 grandchildren and 6 greats. Karin is now living at Westminster-Canterbury, where classmate **Patsy Irby Hunt** also lives. **Anne Noel Bellows** gave the Zoom group an "Agony & Ecstasy" remembrance of our R-MWC days. The agony included barely making it into sophomore year thanks to killer Freshman English and other tougher-than-expected classes. Anne still enjoys Road Scholar and other trips with her son and/or daughter and family. Daughter

Jane Bellows McCullough '84 went to R-MWC at the same time as Karen Mott's daughter **Larkin Mott '86**, which has led to a warm assortment of new and renewed friendships. On a trip to London, Anne found the extraordinary *Men of the Docks* painting by George Bellows (although she's not been able to find a Bellows family connection) that hung in the library and inspired so many of us before it was sold and left campus forever. "I just remember sitting beneath that painting so many hours and days," she says. Among the other college-days memories shared: several of us quickly learned to play bridge when we arrived; Mary Rae recalled the ongoing games in the Annex hallway and some remembered exam-time bridge games. Playing bridge during exams? Yep. No one could forget Nan's roommate for 4 years, indefatigable jokester **Betty Moncure Dietz**. Nan told of the time Betty decided they should fake a fall over the fire escape: she arranged herself in a heap at the bottom while Nan screamed (only briefly, before following up with "April Fools.") **Fran Moreland Johns** has reclaimed the Class Secretary title (no competitors) and will add notes if you will please send anything to fjohns33@mindspring.com or call 415-361-1336. I'm still happily traveling a lot and writing a lot at franjohns.net which you're welcome to visit. A favorite R-MWC memory is of having a glum moment while waiting tables in Main Hall only to be immediately cheered up by Nathan the cook belting out "Keep Your Sunny Side Up". I regularly sing it, uninvited and with great joy, always seeing Nathan's smiling face. Anne Bellows and yours truly had hoped to see **Dot Powers Rinehart** and **Mary "Umpie" Kellam Stanley** on the Zoom call; we were in contact with both and know them to be doing okay in sunny FL. Your secretary also visited briefly with **Barbara Helms Wellford** in Richmond and **Nancy Thompson Bookman** in Lancaster PA and is trying to forgive them for not showing up for the mini-reunion. Barbara's then husband-to-be Armistead introduced Nancy to her soon husband-to-be George; 2 fine VMI unions. On the Zoom call I retold Nancy's story of being returned to the dorm after their first night out and primly telling George, "I don't kiss on the first date." At which point he planted a definitive kiss and commented, "Well, you do now." George Bookman was one of a kind. Nancy is as full of wisecracks as in her Old Maid editorship days; Barbara as gorgeous as she was remembered to be 70 years ago. All of us still around would enjoy other stories. Call your Secretary.

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I get less news each time the Bulletin comes out, and I beseech you all to write. I understand that many reasons are responsible for this: deaths, no news you think may be interesting, not computer literate (snail mail still works), arthritis in your hands, memory lapses, not interested, or whatever. Personally, I want to know whether you are still alive and kicking as best you can. Tell me the books you are reading! Please, write to me next time. Always the first class member to write is **Judy Hill Lawes**. Thank you, Judy. This is what she writes: "These days I have to make up interesting activities, since I am no longer traveling or driving due to balance and leg strength. I use a cane and just bought one online that is very colorful and has a peacock on it. I have taken 2 evening courses with our priest at St. James, who is one of the best professors, musicians, and preachers I have ever encountered. My daughter was here for a few days, and we caught up with her best friend from childhood and her mom at their beach house. They had not seen each other since 1995. We all had a great time remembering and laughing. I am still in the same house we moved into in '68. Old friends know where to find me, and often their children will stop by with children and grandchildren, which brings me great pleasure." Then, **Sally Ringle Hotchkiss** wrote from Lynchburg: "We are still in our same house we bought to be next to our daughter (who divorced and moved away!), but we are still happy here. I don't travel much (except to weddings) as the 3 daughters decree, 'no driving out of town'. I see **Adgie Williams Dirom** and **Ann Verbeck Richards '58** often, as Ed and Alec Dirom attend all sorts of VES functions, and Ann and I sit together in church. I have 2 great-grandsons who live in Fayetteville AR, and I love FaceTiming them. All told, I have 6 grandsons and 1 granddaughter, who lives here. Sally ends with, 'Love to all who are still blessed to be around.' **Gena Bryant McGowan**, wrote: "I am still kicking but not too high. I had a hip replacement and had to recoup from that. Son Bryant took me

to a Braves game on Sept. 5. Sister Edith and I went to Litchfield Beach for a week. Life is good. My grandchildren are a blessing. Reed, 30, is a first responder with the Federal government in Stanley ID. Harriet, 28, works for the Dept. of Environmental Services in Clemson SC. Blessings to all." And so now, dear classmates, your secretary will end these class notes with my adventures this past July. Despite several minor health problems in early '24: a fall in my apartment in Mar. resulting in 3 fractured ribs (now completely healed), deciding to use a cane for balance when I walk, and the discovery that I had the wet kind of macular degeneration (not to worry too much, the drug used in the shots works so well my eyesight is what I call "very good"), I decided to go to AK in July '24. For my safer travels and company, I took along my Lynchburg daughter, **Katie Kelly Richards '91** with husband, Tom, and 2 younger daughters, Sophie, 13, and Annie, 11. We sailed on a Princess Cruise Line ship, because I thought the girls would like the activities and action on the bigger ship and they particularly enjoyed the delicious pizza, gelato at any hour, and nightly activities. The flights were good on time, and I had a wheelchair at airports making the walks easier to manage. Our first couple of days on the cruise were rainy, but the rest of the time we enjoyed picture-perfect weather and were able to see Denali on a beautiful sunny day with hardly a cloud in the sky. Our first stop was Ketchikan and it rained most of the day. However, it did not deter us from watching an ax-throwing and chainsaw show and strolling through the small town. In Skagway, I went on a train ride while the rest of the family went zip lining at Grizzly Falls. We went whale watching in Juneau and visited Glacier Bay National Park for almost a whole day. We had a grand 9 hour train ride from Whittier to Denali, with a guide so knowledgeable about AK, the ride seemed short. Other things we did were: a bus tour of Denali park, panning for gold, and finally a boat cruise on the Chena river in Fairbanks, where we toured an early Indian Athabascan Indian village. I used my cane and got around very well, complaining some about all leaving me behind. I am encouraged to keep on traveling until I can't. My next trip is to return to Yorkshire in the UK for Christmas to be with my older daughter, Megan Murray, and 2 granddaughters. She sadly lost her beloved husband in Apr. '24 in a tragic automobile accident, and I hope my presence will be of comfort to her. On this note I will close. I am amazed I am still around and doing well, as are many of you. I have lived long enough to see what my grandchildren are doing with their lives so far. I had one granddaughter graduate from UVA in May. That leaves 2 more granddaughters at UVA, one entering her 4th year and one entering her 2nd year. I wish all of you the best, and hope I will

hear from you when this comes around again.

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Dear wonderful '58ers, Hope you all stayed cool and well this summer! However, at our age, we feel sad because we continue to lose our classmates, spouses, and close friends. **Ginger Hood Scott** died 6/18/24, and Colonel John Brooks Harris, USMC, husband of **Pat Parrish Harris** died on 5/4/24. We send heartfelt condolences to their families. **Barbara Watson Deery** writes "Dick and I, after suffering bronchitis and pneumonia during June, are in great health again! To escape the heat and humidity of upstate SC during the summer, we took several trips to NC and GA resorts and continue to spend time at Lake Summit NC with my daughter, Betsy, and hubby Teddy Hipp. Although we have an 8-theater cinema within a mile of our apartment, a couple of times a month, we drive up to Flat Rock NC to a tiny theater that shows first-run movies. Otherwise, you'll find us in Greenville, where Dick is immersed in the senior program at Furman University and I'm vegging in my recliner!" **Ann Verbeke Richards** writes, "I probably already told you about my first great-grandchild, William Elias born last Oct. He is making all of the family very happy. We sent him a stuffed talking Mother Goose who recites nursery rhymes. It has been a hit! Who knew?" **Norma Halmagyi Hanson** writes "I joined a Kairos group and went to a nearby women's prison for a Walk to Emmaus program and although I watched their mood lighten for 3 1/2 days, I guarantee I got more out of it than the inmates did. Each group was called a family, and we really did get close. We continue meeting with them monthly if we choose to. This summer I am going with my biological family for almost 2 weeks in Curacao. I hear it's beautiful. My father loved it there." As these Class Notes are being typed, Norma is in Curacao having a wonderful time snorkeling and texted "It is gorgeous!" **Toni Scott Day** writes "I have talked recently to **Martha McKay Jones** who is caring for husband Dan at their home in Austin. They live at the top of a rise over the city that has a lovely view. Son Grahame and daughter-in-law Julie stay with them occasionally when offering their own home as an airbnb. This is a great help to Martha." Martha replied, "I so enjoy keeping in close touch with Toni through our email, text and phone visits. And yes, it is because of the loving support and care of Grahame and Julie, who live in Austin, and frequent visits from daughter Jane and husband Jake, who live in Walla Walla WA, that Dan and I are doing well. So well, in fact, that



(Left to right) Robyn Rorrer Puryear '86, Scottie Puryear, and Betty Day Dinwiddie '59

Medicare has decided Dan no longer qualifies for Hospice and has discharged him. This is a very happy change for which we are eternally thankful. Dan celebrated his 94th birthday on 6/28/24!" "Hi, I (**Jinx Broaddus Patel**) just want you to know that I received the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Upshaw Bentley award, 'Citizen of the Year', this spring. I am so honored, thankful, and fortunate! Also, Gordhan and I traveled to Portugal with a group of friends for a week in June. We were the 2 oldest people in the group and a lot of walking up and down streets in Porto! We survived!" Please stay well and send news of how you stay busy!

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Betty Steele White writes, "Alive and pretty well at 86; looking forward to Reunion in 2025. Would love to hear from my classmates."

1961

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There were only 6 of us at the College Reunion in May. **Helen Barber Boone**, **Libba Wingo Hicks**, and **Sue Walker Pace Rector** stayed in Wright Hall. **Marion Love Farmer** lives in a retirement community in Lynchburg. **Ann Jarvis Vest** lives in Forest VA and **Carolyn Titus** stayed with her. **Lucy Russell Ellett** came for the day from Roanoke on that Fri. There was a Zoom meeting on Sat. afternoon with 5 joining us: **Dottie McCaleb Hutchinson**, **Alice Hilseweck Ball**, **Jane Meredith Wolf**,



(Back, left to right) Mary Margaret Hillman Saunders '64 and Mary Wyche Burgess Lesesne '61 (Front, left to right) Ann Trousdale '63 and Caroline Burgess Ansbacher '63

Barbara Hackney Redd, and Lucy Russell Ellett. The College looks beautiful. There were students assisting at the Reunion, all were enthusiastic about the College and very helpful. President Sue Ott Rowlands updated us on the College, was encouraging about enrollment and the changes in the academic programs. It is evident that few of us are traveling these days due to health or mobility issues. Thus, it becomes more important to participate in class Zoom meetings to keep us in touch. Helen Barber Boone has stepped down as our Class Agent. She has served magnificently for almost 25 years. We owe her many accolades and thanks. She has been assisted by Jane Meredith Wolf, who will now take over as Class Agent, ably assisted by Marion Love Farmer. **Johanne Pryor** has relinquished her role as Class Secretary. Johanne has served admirably for many years and has been successful in tracking down classmates and keeping us informed. Many thanks to her. Sue Walker Pace Rector and **Susanne Burton Sawyer** will now serve as Co-Class Secretaries. Both of us are in Charlotte and can easily collaborate. The following news is compiled from several classmates: **Ann Worthington Dennen** lives in a CCRC in Newtown Square PA and enjoys bridge, book club, and garden club activities. **Nancy Ward Harwood** has moved to Westminster Canterbury in VA Beach. She went on an African safari in '23. **Gretchen Goerdel Nelms** enjoys her golf and traveled to OK in May to meet her new great-grandson. **Betty Sue Pate Wheeler** moved to Plano TX and still plays tennis weekly with her daughter. **Kay Dunlap Whitney** lives in Austin. Many friends came to view the eclipse. **Barbara Gatchell Salmon** was widowed 2 years ago and continues to take classes such as WWI history, iPhone technology, and chair yoga. **Nancy Wampler Barrett** still lives in San Diego. Three daughters and many grandchildren live in CA too. **Grace Warfield Barner** is moving to Pittsburgh, where son and granddaughter, 6, live. **Judy Bria Storey** writes of a full life between their Baltimore condo (winter) and a cottage in Pound Ridge NY (summer) where their 5 grandchildren play fiercely in the family's annual croquet contest. Susanne keeps in touch with

Nancy Bourne and **Donna McKellar Easter** by phone or email, which is always a treat. She had fine exchanges with **Nancy Beers Carithers**, **Mary Wyche Burgess Lesesne**, **Nina Earle Brock**, **Macon Foster McCrossen**, and **Laura Hammock Hamilton**, plus husband Berno, either by phone or text/email! The nice surprise was the wonderful reconnection with **Marcia Payne Harris**! We have talked and shared several emails. Being on the Reunion team was a pleasure. **Nancy Brooks Jones** writes, "Happily living at Carol Woods Retirement Community. Husband Dave died a year and a half ago, but we moved here 13 years ago so I am at home." **Eulalia Stewart Luckett** writes that since she and **Joanne Graziani Beck** did not plan to "reunite", they decided to talk instead. Joanne sounds terrific, but is really missing husband of 38 years, Waldo, who died in Mar '23. He declined over 5 yrs and she was his caretaker. However, he was totally lucid for the 3-day wild celebration of his 100th! "It was a second marriage for both of us and what a blessing he found me. Living alone has been a challenge but I have a wonderful large family and friends who are very supportive." Joanne is continuing to go to church, keep a garden, etc., and is now facing getting rid of lots of stuff. We all know about that! Eulalia has 2 grandsons with families that came to visit in May and June. She celebrated husband Jack's 95th early on May 9 instead of June 20, since Buca di Beppo was closing forever the next day. Sadly we have lost 3 classmates this year: **Miskit Airth**, **Jane Aurell Croft**, and **Meredith Lumpkin Marchant**. Please stay in touch with us and don't forget to let the College know about any changes in your contact info.

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Mary Dunn French wrote from the Poconos where she was fly fishing with husband Jamie, catching 2 small rainbow trout while Jamie was wading upstream catching the big ones! Mary and Jamie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Sept. She enjoyed seeing **Shirley Murray Campbell** in Birmingham recently at a funeral for Shirley's brother Fred. **Lynn Lyman March** shared that husband Wallace died 5/2/24. **Patsy Derby Chaney**'s life has been full of good books, including *Oppenheimer*, Liz Chaney's *Oath and Honor*, and Doris Kearns Goodwin's

An Unfinished Love Story. When she wasn't reading, Patsy enjoyed a spring of grandchildren's graduations in Valdosta GA, Starkville MS, and Greenwood SC. And, like many of us, she was kept busy watering plants in this unusually hot summer. Which is what I've been doing a lot here at Deerfield, including working in our newly certified pollinator garden, which includes lots of milkweed. We're on the monarch migration path and are hoping to help nourish those beauties on their routes north and south. On another note, I enjoyed a delightful visit with **Mary Margaret Hillman Saunders '64**, **Caroline Burgess Ansbacher**, **Mary Wyche Burgess Lesesne '61**, and **Vicki Burgess Pitman '70** at the Burgess home in SC. Lots of good memories and laughter! Please keep your news coming, friends. It's always good to hear from you.

1964

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What a wonderful 60th Reunion we had in May! We had alums from our class staying in Wright Hall dorm and occasionally acting more like we were 20 rather than over 80. We got the Filiae Tuae special treatment for alumnae celebrating a post 50th Reunion by being invited to lunch in Presser, very elegant. Many of us attended the Student Panel and update from the Office of Diversity, Identity, Culture, and Inclusion since this has been a focus of our giving to the College. Dare I say that the student experience is very different from 60 years ago, but very exciting. I was impressed with the students who made up the panel. What great futures they have to look forward to. On Fri. night we went to the Oakwood Country Club on Rivermont for a celebratory dinner which included 2 generations of Sallie Smith's family joining us as our guests. They were there for the giving posthumously of the Alumni Achievement Award to our classmate **Sarah "Sallie" Crosby Smith**. The Alum Office put together a lovely video with the highlights of her life. That afternoon we joined the tour to Randolph House (formerly known as the President's House) to marvel at the art collection of Sue Ott Rowlands, our current president. She has been building it for years. Her ability to incorporate a modern art collection into the traditional southern home was a real eye-opener. A glorious afternoon! We convened later for the traditional Class Meeting. Fortunately our long standing Agent **Jean Ulffers Lucas** and her hard working assistant **Judy "Nicky" Nicholson Frey** agreed to stay on in those positions. And yours truly **Susan Walton Carroll** agreed to be Class Secretary. And I do so with many thanks for all the years that **Jane Alford McBride** has



Lanier Sykes Bogen '65 and grandson Harry in Times Square



1965: Penny Hall and Mary Emery Chase reconnecting



1965: Ellen Joy Brandhof visited Mary Emery Chase at her home in Riverside, RI.



Meg Green Maguire '65 and Pat Harriss Holden '67 at All Souls Church in DC

kept us all so well informed. And great news: our class reached its giving goal of \$60,000 set by our Reunion committee. Thank you All! A highlight of the weekend was the behind the scenes tour of the Maier Museum of Art. It was a new experience, even for those who have been there several times. Learning the story behind its beginnings and history since was fascinating. It is always a pleasure to visit any museum with our own personal art history professor **Nancy Burch Wilkinson**. A special addition to the chapel experience on Sun. morning was the Labyrinth walk that is new to campus since our class was there last. It was a fitting end to a wonderful weekend, giving us a quiet time to be grateful for our 4 years at R-MWC and the friendships that have developed in the 60 years since our graduation. In early May **Julie Block Milstien** and Nicky went to the spreading of the ashes memorial for **Polly Cummings Hussain** at her church in Arlington VA. They went with a bunch of sunflowers! How appropriate. Her service was held last winter and our class was well represented. **Harriette Moskowitz Will** taped it for those of us who could not be there. Shortly after Reunion Julie was in Montpellier France meeting up with her dear friend there, **Sue Goudy Gabus '50**. Susan has never been able to come back for a Reunion but is definitely the oldest alumna living in France. Julie has retired to Baltimore so it is nice to have her back on this side of the pond. Please send any future notes and updates to 1964@randolphcollege.edu. They will be forwarded to me so I can keep you informed. It was such fun to be together again!

REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 **1965**

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Linda Hackney Alexander of Houston and **Marilyn Lindgren** of Lakeway TX were the guests of **Marianna Anderson Busch** of Waco in Apr. for 6 days of festivities surrounding the Eclipse. Marilyn and Linda's next adventure was for 4 days in Barcelona in Oct. before joining a trip with other

R-MWC alumnae to visit the Iberian Peninsula. President Sue Ott Rowlands was their host. They visited Madrid, Granada, Seville, Lisbon and Oporto. **Pat Miller** of Decatur GA wrote that she and husband Sean attended grandson Ian's high school graduation in May in Denver. Ian is doing a gap year in New Zealand and then will attend CO School of Mines where he has already been accepted. **Keith Rogers Alford** of Port Gibson MS took daughter McKenna and granddaughter Harper to Dallas to see the play *Hamilton*, which they thought was fabulous. Grandson Cooper finished his first year at Sewanee where he played football and became a firefighter. Keith decided to semi-retire after 27 years as director of Camp Monterey in TN. Husband Keith (yes, they both have the same first name) needed her to stay home. To keep busy she has taken up painting again and started a project of reading family letters covering 100 years. **Scott Davis Fielder** of Oneonta NY is probably our most traveled classmate. She just completed her 22nd Road Scholar trip. This trip was to the Canadian Rockies. She has also enjoyed other trips to the Caribbean, the CA redwoods and the sand dunes in OR. Scott still enjoys her stamp and photo hobbies. She serves as secretary of her HOA Board. Through our birthday hellos to each other **Mary Emery Chase** and **Penny Hall** reconnected at Penny's house. They discovered they live only 30 miles apart and that they both enjoy hiking and travel. Mary lives in Riverside RI and Penny lives in Peace Dale RI. Penny self-published a book entitled *Legacy* based on the life of her great-grandmother, who lived during the Civil War in VA. It is available to order on Amazon. **Cheryl Filsinger Held** is recovering from a fractured elbow caused by a windstorm in NYC. She sold her New York co-op and now lives in husband's apartment 2 blocks away. They have a summer house in Sag Harbor NY. Cheryl retired from her 26 year career in museum design and started a children's publishing company. **Liz Harris Pritchard** met President Sue Ott Rowlands during her Randolph College tour to Chicago. Liz wrote that she was

impressed with our new president. **Emily Alford Carlisle** and husband Duke celebrated their 60th Anniversary in June by going out to dinner at 6 p.m.! Emily wrote that they had fun. Emily and Duke's family held a bigger celebration in July at an Airbnb house in NC, where the whole family of 14 gathered for a few days. **Lanier Sykes Bogen** enjoyed time with grandchildren this summer. She and husband Eugene took grandson Harry to NY for his 18th birthday. Grandson Conwell, 20, finished his freshman year at UVA and loved it. Conwell lived with his grandparents during the summer recess and worked at the UVA sports station. Granddaughter Holland, 23, completed her Marine training for officers and traveled in July to Okinawa for a 3 year assignment. Granddaughter Jane, 19, spent 5 weeks at Camp Le Mar in Lackawaxen PA. Jane has attended this special needs camp for 5 years and loves it. **Meg Green Maguire** had the pleasure of hosting **M.C. Haug's** 3 adult children this summer. William, Isabelle, Phoebe brought M.C.'s ashes to scatter in VA. Having known them all their lives, the visit solidly renewed their connection. They honored M.C. with praise and loving memories. She would have loved it! Meg Green Maguire met **Pat Harriss Holden '67** in May at a meeting at All Souls Church Unitarian in DC. **Carter Heyward '67** gave a presentation about the Philadelphia Eleven. Carter was one of the 11 women to be ordained in 1974 as an Episcopal minister without the official blessing of the national church. Carter and the other women, who were ordained priests, paved the way for the national Episcopal Church to agree to ordain women as priests in 1976. The Rev. Dr. Carter Heyward served as the Howard Chandler Robbins Professor of Theology at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge. Carter is the author of 11 books. Pat Harriss Holden wrote, "I was happy to meet Meg these 60 years later and find out what a wonderful sense of humor she has." Meg mentioned to Pat that she was in the wedding of **Lois Combs Weinberg**. **Steph Dibble Starrett** happily celebrated the big 8-0 this year with friends and

family and is making it through with the help of her physical therapist and her sweetheart Don.

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Many from our Class of '67 continue to gather monthly on Zoom to share our joys and sorrows and life passages – much too numerous to share here. Contact **Pat Harriss Holden** to join us. **Carol Shepard Gutknecht** traveled from Philadelphia to Chicago the first weekend in April for the 50th Anniversary Gala of the Chicago Opera Theatre (COT). Carol sang several opera roles with COT early in her career in the 1970s and was part of a committee to assist in finding singers from that era. She was the houseguest of classmate, **Amanda Clark Fox**, who accompanied her to the COT gala. And since Carol is a lifelong "cat person", she enjoyed meeting Amanda's 2 Siamese cats during her stay! **Marjorie Meacham Brague** reports "at my age the big news is I'm still here! Still in my own house! Still giving tours of a historic house that seems to consist mostly of steep flights of stairs! Still volunteering at the State Capitol info desk. And I might add that despite having a knee that was replaced about 18 months ago I can still charge through the halls of the Capitol at a pace where I must keep looking back to see if whoever is following me is managing to keep up. Still telling people what fun we had at the 55th reunion!" On 5/5/24, **Embry Martin Howell's** church, All Souls Episcopal Church, screened the Philadelphia Eleven, a documentary film about the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church. Our classmate, **Carter Heyward**, who was one of those women, attended with several of her friends, including **Emily Hewitt**. There was a great discussion after the film with Carter saying that her years at R-MWC had a great effect on her life and career. Pat Holden and husband, Richard, also attended. Several classmates in other parts of the country have also attended showings of this wonderful film. **Sooty Severn Schearer** and husband, Hartley, made a trip to her "happy place" in the south of France in spring of '24. It was especially meaningful for Sooty who was struggling with serious health issues at our 55th reunion but has recovered well enough to travel again. **Martha White Paas** reports that they have an offer on their house in England in time for their planned return to the USA after many

years of living abroad close to their daughter and grandchildren. They are relieved that the cats will be able to fly home with them and settle into their new home in MN. **Katie Trimble Breese** is still dealing with the multiple house issues from Aug. '23. Now down to replacing the shake shingle roof with another material since the insurance rates would double if they used shake shingles again due to the increased vulnerability to fire. **Anna Belle Corbin Ambrosen** had a "small world" encounter in June. As she was getting in her car at a rest stop, she noticed the passenger getting in the car next to her was wearing a Lynchburg t-shirt. Annabelle commented that she had attended R-MWC and the woman said her mother-in-law had also. It turned out that she was a '67 classmate: **Mary Ridley Ramsey**. **Sally Maier Rowe** and **Nancy Bell Cooper** traveled to Sweden together in June. **Susan Allman** relayed her appreciation for the fact that Randolph-Macon Woman's College emphasized the point that we were all seen as individuals who each mattered, something that was very powerful in her life as the only girl of the family in an era when women were still "finding their voices". **Page Hynes Sullenberger** just retired as Head of the Board at Grymes Memorial School, the independent, pre-k-8 day school where she worked as an administrator. Both daughters and grandchildren graduated from Grymes. She enjoys being "YaYa" to granddaughter Avery, James Madison University sophomore, and grandson Rhew, National Forest Service firefighter in CA.

1968

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At our last Reunion in '23 we heard from **Jane Neblett Tims** about a planned cardiac surgery, and we are pleased to know that her aortic valve replacement went very well. Not to be outdone by her heart, her lungs took center stage in Apr. '24 and she had a lobectomy for a cancerous mass. Margins and lymph nodes are clear, so Jane is free to move on with her life, with oncology follow-up. **Barbara McCartney Kirkland** attended the Apr. '24 service for **Page Shields'** husband, Joe Sharrer, who passed away in late '23. Weather and illness postponed the service but finally many friends and family were able to honor Joe and support Page. Barbara is still working part-time these days but has moved from teaching BSN students at JMU to practicing again as a Gyn Nurse Practitioner at a clinic in Charlottesville. Oldest granddaughter Addisyn, 18, has just graduated from high school. She will have at least one graduation to attend for the next



1967: Carter Heyward and Embry Martin at All Souls Church in DC

6 years, as all 8 grands were born within 6 years! Barbara makes time in summer to attend concerts at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts with roomie **Marilyn Hicks Fitzgerald**. At a recent Beach Boys concert the 2 ran into **Judy Turner Fisher**, also enjoying the soundtrack of our youth. Barbara had an opportunity to catch up with **Kathleen Harris Quale** a few times during peony season in VA when Kathleen generously shared blooms from her lovely garden. **Lynn Hodge** remains a loyal Atlanta Braves fan, though she admits to having to learn to stay loyal when they aren't doing well. Lynn has had health challenges, including an autoimmune skin condition and a fractured kneecap, and has learned that she can no longer tolerate long car trips. **Betty Booker Smith Fultz** has planned a wonderful mini-Reunion for the Class of '68 at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill in May '25 for all of us who can't wait 5 years between Reunions. Lynn has asked that we have a Zoom connection for those like her who can't make the trip. While there are no plans at this writing, I know we'll send out an email with a link to the class if that happens. Meanwhile please register ASAP if you plan to join us! **Fleet Hill** helped her mother (whose namesake she is) celebrate her 100th birthday in Fall '23 with 4 different parties. **Kitty Lavin Linder** and husband Mark are selling their brownstone in Brooklyn and looking to relocate. It's the familiar downsizing story with lots to clean out after 38 years in the house. **Carolyn McEntire Kingsnorth** is deeply involved with the history of Jacksonville OR, where she lives, writes a blog, and runs tours of the historic town. Her latest project is to create a "museum without walls" because the entire town is a museum. **Judi Miller Frame** related her experience of attending a showing of "The Philadelphia Eleven", a video describing the fight for the ordination of women as priests in the Episcopal Church, and highly recommends that all see the video. **Carter Heyward '67**, one of the main narrators, attended the showing and answered questions. **Judith Phillips Stanton** is blessed to still be writing novels and poems. Retired now, though she'll never retire from living

the life of the mind, which R-MWC introduced her to. She is so grateful to the professors who opened her mind to literature and the world. She has assembled her third chapbook of poetry, *Roadside Angel*, and is working on revisions to her last 2 novels. **Sally Kay Boswell Ware** sends her best to all members of our class! She is waiting to hear if her submission for National Historical Register recognition is accepted for a historical/ancestral cemetery in Campbell County VA. **Kit Jones Prager** was occupied with some house renovations early in '24 but found time to celebrate a 50th Anniversary with all their family in HI in Feb. Kit had cataract surgery of her left eye, with a great improvement in her vision. In June, Kit and husband Allen were able to restart their family trips to Yosemite which had been interrupted since '19 by Covid. **Janet Hensley Shipley** spent 2 weeks in London early in '23 with her sister and a friend. Her travel saga continued as she left for a week in FL only days after arriving home, and while there was contacted about a buyer for her home of 40 years. Janet took the leap, sold her home and bought a single-level condo sight unseen, but which needed some remodeling. She was able to assemble a plan for that over 6 weeks and then closed on the condo, handed the keys to the contractor, and headed to Egypt for a 2-week visit. To say that '23-'24 has been a whirlwind for Janet is an understatement! It seems to me that the Class of '68 is taking *Vita abundantior* seriously and living life to the fullest. Please plan to join us in May '25 for our mini-Reunion and call the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill for details.

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Janette Hassell Wilkinson passed away 3/30/24. She was one of the founders of Riverhill School in Florence AL, and she remained devoted to the school for over 30 years. **Shirley Merchant Johnson** died on 4/21/24. She practiced law in Atlanta for a number of years before moving to Highlands NC. **Ann Margaret Pointer** was at Reunion and brought her brave husband Tracy who could relate to our close sisterhood, having gone to Sewanee and having taught at LaGrange College, another small college. **Grey Holland McCormick** navigated Reunion in a wheelchair, another brave soul. She had nothing but praise for the College's efforts to accommodate her at a physically challenging campus. With becoming white hair piled up on her head, my immediate thought was that of an elegant Grecian woman on a vase. Some of us have aged way too well! **Barbara Beard Kelley** relates a wonderful story:



1969: Judy Dobbs and Susan Prescott Little at their 2024 Reunion



1969: Mackie Snyder Kudrevetz and Judy Dobbs at their 2024 Reunion

Chris Outwin, the love in her life, declined an invitation to the Ian and Sylvia concert freshman year. Both Chris and Barbara lived separate lives—but that has changed as they finally reclaimed the joys of companionship, spending time between Brewster MA and Montclair NJ. Barbara stays busy with a book group, working at the church thrift store, tending the garden, and walking 3-5 miles daily with her 2 dogs. Her daughter Susan lives in Philadelphia where she manages a single cell pediatric leukemia lab. **Joan Wickham Sugg** went to her doctor for a regular check-up, and found a cardiac electrical blockage which necessitated an immediate pacemaker implant. Joan is doing well, and although she had to cancel a trip to Spain, she helped with the local Mozart Festival, an organ concert at a local church, a piano concert at the musical conservancy, and a requiem at the community college. "*Vita abundantior* means more than ever!" **Ginger Hill Worden** and Geoff are in ME this summer. Their house, built by Geoff's great-grandfather, suffered a great deal of damage when a huge oak tree landed on it last spring. Ginger had planned to be at Reunion, but Mother Nature intervened. **Ann Boyd Earle** is re-reading "The Feminine Mystique," which she recalls was required reading for freshman orientation. She thinks it would make an interesting discussion in '24 for a book group. Ann spent the summer in the Upper Peninsula of MI, on a remote island with ferry service to the mainland and huge Great



1969: Sallie Call Brown and Sarah Kiesewetter von Helfenstein at their 2024 Reunion



1969: (Back, Left to right) Nancie Newkirk Loppnow, Kathy Crockett Harrison, and Judy Dobbs, (Front, seated) Grey Holland McCormick at their 2024 Reunion



1969: Sallie Call Brown and Marion Graham

Lakes freighters passing in front of the cottage daily. She stays in touch with **Sally Spangler Miley '68** and **Wizzie Werth Estep '68**. **Sally Johnson Townley** was set to attend Reunion, but her flight was canceled Wed. night, and no other flights were available. If she had made it to Reunion, however, she might have been stuck trying to return, with Oklahoma City experiencing multiple tornadoes. We called her during Reunion—and yes, she's willing to continue as our Class Agent! **Chris de Vries Carlsten** had to miss Reunion also; husband Jon needed her nursing skills as he recovered from surgery and sepsis. He has since made full recovery. Chris was able to vacation in Mexico with a dear friend. Daughter **Broek Carlsten '00** was scheduled for endometrial surgery upon Chris' return. Daughter Jenny teaches Italian at the College of Charleston and is mother to Chris' 2 granddaughters. **Lee**



1970:Kathe Ellis Baer with her "Care Baer" team during her first hospitalization

Smith Klousia's husband of 50 yrs has entered an assisted living facility with frontotemporal dementia. Lee says it was a difficult decision, but he is safe and comfortable which gives her peace. In June, Lee attended a memorial service in SC for **Ellen Bowman Perman**, former roommate and great friend. Lizzie, Ellen's daughter, had put together a moving tribute to her and Dennis, who passed away last spring. **Jinny Voris Batterson** regretted missing Reunion, but (alas) she and Jim were on an overseas trip—1 month each in Barcelona and Paris. When not traveling or doting on her grandkids, she continues doing short-term assignments as a nonpartisan election worker. **Robey Watson Frasché** and Jim were in Scotland and France during Reunion. They particularly enjoyed Edinburgh, home of their niece who is a lawyer—and a terrific guide! In France, they visited the Dordogne region and stayed in Toulouse with French friends. The medieval aspects of both were captivating. **Katherine Kerr Memory** moved to Arbor Acres, a Winston-Salem retirement home, in the fall. She notes she has lots of friends there—and she doesn't have to cook! **Louise Frey Deis** and husband Frank are delighted to announce a granddaughter, 5, and a grandson, now 1. Their son and family live in the Hudson Valley.

REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 **1970**

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Your secretary is going to bore you with her news because she did not send out a plea for news from you. I was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer back in April. Stage 4 just means that it has spread to other places. Apparently, my cancer likes to travel as much as the rest of me. The doctors say it is treatable but not curable... so it really is just like aging, right? I have hit a couple of major speed bumps but things now seem to be on an upward path. I feel better than I have felt at any time during the past 3 months and I restarted chemo & immunotherapy again on 7/24. Along with a couple of speed bumps, there have been many, many silver linings. I have been



Allison Gulick Muller '71 and Dorothy "Dot" Shaw '71 with daughters Symone and Amelia on Amelia's wedding day and Dot's birthday

overwhelmed by the kindness and caring of my family and my friends. **Sybil Dull Edwards** and husband Barry just concluded 5 days in DC with their 2 granddaughters Mary, 14, and Harriet, 11. They had a very hot but wonderful visit. **Kathryn Cornett Heekin** lost her beautiful mother, **Barbara Schamberger Cornett '71** in May after caring for her for 3 years.

1971

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Laurie Groner Tillett and husband Ed spent a month on an Alaskan cruise in June. Of note, they spent the summer solstice in Nome where the longest day celebrations included the Bering Sea Lions holding their annual fried chicken fundraiser. The town manager assured everyone's comfort by partnering with the Suck and Shine Porta John Company to provide facilities at strategic locations around town. **Dorothy "Dot" Shaw** spent her birthday in Birmingham celebrating the wedding of **Allison Gulick Muller's** daughter Amelia. Dot's daughter, Symone, was the wedding planner for the festivities and **Becky Fisher Dunn '70** was a guest. Allison's artistic and personal touches were evident from life size cutouts greeting everyone as you entered the welcome party, to her large folded origami cranes at the ceremony in the community gardens, to her own floral tablecloths at the reception. **Louisa Branscomb** is still enjoying her Asheville home, her Lyric Mountain Retreat farm, and riding her horse on the beautiful mountain trails. She had a spring songwriter workshop with the theme "Songs Move Mountains - Elevating Your Personal Best". She encouraged songwriters to find their authentic voice and song. Louisa is working on 3 manuscripts, all related in some way to conscious creativity. She has developed and published a system for mentoring this year based on findings of her 34 years of teaching called the Branscomb Mentor Method. It focuses on relationships rather than teaching to criterion. On another note, Louisa visited **Betsy Krome** when her band

played in Greensboro. Louisa was nominated for Mentor of the Year for the International Bluegrass Awards. Betsy is no longer in Williamsburg, but is happily living in Chapel Hill within 35 minutes of daughter **Margaret Krome-Lukens '07** and 2 blocks from daughter Anna and family. She's still making pots, in a tiny space for now, but with a real studio under construction. **Kathy Webb** is grateful for an upcoming induction into the AR Women's Hall of Fame. It's important, not for the personal recognition, but that a lifetime of progressive work is celebrated in our state, and that representation is expanded with the induction of the first open lesbian. In the spring, **Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell** celebrated the 99th birthday of her mother, **Betty Thomson Herbert '46**. She and husband John celebrated his birthday with their daughter Sarah and husband Wayne by riding the Cumbres & Toltec scenic railroad from Chama NM to Antonito CO. Elizabeth is still recovering from a bout of Lyme disease and is still busy writing, blogging and banking. **Patti McClung** and husband Allen are back in their remodeled home in Boise after more than a year. They live about 5 minutes away from daughter Courtney's family with their 4 and 6 year olds. Son Scott, wife, and 1 year old flew in from Los Angeles to celebrate Memorial Day in beautiful McCall ID with the family. She is looking forward to future European travels that bring back memories of time spent in '70 with **Julie McCoy** and **Catherine Baker Thompson**. **Sarah Rouse Sheehan** and husband Pat spent another spring in Paris. They enjoyed watching all the construction and repairs to roads, bridges, and sidewalks in preparation for the Olympics. All the museums had exhibits featuring athletics. She saw **Karen Newman '70** several times while there. Sarah and Pat attended the romantic wedding of her niece at her brother's Rockbridge vineyard near Staunton VA. When home she enjoys volunteer activities, lots of reading, book group, exercise, etc. "Our class secretaries for '71 do a great job of gathering news." Please remember to update your email address with the College and with your class secretaries. If you did not receive our email request for news, then your email is probably out of date so we can't get in touch.

1972

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Martha Delaney wrote that she exchanges Christmas cards with **Katie Bright**, still living in Danville KY with her husband on their family farm. Martha went on a fantastic trip to Antarctica and South Georgia Island in Mar. She described



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it as a land of white and blue beauty filled with penguins, seals, whales and arctic birds. She says it's worth a trip! **Trixie Beall Carlock** wrote that she and husband David were in Italy with his sister and husband, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. She was beginning to feel like a local staying in a charming home in the countryside south of Cortona, visiting Siena, Orvieto, Pienza and Assisi. She soaked up the Tuscan sun around the pool! More importantly for Trixie was the birth of her first grandchild in Mar. 21, Trixie Yeates Madden. Needless to say, little Trixie has them wrapped around her finger! Trixie was still sad to have missed being with everyone at our last Reunion! **Stella Blum Cartwright** was having a rare, quiet afternoon the Sat. of my request for news and had wonderful news for all of us. Older daughter Emily and husband Chip have 2 wonderful children, Sarah Kate, a rising junior at TCU and Ben, who will be a freshman at Alabama this fall. Sarah Kate is a theater major and they are all amazed and proud of her talent. Ben is interested in going into some facet of the hospitality industry. Chip is an Air Force Colonel, so they have had an interesting and nomadic life, having just moved from Montgomery to San Antonio. He is only 2-3 years away from retirement, so they are excited about establishing permanent residency somewhere in near future. Stella's younger daughter Sarah and husband Dennis live in Amelia Island FL and have 2 girls, Susanna, 25 and Ellie, 14. Susanna married husband Daniel in Aug. '20, and had baby Lily Elaine Wallace this past Feb. That makes Stella a great-gran, "Gigi" to all 6 of them. Daniel works for Dennis. Both are structural engineers and live closeby. Stella spends a lot of time traveling to north FL. She loves to have a baby to watch. She does a lot of gardening, pilates, needlepoint, reading, and bible study. Clubs, neighborhood activities, altar guild, etc. keep her much busier than she thought she'd be at her/our age! She's traveled to Greece, Amsterdam, and has taken cruises to AK, the Mediterranean, England, Scotland, and Wales. It has made her realize that we live in a beautiful world of amazing people! She traveled to Ireland in Aug. She concluded her message with, "I think of my R-MWC days and friends often and with love for such a special time. Almost everything around us has changed since then, but the inner strength and self-knowledge that was nurtured during those 4 unique years never will for me. I suspect we all feel the same." She sends her love to all of the class of '72. **Stuart Tuggle Harkleroad** wrote that she donated a pint of blood recently. She continues to work on art projects. At the end of the summer she went back to knitting sweaters. **Ann Sturgis Coates** had news of her new grandson born in Mar. She had the most interesting story! In May '09 she lost her engagement ring diamond when her hand

and ring were jammed in a ladder while she was working in her gallery. It was not immediately discovered, but it was assumed to be somewhere in the gallery. After 3 weeks of looking, she filed a loss claim. Fast forward 15 years and Randy sees a sparkle in the planting bed outside the gallery back door and it turns out to be the diamond! It truly was serendipitous. She even accused Randy of finding it 15 years ago and coming forth now! To Ann it was a sign of good fortune, which she and Randy have. Straight from Ann, "Life's challenges, society's challenges, are much greater for many and much of the world. This sparkle in the dirt was reassuring of how fortunate we are!" **Anabel Smith Bowen** sent the sad news that husband, Harry, passed away on 5/20/24. He had struggled with numerous medical issues and pain for almost 5 years. They had been married for over 36 years. In July and Aug. Anabel went to her condo in Manteo. **Laura Bullock Crumbley** is still holding down our Lynchburg! She was wishing she could go on that trip to Portugal and Spain with President Ott Rowlands! **Lorena Kern** wrote that she is going on the trip to Spain with President Ott Rowlands with **Anne Harrington** and husband Steve! In June she visited her brother and family in LA. Two weeks before she went, she got Covid – her first time! She is still enjoying her work with the College- things are going well and the numbers are up, she wrote. On 6/10/24 **Bev Ballard Kennedy** was blessed with her 4th grandchild, Kennedy Grace Roberson. Mom, Dad, and big sis, Kathryn, are over the moon along with grandmother "Bebe"! In June **Martha Johnston** and husband Mark were the guests of Dame **Debbie Carson** and husband George at a major league baseball game in London. Martha has missed the Phillies since she moved back to Davidson NC from Philadelphia. They played the Mets, and those 2 intrepid fans crossed the Atlantic to support their team. They braved the chilly weather, jet lag, and a virus to explore the sights and flavors of London and beyond. Martha and Debbie laughed at their exploits some 50 years ago and marveled at their youthful daring and innocence. The Dame and George showed them around, visiting the Sargent exhibit at the Tate Britain, Churchill's country home, Chartwell, and its beautiful gardens, with a boat trip back up the Thames, and a West End show. Elections were in England on July 4, and in recent days the Dame has been out campaigning for her amazing candidate for Parliament. She says it was exhausting and energizing at the same time and, whatever the outcome, it's given her hope! **Deborah Clark** wrote that she has been busy settling into her new home. She just finished performing in the musical *Oklahoma* last week where she was in the chorus. She enjoyed all the ages of the cast, the youngest age 8. She traveled to Des Moines in Aug. to see her sister Pam perform in *The Wizard of Oz* as



Lesley Morgan '75 takes a break from travel.



1975: (Left to right) Sarah Gaede Clauss, Allison Thomas Kunze, Miguelita Finn Scanio, and Pamela Edwards Morgan



Margaret Wells Hayslip '75 in yellow with granddaughter (left) in Senegal



Lisa Watt Wilson '75 and family celebrate the publication of her new book.

Aunt Em and they attended a Barry Manilow concert! **Hilary Harris Hanslip** told her R-MWC roommate **Betsy Maloney Hurst** that it was her turn to send in notes. They have kept up through the years, mainly in England. Betsy has lived in England 4 times, and visited regularly through the years, but returned to live in Gainesville FL. Hilary has come out to stay in 4 of the windmills Betsy has rented. Their husbands celebrated their 4-days-apart birthdays in one of them with a clever cake that Hilary made with their photos on it!

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Sue-Gray Goller wrote, "I continue to treat Aruba as my home away from home, 6 weeks Jan.-Feb. then again for 4 weeks in May. Bridge, theater, ballet and visiting friends remain my passions after travel. It is fun for me to read of the diverse lives we lead." **Kathie Mae Carwile** sent this update: "I was only in the class for one year '69-'70, but I remember all fondly. **Celia Satterwhite Wool** was my roommate, we had such fun on the first floor of West. I eloped during that year and I didn't come back to finish my degree, but went on to Liberty University, then UVA for my master's and doctorate. I served 28 years at LU as professor, now teaching for the Well-Trained Mind Academy out of Charles City VA. I am living in Lynchburg with the man that I married back in '69. I keep busy teaching and with the DAR, and Rivermont Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and our family. Two of our Grandsons, Jude and Gabriel Quintero recently graduated from Randolph." **Cathy Havener Greer** wrote from Boulder. "**Allison Gulick Muller '71**, came to Boulder for a visit in Sept. '23 and we had a great time. She loved the Flatirons, NCAR (National Center for Atmospheric Research), Chautauqua, and some of Boulder's great restaurants. We also visited the Denver Art Museum and the Art Students League of Denver. In Apr. '24 **Margaret Delk Moore** and her husband Bill came to Boulder. They arrived in one of Boulder's Apr. snowstorms, and stayed the

weekend as the snow melted and beautiful blue skies returned. Since retiring from the practice of law in Feb. '22, I've been making art and serving on the boards of the Association of Boards of Universities and Colleges and the Museum of Boulder. In '24 I've been volunteering at New Immigrant Legal Clinics, helping new immigrants to Denver apply for Temporary Protected Status and employment authorizations. Margaret Delk Moore is staying busy as a consultant with The Education Group doing administrative searches for independent schools. She said it's fun keeping her finger in the pie. She and husband Bill have enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends while visiting fun places. We spent a delightful 2 weeks in ME last summer and a fall week in the VA mountains. They headed South in the spring, touring The Everglades and several FL Keys. They enjoyed a quick visit with **Christine Galliford Williamson** while in the area. In Apr. they went on a Roads Scholar trip to 2 national Parks in UT for some spectacular hiking. Flying in and out of Denver, they spent 2 nights with Cathy Havener Greer, visiting and exploring Boulder. Her husband said his ears were tired, listening to their non-stop conversation! He was a good sport. Wishing everyone well! **Lillian James Smith** writes, "husband Percy died last year of heart failure. I miss him terribly. I'm enjoying 3 grand-daughters, 2 are 6 and one is 4. They are great fun. I'm living at Wrightsville Beach during the summer and fall months and would love to see classmates. **Bobbie Greer Fazzini** retired from Murray State University in '22. She works as a playwright under the name McAdoo Greer and is still married to Andy Fazzini. They have 2 grown children, and this may be her first post! So sorry to hear of Tom Stephens passing, so many happy times on stage at R-MWC. **Marilyn Modlin Bromley** shares that husband Cap died in Feb. '22 and during the rest of that year she cleaned out their house, sold it and moved to a beautiful apartment in a continuing care community in Alexandria with views of DC. She is happy to say it was a good choice! **Betty Straus Smith** moved to Atlanta last fall to be near daughter and family. They are settling in and

loving time with their granddaughter. **Sally King Hall** had a wonderful mini-reunion in Sept. '23 in NC with **Anne Ashburn Cianni** and **Elizabeth Bradford**. She is honored to have achieved Executive Council level with NY Life and is headed to Nashville for the celebration. **Susan Blundell Dymond** and **Tricia Bain** were able to spend a day at the Cerrillos Hills State Park Art Festival & Burro Race in May '24. "We do strange things in New Mexico but the burros are adorable. Great day shared with a picnic to celebrate seeing one another." **Phoebe Donald Robinson** has been married to Robert Robinson for 51 years. They have 2 married sons and 7 grandchildren. Red and Phoebe retired from their company last year that her grandfather founded in 1925. She continues to manage Homestead Savings and Mortgage Co. Inc. Her health has taken a downturn since '19 and is mostly homebound now. She says, "Love my time at R-MWC. Love, Phoebe."

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Lin Silver writes, "We have finally made the move to VA to be closer to our kids, grandkids, and beach house on Emerald Isle! Relocating after 26 years in our Fairport NY home has been a tremendous challenge and we still have a long way to be fully settled, but happy to be here!" From **Nancy Orem-Duggan**, "Sorry I missed our recent 50th Reunion. I had planned to attend and was hoping to see you all there. Unfortunately my younger sister Cathie passed away on 5/14/24 and all plans for the rest of that month were canceled." **Kathy Phares Farris** writes, "My son Christopher drove me up to Flagstaff to see 2 Shakespeare plays in July. The other high point of my summer is hanging out with my granddaughter, Annabelle June." From **Peggy Parks Cowan**, "I thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion!" **Jane Gandy Van Dyke** spent 40 years as an educator and retired in '13, but is active in her Presbyterian church. She has 3 grown sons with families, 5 grandchildren, ages 11 to 1. She was widowed in '04.



Kathryn Heath Graves '76 and Alice Harris '69 enjoyed connecting in June during their spouses' Dartmouth Reunion.



1977: Pattie Hallett and Debbie Randall Bowie in Hilton Head



1977: Josephine Peyton Marsh, Joanna Szymczyk Beverly, and Randall Johnson Watts in Lynchburg

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Lesley Morgan spent June as a nurse at Rockbrook Camp for Girls in Brevard NC. "I had a great time using my nursing knowledge in a very different environment and what fun! This is also the camp I attended back in '64 and '65 as a child. So, you can go back again!" She also traveled to the Netherlands and Belgium with her sister in Apr. and Victoria BC with a friend in May. "Retirement is great!" **Pamela Edwards Morgan** reported that "Class of '75 friends met in Pasadena CA for a long weekend of museums, gardens, and restaurants! **Miguelita Finn Scanio, Allison Thomas Kunze, Sarah Gaede Clauss, and Pamela Edwards Morgan** congregated for the first time since their Key West adventure in '13. A lot has changed in 11 years, but now we are committed to seeing each other at Reunion next year and to making our mini-reunions more frequent." **Margaret Wells Hayslip** wrote: "I never imagined that my granddaughter would be learning African drum and clap and dance in Senegal, but it has been a warm and enriching experience for all of us. Such welcoming joy and friendship!" **Emily Knight's** church choir and orchestra are going on a mission trip to Rio de Janeiro in Aug. "We will be ministering to teenagers in favelas who would like to learn to play in an orchestra in hopes that this will help to lift them up out of poverty. We will be in partnership with the Igreja do Recreio that has provided the instruments for them to use. We will be bringing all sorts of supplies for the instruments (strings, reeds, cleaning supplies, music stands, etc.). We are so excited to be able to help with this project and will have so many stories to tell when we return! The music pastor at this church saw our choir and orchestra on YouTube live-stream and contacted our music pastor to see if we would come to their church to help. Just goes to show you what technology can do!" **Elisebeth Bashinsky** found herself "walking in the footsteps of

Paul" while visiting Greece and Istanbul. June featured the Rolling Stones tour in Atlanta with 3 generations of her family: Sons Cassels, Noble, and Max Krebs and wife Hayley Djuric, Elisebeth's daughter Neily Krebs Fox and her children, Emmy, 10, and Isla, 11, "one of my top 5 experiences! Next is moving to a new home here in Birmingham. Good cheer to all!" **BJ Bosman Hatley** writes from Asheville NC, "looking forward to Reunion, and seeing old friends. Our grandchildren, now 9 and 4, are a wonderful addition to our lives. I am working part-time, doing financial capacity/empowerment training here in town for young workers in the restaurant industry. I also recently finished writing my first mystery novel, which was both a huge challenge and a lot of fun. Husband Tom is retired, and we are mostly empty nesters, except for wonderful visits from our kids who are scattered around. Lizzie and family live in Waynesville NC. Lizzie's husband Janson works as a Deputy Sheriff with Buncombe County, and busy mama Lizzie is employed in childcare. Parker is in Boston, mostly, finishing his PhD in Social Anthropology at Harvard; Becky is a therapist for Deaf and Hard of Hearing folks in Western NC; and **Josie Hatley '18** lives in Winston-Salem, where she is putting her Master's in Public Health from UNC-Chapel Hill to work on a Medicaid Pilot for integrated care for kids in NC." **Lisa Watt Wilson** says "it's been a blast working with our talented Reunion committee (co-chairs **Marsha Taylor Pepper** and **Lisa Cloar Sutton** rock) and other wunderkinds as well as to catch up with our amazing classmates with whom I'll be deeply honored to share a weekend of revelry! Son and his 4 children are cheering on my first children's book, *Freddie Fastback and His Friends*. They provide me with another great excuse to visit the verdant hills of VA." From **Julie Wolfe Marshall**: "My crazy and blessed life has taken me from R-MWC in '75 to nuclear power plants nationwide as an engineer. An MBA from Pepperdine led me to Wall Street as an investor relations consultant and owner of my own marketing firm, where I now also get to indulge my creative side. I'm happily married with grandkids and dogs, a follower of Jesus Christ and

I live in FL with husband Bob. **Suzanne Adams Smith** is spending her time traveling, taking care of her granddaughter, reading, and hanging out with friends. "If you are in Nashville, come see me!" From Lisa Cloar Sutton: Make sure to receive mailings about our 50th reunion, May 29 - June 1, '25. Update Your Information with the College.

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Elizabeth Thompson Ray writes, "I retired from the State of VA Department of Social Services. My husband passed away at a young age from pancreatic cancer 19 years ago. I have one child who lives in DC. Hard to believe he's 40. I've traveled all over the world (except Asia) and love it." **Beth Gorman** married long-time love in '17 and R-MWC roommate, **Susan "Scotti" Estes**, attended the wedding. She retired in '21 after working over 30 years for local governmental agencies managing public outreach and education programs focused on environmental improvement. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors for a nonprofit environmental organization.

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Wanda Alvarez Pena visited **Lisa Popolo** at her home in VA after Reunion '22. In July '23, she visited **Jayne Sneed '76** and **Lindsey Bourne '76** in Richmond. She took a trip to Europe in Oct. '23. Daughter Sara got married in Oct '24. She is planning cruises to Alaska and Europe in '25. **Anthony Long Startz** enjoyed great travels with her sister researching in Mexico and Spain and thrifting with her daughter between TX and CO. She was honored last fall to receive the highest civilian award bestowed by the King of Spain. Her extensive work to research and document



(Left to right) Patti Davis '77, Holly Babb Brown '78, Cathy Cuneo Turpin '70, Suzanne Lasher '70, Melissa Eisenmann '00, Hailey Gilman '22 at a District 1 gathering at LL Bean in Freeport ME

the significant contributions of Spain to the American Revolutionary War was recognized in a special ceremony at the residence of the Spanish Consul General in Houston in Nov. '23. Julia Olmo, Consul General of Spain, presented the Order of Isabel Catolica to Anthony on behalf of His Majesty the King of Spain. The Consul General cited not only Anthony's hours of research, which have opened new opportunities for identification of additional Spanish Patriots of the Revolutionary War, but also Anthony's landmark books. To read one of Anthony and Molly's articles, search "The "Donativos": Finding the Silver that Dropped through the Floor | Unveiling Memories". **Catherine Phillips Winslow** had a tough '23 with the loss of her mother, 2/23/23, and her father, 12/4/23. They were 92 and 96. The upside of that was being finished with caregiving and finally having time and space for her own life. She's still an IA at an elementary school in Raleigh. She's involved with the choir at her church and the Royal School of Church Music-Carolina Course Residency at Duke. The course is an intensive week of singing in July. It's one of the highlights of her summers. She has 4 grandchildren. **Pattie Hallett** is having an adventure for each month of the year she turns 70. In Jan. she hiked Arches National Park. In Feb. she went on a lighthouse ghost tour in St Augustine. In Mar. she attended her granddaughter's birthday. In Apr., her birthday month, she went to a Total Solar Eclipse event in Grapevine TX. In May she scuba dived in Grand Cayman, and in June **Debbie Randall Bowie** and husband Bob had a "group 70th birthday" get together in Hilton Head. She visited Iceland in Sept. and St. Thomas in Oct., and needs to schedule more! **Lisa Peniston Sieg** hosted a June wedding celebration for her younger son at their home. She is VP for the Rockville Art League and organizes their annual 4 exhibits. She and husband Patrick are gallery assistants for

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and oversee shows which change every 6 weeks. **Randall Johnson Watts** and husband John retired after selling their family business, Watts Petroleum, Nov. '23. They are transitioning into their new life, and will have year-end tax liabilities involving the business for '24. Many trips are being planned. They went on a Viking Rhine River Cruise in Aug./Sept. '24. Randall saw **Edna Aguirre Rehbein** and **Karen Campbell** in May when Edna stayed with her during her last in-person Randolph College Board of Trustees meeting. Randall and daughter Libba rode the train from Lynchburg to NYC to attend performances of the NY Philharmonic, the NYC Ballet and a hilarious off-off-Broadway play, *Oh, Mary*. She and John attended Grandparents Day at their granddaughter's school in Falls Church. **Josephine Peyton Marsh** completed her 25th year at Arizona State University as professor and is currently spending her time directing ASU's Education Doctorate Program and mentoring doctoral students. Her work is mostly online which allows her to enjoy extended trips to Lynchburg with husband Gary to be with his 95-year-old mother. She visited Randall Johnson Watts on a few of her trips. She enjoyed lunch with Randall and **Joanna Szymczyk Beverly** on her last trip. She's enjoyed getting to know Lynchburg again. Her 2 sons are happy and healthy and she has 2 very smart, beautiful grandchildren! **Lisa Stein Woodruff** and husband, Dave, traveled to the PGA golf tournament at Valhalla Country Club in Louisville in May. They have a new granddaughter! Sistine Grace Rich was born 6/4/24. She's a little peanut! Lisa had her second knee replaced at the end of Jan. She is back to Ladies Golf league every week, but is still working to get back to 100% with the help of a trainer. **Celia Collins Macon** is still working because she still enjoys her job as an employment law lawyer. She's enjoying 5 grandchildren who all live less than 2 miles from

her. "Life is good." Debbie Randall Bowie's father, 95, died in Apr. ending years of caregiving for her disabled brother, mother and father during the last 16 years. She continues to work part-time as a professional organizer for a select few clients because she loves the work and the people. Her time with Pattie Hallett in June was a much needed break and great fun. Please remember to share your news with Debbie anytime. She'll hold onto it until the next issue of Class Notes. Also, let her know if your email changes.

1978

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Holly Babb Brown hosted a District 1 Alum group in Freeport at LL Bean. "Our small group discussed all kinds of things! Has anyone in '78 heard of the haunted east curlies? New one on me!" Alums who attended were: **Cathy Cuneo Turpin '70, Suzanne Lasher '70, Patti Davis '77, Melissa Eisenmann '00, and Hailey Gilman '22.** **Jana Over** writes that husband, David, has almost completed the 1st draft of his book on the development of the US Army Cavalry and the life of Capt Henry Carpenter. Post-civil war, Capt Carpenter led the 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers" for almost 17 years in the western US. **Rosalind "Roz" Bradley** is back in Richmond having officially retired as a Chaplain Educator in Winston-Salem NC. She writes, "On 5/2/24, we welcomed my first grandchild into the world, Julien Paris Coles. I have been busy visiting Julien almost every day and unpacking and reorganizing my home in Richmond. Rediscovering my favorite places and discovering new places in Richmond are great ways for me to spend time with my family and friends. I also love being so close to the ocean again! I am excited about retirement and am looking forward to spending more time writing and dabbling with various forms of art, especially photography and photobooks. It's wonderful being back with family and friends. In the words of one of my favorite lifetime characters, 'there's no place like home.'" **Milyn Jordan** was quite happy to retire in Apr. and is now enjoying a life relatively free of deadlines and demands. "So far, I'm following through on planned activities like online Spanish lessons, writing a bit every week, exercising more, and doing a lot of remedial gardening." She went on a sailing trip from the island of Mallorca in Sept. **Barbara Lawrence** is very happy that her parents have finally moved in with her. She adds, "Daddy has terminal lung cancer and Mum has severe dementia but I'm so thankful I get to be with them every day and I can take care of them like they truly need and deserve." **Sue Ellen Horst Petchul** and husband



1982: Trish McCall and her 93-year-old dad



1982: Janey Wallace Meynardie, Athena Sax Michael, and Megan Hennessy Corum



Bonnie McMillian at GovBall Music Festival

John traveled again to Ireland at the end of July. She is still volunteering at her "happy place," the Maier Museum. **Donna Price Tibbs** and husband EC enjoyed a cruise up the west coast of Norway, way up above the Arctic Circle, and then down the coast of Scotland stopping in the Orkney and Shetland Islands in May. "We saw a lot of sheep!" **Patricia O'Connor Sollitto** is "happy to report that I have survived my husband Nick's first year of retirement. I am continuing to work from home for a Re/Insurance company as a BA/PM. In June my family had a gathering on an Agriturismo in Tuscany Italy. Great weather, food and wine. Finally had lunch with **Patty Linger Beyer** and her mother to show them my Italy photos. God bless Patty's mother who recently turned 103!" **Kay Lewis-Wellman** and Ron enjoyed a 15-day river cruise in Europe, from Amsterdam to Budapest. "So many castles and cathedrals! We also experienced the recent flooding on the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers which caused some disruption to our trip. Enjoying retirement, and volunteering with an equine occupational therapy facility and with a state organization that provides free rides for medical appointments and shopping for seniors and others who cannot drive. My son Will is finishing up a phlebotomy program and hopes to start his career in that field by the end of summer while my daughter Catherine moved to Austin last year and is working in Quality Assurance at a Clinical Research facility there." **Katy Capps** shares, "I guess my life is pretty mundane, full of additional attention for my 98-year-old dad, for which I am grateful. He's writing an academic work on Emily Dickinson, so his mind is still fully engaged, despite his body wearing out. I am looking forward to our 50th, even as I attended my first high-school class reunion (the 50th!) this fall." Speaking of our 50th in 2028, I challenge each of you to *reconnect* with at least one R-MWC classmate over the next year. We all need to work toward planning for our biggest reunion ever! I'll be happy to provide contact info for old friends if needed, just email me.



(Left to right) Megan Hennessy Corum, Athena Sax Michael, Sherri Gabbert Pritchard, Ruth Aiken Owens, and Claire Long Childress

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What a wonderful 45th Reunion! 18 classmates and 1 intrepid husband enjoyed a weekend of reminiscing and fun. **Nani Broadbent-Yale** and husband Philip continue to live in Suffolk, England and are loving retirement. They have started a pickleball club in their village and spend time gardening, being creative in their studios, cycling, and traveling in their camper van. An open invitation stands for any visitors to England. **Ann Woodroof Williams** lives in Southport NC. Her 3 sons live in Charlotte, Wilmington, and Buffalo NY. Her youngest son has just returned after a year playing professional soccer in Australia; Ann and her husband were able to visit him there in Jan. '24. **Linda Westbrook Weinstein** is retired and enjoying life in Chicago - pickleball, traveling, playing golf, and 3 granddaughters. She would love visitors. **Nancy Waring Etheridge** lives in Charlotte NC with husband Mike. She is still practicing as a psychologist with a very reduced caseload. **Sharon Heptinstall Merrick** is happy in Charlottesville on a horse farm with 4 dogs. An Aetna Real Estate Broker and Consultant, she

also enjoys tennis and yoga and serves on the Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority. She enjoyed the 45th Reunion in May! "Great to share life's journeys past, present & future with dear friends! Many highlights that weekend. My favorite was when President Sue Ott Rowlands spoke, 'Liberal Arts Colleges encourage you to think BIG.' That was true for me in 1975 as a freshman and continues to this day." **Leslie Hoge** is enjoying a reduced work week as retirement creeps closer. She spends more time with her mother (100!) which is wonderful! **Tracy Walter Stunja** aka Gracie is now the grandmother of 4, and she has found the new "loves of her life!" She and husband Joe celebrated 40 years together this year. She loves riding horses and playing tennis. Tracy was happy to reconnect with classmates at Reunion! **Chappy Johnson Graf** welcomed her first grandson on 5/15/24. He and his parents live in Fredericksburg VA. Her second son is halfway through his residency at Temple and recently became engaged. Her daughter is establishing residency in Australia while preparing for her marriage to an Aussie. Chappy and husband By had a wonderful trip to Portugal in Feb. **Kee Hood Marshall** hosted a mini-Reading Reunion in Wilmington in Feb. with Ann Woodroof Williams, **Nancy Wilck**, **Phyllis**



1983: (Left to right) Catherine Calcote Fischer, Elizabeth Seward Deastlov, MCD Davis Shields, and Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo in Morehead City NC



Sara Thompson '83, Ginny Nelson Snyder '81, and MCD Davis Shields '83 on the Eastern Shore of VA



1983: Tulip Chaudhury on a tour of the Middle East in 2023

Fenno, Mary O'Malley Borg, Mitzi Smith Price, Carol Strickland, Susan Heath, Nisha Advani, Kathy Jones Shelton, Nancy Waring Etheridge, Ellen Brinker, Susan Harder Morris, and Leslie Sherman Gaske attending. Kee's older son Sam just moved to Rapid City SD where Olga, his wife of 11 years, got her first job after 11 years of medical education. Son Frank is living in Wilmington with his dog Yahtzee and working as a geologist specializing in sand for beach renourishment at the Outer Banks. **Medea Isphording Bern** and poet Jane Galer had their book *What The Raven Said* published last summer. Medea says, "An epistolary year of observation and discovery of the splendor in our backyards and beyond." The book delves into questions about appreciation, belonging, stewardship and the nature of friendship. Medea is currently dealing with the tumult of caring for 2 parents with dementia and chronic heart failure. She has been able to do a bit of traveling recently: Australia, Cayman Islands, and NY. **Paula Butz** is excited about building her new house. First comes the task of cleaning out her current house of 33 years in preparation to sell it. **Joan Hull Stumborg** and husband are celebrating 40 years together with a golf trip. Joan enjoys gardening,

volunteer activities, mahjong and grandchildren. She encourages the members of the class of '79 to start making plans to attend our 50th in 2029! Also attending our 45th were **Anita Tschurr, Susan Harder Morris, Judy Jones Booth, Emily Gill Mills, Janet Hansen Martinet, and Sally Martin Hall**. Keep in touch!

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Susan Farmer writes, "Life is full and interesting with grown children, meaningful work as a provider on the Fort Riley Medical Evaluation board, and challenging leisure time endeavors such as learning European tapestry weaving techniques through Rebecca Mezoff on-line courses."

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Classmates, we are in need of your news. The '81 Class Notes have, over the last year, been resuscitated and we need to keep things going! **Carla Bass Viana** writes, "Since '17 all 3 children married, 5 grandchildren and number 6 due in Nov. (4 girls and 2 boys). I retired in '21 and am loving time with family, friends, and traveling. Also loving getting to travel with classmates every year or 2 as we all move to retirement freedom." In May of '24, **Susan Huggins Chandler**, husband Bleak, **Peggy Walther Winton**, and husband Jay, traveled to the Amalfi Coast in Italy. Peggy planned the trip to the island of Ischia, which has far fewer tourists than some of the better-known islands on the coast, such as Capri.

They spent 5 wonderful days exploring the lovely island and consuming a great deal of excellent food and wine. They then traveled on by ferry and car to Ravello, a stunningly beautiful hill town also on the Amalfi Coast. Plans are currently underway for our next travel adventure! Please take a few minutes to report in. Many thanks!

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Sandy Shipley Manthorpe met with **Anne Nelson** at the beautiful home of **Susan Greene Abner** in Lexington KY for the Defender KY 3 Day Event at the KY Horse Park in Apr. "This was our 3rd time meeting and is becoming a fantastic annual tradition! I moved back to my hometown of Asheville NC after 32 years living in Charlotte NC, at the start of the pandemic in '20 to look after my 88 year old mother and am enjoying reconnecting with many childhood friends. After running dozens of half marathons over the last 8 years, I'm looking forward to (actually scared to death) running my first full marathon (26.2 miles) in Jan. just after celebrating the big 65 birthday! I'd love to reconnect with classmates! Email or text me!" From **Claire Long Childress**, "Several of us attended Apple Blossom Festivities with **Athena Sax Michael** the first weekend of May '24 in Winchester VA. **Sherri Gabbert Pritchard, Megan Hennessy Corum, Ruth Aiken Owens** and I were able to make the trip. **Kerstin Vogelbach Young** joined us for dinner on Sat. evening during our stay. Good times! **Kate Brett Lewis** writes, "My husband and I moved to Denver to be near our youngest daughter and her husband. We love the sunny days, trips to the mountains, and the friendly people. We split our time between Denver and

London where our oldest daughter lives with husband and daughter Natalia. We try to spend as much time being doting grandparents as we can. **Janet Frederick Conklin** writes, "I'm on the software team at NASA that develops tools to improve analysis timelines for the Artemis flight computer hardware-in-the-loop testing. I am extremely thankful for the '23 pacemaker implant that brings my pulse rate up to 60 BPM, after a 5-week Covid infection damaged the sinus node nerve in my heart. I have a new knee too. Bionic woman!" **Trish McCall** visited 93 year old dad and his 89 year old wife. "Family is like your favorite pants, comfy to get into and enjoy." **Jane Wallace Meynardie** enjoyed a Mardi Gras visit from Athena Sax Michael and Megan Hennessy Corum. **Bonnie McMillian** celebrated her 64th (!) birthday in NYC at GovBall Music Festival.

1983

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Val Sands Weeks is still running Weeks Environmental and working more than she wants, but she and husband John have planned trips to Iceland, Norway, Scotland and Ireland this year. Granddaughter number 3 just graduated high school in Frederick MD and is headed to RIT in the fall, so some trips to Rochester may be in their future. "This FL lady may need a winter coat." Some say life begins at 40, but for **Tulip Chaudhury**, true adventure began at 60! After traveling to our amazing 40th reunion last year, she and Abed set off on a tour of the Middle East, exploring Madinah and Makkah in Saudi Arabia; Cairo, Luxor and Alexandria in Egypt; and Amman, Jordan – what she called a "once in a lifetime experience." Now back home in Canberra, Australia, she sends "greetings from the land of the kangaroos!" **Penne Smith Sandbeck** moved to Alexandria VA, last Oct. and now works for New South Associates, a cultural resources firm in Fairfax, after working at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard for 4.5 years. She still has her house on the Eastern Shore of VA so she often sees **Margaret "MCD" Davis Shields**. Penne's daughter Maggie is headed north in the fall to study marine sciences at the University of New Hampshire. **Nancy Kline** just returned from a lovely visit to Scotland, and reports the Scots are friendly and helpful and the landscape is beautiful. She looks forward to returning there soon and hopefully won't receive a repeat souvenir of COVID! Nancy, a mosaic artist, recently combined forces with 5 artist friends to open a gallery/shop at The Marketplace in Sperryville VA called "Artful Friends Gallery". She would love to see any of you visiting the area. As for



(Left to right) Felicia Phillips Speuer '87, Karin Erkers '88, and Paige Coates Hamilton '88

an opossum update, she says they come and go and she is currently observing 2 youngsters who visit often and a mama who is lugging around a pouchful of babies in this heat! Margaret "MCD" Davis Shields and family celebrated the marriage of her son Ray and his new wife Suzie at a party in Atlantic Beach last summer. They were joined by Class of '83's **Sara Thompson** and **Melissa Marks Williams**, plus '85 alums, **Ann Davis Mewborn** and **Katie Warfield Schroeder**. MCD also welcomed husband Wright's retirement from Coastal Carolina Health Care in Jan. after 40 years of practicing medicine. He has taken on the role of House Manager, managing lots of maintenance projects at our Airbnbs on the Eastern Shore and in Morehead City NC, allowing MCD to devote more time to her business, Fund Development, LLC, a grant writing and fundraising business she founded in '08. She recently added as new clients the Town of Beaufort, Coastal Women's Shelter, and New Bern's Redevelopment Commission. MCD also reunited with classmates **Jamie Ledbetter D'Innocenzo**, **Elizabeth Seward Deastlov** and **Catherine Calcote Fischer** in Morehead City. **Nancy McCutchan Duden**, writes "I retired after practicing law in Annapolis for 34 years, including serving as the County Solicitor. I spend time with my 2 grandchildren, Violet and Arlo, and my mom who has dementia." **Frances Miller** moved to RVA in July '24! "Love hanging out with old friends Nancy Kline & Martha Frase!"

1984

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Kate Hall Mai and husband Mark enjoyed a wonderful trip to New Zealand in Mar. and sampled many delicious wines. **Anne Ailsworth Toms** spent a fantastic week in Bermuda to celebrate the 4th of July with husband Zach, daughter Julia and son-in-law Lee. **Susan Braselton Fant** writes that son Henry graduated from Vanderbilt and is consulting in Houston. **Maryanne Davis** has visited Susan twice this year in Sea Island. Great to see everyone at Reunion and please send

any email updates and news that is fit to print.

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The Class of '85 celebrated a gathering in June. Meeting first in NM with hostess **Michelle Logan Mazanec** were myself, **Beth Ballard Kilgore**, **Nell Jefferson Frederickson**, **Tina Pack McClean**, **Janet Lee Ahn**, and **Kathrine Johnson McMahon**. We toured NM, ate, drank, and made merry. Then we met classmate **Ann Cammack** in Florissant CO. We toured CO, dug for fossils, went to Pikes Peak and enjoyed the beauty of nature and great friends. I continued traveling through CO, after meeting my husband Ken in Florissant, visiting friends and family. I stay busy with The Woman's Club of Fort Worth and going to my great grandkids' ball games. Nell Jefferson Frederickson's son Neil graduated from Emory and Henry College with a BS in Environmental Science and Biology. To celebrate, she and her family traveled to Peru and Bolivia. Nell is still designing jewelry for her Sugar Grove Studio and recently took the position of Ceramics instructor at Ferrum College. **Katie Warfield Schroeder** was on campus volunteering for Reunion in May. She says it was a lot of fun! **Carolyn Somazze Fodel**'s son Connor graduated from Western Carolina University with a BS in Engineering. Michelle Logan Mazanec's 4th grandchild joined the clan on 1/23/24. He's thriving and Michelle is excited she will soon have all her grandchildren together in NM. **Lisa Belcher Heckathorn** is having a busy '24! She retired from teaching in Jan. after 23 years, sold her house of 37 years, was engaged and planning her wedding, with knee replacement surgery to top it all off. I think she's planning a nap sometime next year! I'm always glad to hear about you all and glad to let our classmates know of y'all's news. You can find me on our class of '85 Facebook page or at 1985@randolphcollege.edu.

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Greetings all and I hope these notes find you well! Most of us have milestone birthdays this year - let me know how you spent yours! **Rebecca Tanner Williams** writes, "We still hang here in Roanoke/Blacksburg with husband Steve and daughter Elle, 17. My medical practice closed in '19 after 26 years. I am enjoying time with our last child before she heads off to VA Tech. Our son Samuel Whitesell, 28, is married and lives in Richmond. Very close to his Hampden Sydney crew that

landed near him in Richmond. Tanner is 26 and has just moved to Asheville for work in Geotechnical Engineering. He and his sweetie Madelyn Stone will marry May '25. Daughter Grace is 23 and moved to Denver after finishing Biosystems Engineering at VA Tech. I see **Betsy Morris Crowell** often in Richmond for girls brunch and shopping. **Joni Blackwood Foerter** is on our radar for a mini reunion this spring. **Penny Shaw Bugos** is also in touch but we need another reunion to reconnect. Joni reports that she and husband Dave traveled to Mykonos for daughter Lilly's wedding to husband Jake on June 27. They live in Jackson MS. **Fran Ruggles Albro** reports that she moved back to Richmond in Aug! **Jennifer Leaming Wadman**

wrote to say that recently she was excited to discover that a fellow Camp Mom was not only a fellow R-MWC student but also an Even. "Though decades apart, we had one professor (and Trotters and The Cav) in common and enjoyed sharing memories. Larry and I are still in the NW corner of VA on a small homestead. Our children and 4 grandchildren and my parents are currently spread across 7 states (and Australia), so I get to spend some time on the road. Two are at university and I am still homeschooling - only 2 left - currently packing to take them, and some friends, to Johannesburg for ministry." **Sharon Smith McClellan** has left Comcast Business after almost 5 years to work with Corinthian Foods on St Simon's Island as a



Jane Conwell Bogen Morris '92 and husband Major General Jason Morris at daughter Second Lt. Holland Morris' graduation from the Marine Corps Logistical School



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Stacy Reed '95 with Carrie Rampp '94 in the Bay Area



Stacy Reed '95 with Amara Perez '92 in Portland

Food Broker. **Carla-Elaine Johnson** just got back from Dharamsala, HP India, meeting the Dalai Lama and celebrating with Tibetan friends. What an amazing way to ring in a milestone birthday! **Claudia Keenan** has just been named vice president and chief development officer at Sheppard Pratt; a private, non profit provider of mental health, substance use, developmental disability, special education, and social services. (Interesting tidbit - F Scott Fitzgerald and his wife Zelda spent time there in the 1920's). **Elizabeth Rood** was sworn in as U.S. Ambassador to Turkmenistan on July 15 and arrived at post on July 24, following 31 years as a Foreign Service Officer with the Department of State. **Caro Ward Miguelez** is a grandmother! Daughter Caroline had a baby boy, Theodore "Teddy" Charles Miguelez-Gammie on 6/18/24. Teddy's arrival also makes her mother **Caroline Teague Ward '58** a great-grandmother! **Wendy Steele Mixon** and husband John Del celebrated 36 years in May. "It's been a great 36 years! Both our children are now married and we look forward to retirement, travel, and hopefully grandchildren! We still live in Houston but may move again." In May, **Lil Mackie Pinney, Amy Maffitt-Barkley, Dorothy Chew Clark, Ruth Moyers Hallman, Paige Coates Hamilton '88** and I were on campus to help **Larkin Mott** and **Heather Ayers Garnett** with Reunion. As always, it was a fun and busy weekend catching up with one another as well as Reunion attendees. It was a real treat having Lil join us this year! Daughter Martha graduated from University of Richmond the weekend before so she took advantage of her time in VA and headed on over to the 'burg! In June a group of us were able to spend time together for our annual River week. In addition to Ruth, Larkin, Dorothy, Amy and I; we were joined by **Mary Frances Jaap Bellman, Ann Henley Yauger, Katherine Holladay Zampolin, and Margaret Graves Kirtland**. As

always, it was a lovely time with good food and drink, and lots of laughter and stories. Katherine has now run a marathon in ALL 50 states which, wow, is amazing! Larkin has had a busy spring with a sailing trip in the BVIs, a trip to Hilton Head and then Lynchburg, the River, and CO! Ruth and her family are just back from a fabulous vacation to Tahiti. Along with swimming with stingrays, eels, and turtles; Ruth and family almost had their own Swiss Family Robinson adventure. While exploring the reefs on outriggers, they capsized and got swept beyond the reefs and lagoon! Fortunately they had neighbors come to their rescue within 15 minutes which must have felt like forever! We are all grateful they are safe with a great story to tell and no treehouses on a deserted island were necessary! Brian has decided that we need to celebrate 60 in a big way, so he booked a long weekend with the kids at The Boar's Head in Cville for mid-Oct. followed by a River Cruise through Northern Europe late Oct. into Nov. for just the 2 of us! Keep sending me your news and if you haven't yet; join our class page on Facebook!

1987

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Dear Class of 1987, I'm happy to relay updates from some classmates. **Mary "Bunny" Mullen Brinson** was happy to share news regarding her daughter, "Our exciting news for you is that we met Martha in India this summer. She is there as part of a Temple Medical School research project, based at Kasturba Medical College in Manipal. We met her in Delhi and traveled to Agra, Mumbai, Goa, and Jaipur." **Debbie Lombard** reported, "I've been busy working on selling several hundred paintings, some drawings, by my mom, who painted for over 50 years. I created an online gallery, Lombard Art Gallery, for her on

Facebook and recently revamped her website at LombardArtGallery.com." **Sarah McCleskey** writes, "As of June 1, I was promoted to Vice Dean for Administrative and User Services for Hofstra University Library. This position reports to the Dean of Hofstra University Library, providing oversight for Administrative Services and leading the Library's Resource and Collections Services unit. In this role, I supervise full-time and part-time library staff and administrators for a number of library services, including Administrative Services, and Resource and Collections Services, and I continue to serve as library copyright advisor. I've also been appointed to serve as interim director of special collections and archives to provide executive-level oversight as we develop plans to grow this key area of the Library. Very exciting for me after 20 years in the same position!" **Afreen Yusuf Gootee** shared that she became a "Nani" grandmother again in Mar. of this year. On a personal note, **Flo Fisackerly Brooks** is enjoying her rekindled love of cross stitch and needlepoint. Her youngest daughter has joined in on the fun, which has been a great pastime for hot summer days. If you have news for the next bulletin, email them to Flo. Be sure the College has your email on file so you'll receive reminders to submit notes. Thank you all!

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I am confident in saying that I have now recovered from volunteering on the Reunion Committee chaired by **Larkin Mott '86** for the Reunion held May '24. This summer, some Odd year Alums (Class of '61) were invited and were joined by the Alums from '74 who were on campus to celebrate their 50th Reunion! All on the Reunion Committee were super successful ensuring everyone who attended had a memorable weekend to talk



2000: Ingrid Schmidt and Elizabeth-Ann Rowilson on vacation in ME



Maggie Reichenberger Holloway '00 and husband Andy with Susan Johnston Parcell '00 with son Luke and husband Jacob at a Mariner's game in Seattle

about for years to come. As I was walking from West Hall to Main Hall to assist with registration on Sat., I was taken aback when I heard my name being called by someone coming in the opposite direction. Low and behold, it was my dear friend **Karin Erkers** with **Felicia Phillips Spencer '87**! It was wonderful to reconnect with both of them. Karin filled me in on what she has accomplished since graduation. She worked for Proctor & Gamble Nordic Headquarters in Stockholm as a Brand Manager from '89-'94. Then she was in medical school at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm from '94-'00. Her last placement at USC/LA County allowed for her to visit **Wendy Hundere Parnell** and celebrate the Millenium New Year together. Also in '00, she had an internship and Orthopediatrics Residency at Ostersund Hospital. A few years later she worked at Astrid Lindgren Children's Hospital in Karolinska, Stockholm. She has enjoyed becoming an Ortho Surgeon. For 7 ½ years now, she has mainly been handling hip replacements at Falun Hospital. In May '24, she visited Felicia in Blacksburg VA which also included a visit to spend time with **Margaret Smith Johnson '86** and **Elizabeth Kehoe Sigmon '87**. (From that visit, Elizabeth found out from Karin and Felicia that I live in Charlotte and she lives 10 miles from me. I look forward to catching up with her soon!) While at R-MWC in May '24, I decided to reach out to several friends from Class of '88 and found that the first to respond was **Heidi Butler Prince** who is in Houston and happily married to husband Scott and has 3 children! Lady, 26, is a Mechanical Engineer and works at HVAC in Houston. Also working in Houston is their son Roscoe, 25, and is a Petroleum Engineer with a drilling company. Lastly, Daisy, 21, is a senior at UT majoring in electrical engineering. Wow! Thank you for the

awesome update for our classmates Heidi! Next up is **Nancy Evans Belezos** and boy has she been busy since graduation! After departing R-MWC, Nancy landed a job in Massachusetts renovating hotel properties on Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket for several years. From there, she followed a path into the financial sales world in Boston. So cool that she and husband Chris were introduced by her summer camp tentmate and have been married 27 years. Marrying into a large Greek family brought them to a coastal town south of Boston, halfway to Cape Cod called Marshfield Hills MA where husband Chris grew his criminal defense law practice. Nancy shared that after many family transitions later, he successfully was appointed to the Commonwealth of MA Superior Court as Judge Belezos and his 30 years of self-employment ended. They became parents of 3 children, Calliope in '05 and twins Cyrus and Paige in '07. In this time frame, Nancy stepped out of the sales world to be home with everyone and renovate both of their homes. First, a 1700s Cape Farmhouse and they are currently still working on their 1880 Victorian. At this time, she also volunteered and was involved in fundraising. Calliope is now studying Marine Science Studies at University of Tampa. Twins Cyrus and Paige are high school Juniors, Eagled in Scouts, play sports, looking for colleges and now driving! Watch out! Nancy sadly lost her father in '15 from cancer which brought her back to her farm in Vermont. Her mother, 94, still lives on the farm. Nancy decided to step back into the work world and now is a buyer of raw materials/tooling for her family-owned manufacturing company. Life still continues to change every 4 to 6 months for her family and it seems hard to keep up with, although she loves all of it! Being reminded of the loss of **Anne Hazelhurst Garrard** keeps

her mindful to live each moment with grace and humor. Amen, Nancy. We all extend our condolences to **Rachael Christenson Dennis** whose husband Ian passed away in Feb. '24 from brain cancer. **Carol Estes Caesar** shared that she and husband Jerry celebrated their 30 year wedding anniversary 8/16/24. To everyone else who I have reached out to recently or have not yet done so, I encourage you all to share with me what's been going on since graduation. Then I can share with everyone else who wants to keep up. Many thanks and Ciao for now!

1989

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Heidi Gomula wrote: "After 35 years of working for Bank of America as an HR Executive, I retired. I am grateful for the incredible opportunities and memories. My husband, Matt Hamilton (VMI class of '85) and I are excited for this next chapter."

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Joanne Keenan Young, Kim McCanna, Kim "KC" Constantine O'Keeffe, and Kimberly Wornom-Hicks got together over the July 4th weekend with family at the home of Charles and Susannah Wornom. McCanna and Kimberly live and work in Richmond while KC and Joanne live and work in VA. **Elizabeth Tornberg Lassiter** wrote to share that she and husband Fred became empty nesters! They live in Charlotte. Their twins will be attending UNC and UGA. Their oldest graduated from UNC this past May and works in



2005: Mary Anna Richardson Hartley and Amanda Williams-Clark visited recently at Jamestown



Caitlin Sheehan '13 and Beth Ann McColman '04 at Beth Ann's birthday party



Rebekah Helms Altman '03 with family

ME. She is studying for her 4th actuarial exam. "We can't wait to visit our girls!"

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Sheri Hedge Carroll has moved back to where she grew up in Roanoke VA. She continues to work in local public school systems as an administrative assistant. We send our condolences to **Jan Gorman Goulden**, whose father died in Jan. '24.

1992

In need of a Secretary.
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to volunteer or send your updates

Meredith Wells Lepley recently moved from Lexington KY to Savannah GA where she grew up and has family. She shared that it's nice to be closer to family, the water, and their daughters in college. **Kelly McHugh Lucia** started a new job as a Scheduling Coordinator with Medical Imaging of Fredericksburg in Mar. '24 and loves it! She is still homeschooling 5 kids and has her first senior this year. **Katrina Bush Cantrell** is a real estate agent in the Hampton Roads area, primarily serving clients in VA Beach and Norfolk. She and her husband, Fitz, are proud parents of 2 sons: Charlie, a rising senior at William & Mary College, and Sam, a rising sophomore at James Madison University.

1993

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Genevieve Neale writes, "After 19 years of running a mobile veterinary practice, I opened an

urgent care clinic for pets. My husband, Kim, and I moved to Timber Lake 4 years ago and it is our little slice of heaven." **Tara McCarthy Schultz** visited Genevieve in Sept. **Tammy Williams-Ankorn** flew to the San Diego area to see **Cheryl Gingras Lacy**. Tammy writes, "I'm in my 30th year of teaching. I'm still writing, contributing to The Sleuth Magazine. In Oct., I went to a Nancy Drew convention in Salem and also visited my favorite poet Emily Dickinson's house." Cheryl Gingras Lacy had a fun time catching up with Tammy Williams-Ankorn while she was in the San Diego area in the spring. She had an amazing time with **Patricia Fant** traveling around Edinburgh for several days in May. They loved seeing the kelpies, Highland Coos, and Stirling Castle. **Cara Smith Barnes** and her family moved from CO to Santa Fe NM. **Amy Greene LoCascio** wrote to share that after several years as Chief Communications Officer for Avon International and then its acquiring company Natura & Co, she left to help launch Eamon Capital Management where she is in charge of client acquisition and wellness. She still resides in Sewickley PA, outside of Pittsburgh and would love visitors. **Lisa Squires** writes, "Hello to the 50s!" She accepted a new opportunity at CHOP to develop an Integrative Health Program. Acupuncture, yoga, massage, Reiki, aromatherapy, and mindfulness are offered. Since she loves learning new things, she just completed her health and wellness coaching certificate and started her new side hustle, West-East Healing Arts. **Eli Kelly Poist** shared that life in the 6-12 months after our last class reunion has been a whirlwind. Eli traveled to AK the past summer, which means she has officially visited all 50 states. After a tumultuous '23 at work, she now has a solid team of 7 amazing researchers making a difference in the DC metro community through insights, volunteering, and building access to health care. She specifically has been working on mental health care access, awareness, resources,

and no cost access for teens and adolescents through the school systems. Go, Eli! She made a third visit to Boston area colleges with her son and enjoyed a calm and relaxing 2 week holiday in CA in summer '24. Shout-out to Eli and **Shannon Watts Sweetnam** for helping me celebrate my birthday last fall in Chicago - we had a blast catching up over lunch! I have been lucky enough to see many college friends lately, including **Cecile Gunn Desmond** and **Rhoda Lea '92** in NH in May. **Alis Dammeyer Priebe** and I had the chance to catch up over dinner while I was in Chicago to attend an interior design color course. Alis also took a "bucket list" trip to Banff with her husband and son, sharing unbelievable photos of the scenery. I traveled to Portugal for my summer holiday. **Stacy Delano '71** was my terrific guide in Lisbon - we saw all the sites and enjoyed amazing cuisine. I would love to hear more news from our classmates - please send notes to the address above or post them to our R-MWC 1993 Facebook page!

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Emily Farner Johns just moved to the Berkshires MA to work in Health & Wellness hospitality. She is at Canyon Ranch (manager of spa operations, healing energy, metaphysical). She's an Integrative Health & Wellness coach, massage therapist & reiki practitioner. Husband Chet is at Miraval (farm/garden education), and daughter Maddie, 20, is in Ireland for the year.

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I hope that everyone had a great summer! **Stacy**



Aneliese Apala Flaherty '11 with family

Reed saw **Carrie Rampp '94** when Carrie and her nieces were passing through the Bay Area. Stacy also visited with **Amara Perez '92** in Portland. **Alecia Sanders Gray** and son Ben spent 6 whirlwind days in DC and NYC with 150 newly promoted 8th graders and adults. She waved to all of us in the area because their guided tour provided no time to say hello to anyone sadly. She walked 47 miles in 6 days, saw amazing sights, and got to see Hamilton in NYC! The DC part of the trip reminded Alecia of being an extra in "In the Line of Fire" and hearing Maya Angelou speak at President Clinton's inauguration with some of us - lovely memories. After returning home, they had 1 week to pack up their home before their move to Santa Maria on the central coast of CA. Alecia is looking forward to cooler temps because they'll be closer to the Pacific. Northern CA has been too dang hot - that's saying a lot from an Atlantan who also lived in Orlando. Alecia was also able to spend time with **Tammy Nelson '94** in Austin in Apr. when she was in town for a conference. Tammy's an amazing host and tour guide and has more energy that she did in college, if that's possible. They had a great time staying up late and laughing. **Denise Elliott Cooper** is still working as the librarian at her neighborhood elementary school in San Diego. Husband Dino works at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in Emergency Management. Son Xavier is starting 11th grade, playing high school hockey and was able to participate in an AI Engineering program at Johns Hopkins University over the summer. Daughter Claudia is starting 6th grade and continues to play coed hockey with the San Diego Jr Gulls. The opportunities for girls hockey are exploding. She played with the San Diego Angels, winning the 12UAA Pacific Girls Hockey League Championships in Las Vegas this year. She's also played in tournaments with the Western Selects in Calgary, Canada and the LA Selects in Rochester



2016: Nikolas Oliver and Katy Boyer at their wedding on campus in March 2024

NY. Hockey keeps the family busy but they love it and their growing hockey community. They plan to stay in CA for a while. **Stephanie Schalk Zaitsev's** daughter Katya is a rising sophomore at Randolph College. It's a funny story about how she ended up at Randolph. Randolph wasn't on her list but the admissions counselor was at her school so she took advantage of getting out of class and ended up talking with him and really liking the idea. After a lovely visit and an offer to swim on their team, she committed. Stephanie's son is a rising senior at VA Tech. Stephanie stays busy with a job that she loves and family and enjoys seeing updates on Facebook from her long lost R-MWC friends. **Carrie Meyer Suber's** mom Norva shared a fabulous update about Carrie's girls for us. Daughter Caroline is a senior at Wake Forest and enjoyed a semester abroad in Australia. Elizabeth is a junior at Auburn in the aviation program. She's now a licensed pilot in small aircraft with 2 more years to her commercial pilot license. Little Carrie is 11. She taught herself to read around age 4 and spells above her grade level. Please keep your updates coming!

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Lindi Bunke Kelly just moved back to San Antonio due to her Mom's health. She was promoted to Colonel and is now serving as Deputy Chief of Medical Staff at Wilford Hall at JBSA Lackland. She is also faculty in the Psychiatry Residency training program. Her kids are

launched and life is good!

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Birgitta Sujdak-Mackiewicz got to see **Sarah Barham Stuart** for the first time since they were sophomores at R-MWC! They picked up without missing a beat and enjoyed introducing their families, too. Next time they won't wait so long to get together!

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Kylie Warkentien Cuthbertson had a wonderful time at Reunion this year! It was great to see everyone. It was a terrific end to her time as Class Secretary. She is grateful to **Megan Smith** for volunteering to take over those duties and to **Destiny French Just** for taking on the Class Agent role. **Kindra Speech** writes, "Greetings Divas! I am happy to report that I am now 10 years free from breast cancer and 1 year free from thyroid cancer. I don't look like what I have been through or what I am going through. God is great!"

REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 2000

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Since our 25th reunion is coming up in May '25, let's focus on mini-reunions for this edition! **Maggie Reichenberger Holloway** is still teaching for DoDEA in Stuttgart Germany. She and her family are back on Whidbey Island for the summer. Maggie sees **Lisa Shantz Klassen**, who lives 10 minutes from the Whidbey house. **Susan Johnston Parcell** and her family flew to Seattle to visit with Maggie; **Chana Shwadlenak Madrid** joined the mini reunion with Maggie, Lisa, and Sue. **Kristin Bolte Wolf** and **Kate Meehan Pedrotty** also had a summertime mini-reunion in WA while Kate's family were on vacation in the Pacific Northwest. **Elizabeth-Ann Rowlison, Ingrid Schmidt**, and their husbands vacationed together in ME over the summer. In Oct., Elizabeth-Ann, **Michelle Proses Hoffman**, **Sarah Wright**, and I reunited for dinner in Denver; Michelle, Sarah, and I then danced down memory lane at a Carbon Leaf concert! I saw **Kai Felton** and **Tara Carleton Weaver** in Jan. when Kai was in the Denver area for a Cal basketball game. In Apr., a group of alumnae and alumni gathered in Denver to meet with

Randolph College President Sue Ott Rowlands; it was great to catch up with **Jenn Cullom**, Sarah Wright, and **Julie Goldberg '99**. **Karey Fellers Draper** is still living in England and started a new role last year with Historic Royal Palaces as Curator of Historic Buildings at Hampton Court Palace, just outside of London. **Theresa Ciampaglia Creech** graduated from nursing school in May '23 as a registered nurse and is working as a psychiatric nurse. She got married to Robert Creech on 5/11/24. Here's to more mini-reunions over the next few months and hope to see you all in Lynchburg in May!

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Jessica Maddox has been teaching math at a community college in Oregon for the past 13 years. Daughter, Calliope, just finished her freshman year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She and her long-term partner, Gary, bought a house in Albany earlier this year and are looking to expand their family with both a cat and a dog. **Meredith Byrnes Daley** is still teaching 3rd grade and has been at the same school since graduation. She continues to coach in the summer and for one of the local high school teams. Her kids are also swimming this summer. Her son had a race in Lynchburg, and she treated him to a Cav burger and fries on the way home! Their family also welcomed a dog, Captain MacGuinness, last year and as Meredith put it, they "experienced the puppy love." As for my family and me, my husband underwent a second surgery in Feb. and is now in early survivorship. While he continues to heal and cope with side effects from his cancer treatment, we are very thankful for the progress he has made. Our kids, Connor and Paige, attended the Texas A&M chapter of Camp Kesem in June, which is a program that supports children through and beyond a parent's cancer. They had an amazing time and can't wait to go back next summer. They both play hockey and are on the same team for the first time ever. Paige is also playing volleyball this summer, which has been fun for all of us to learn more about as a family. I am enjoying a few weeks of much needed time off this summer before returning for my 5th year as an Elementary ELA Instructional Specialist. In the meantime, my family and I are taking a roadtrip to relax for a few days on the FL Gulf Coast, and I'm working on reading as many books as I can from my ever-growing "books to read" list.

2002

Margo Pretz-Pena and Vikki Guarisco Lucas
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The Class of '02 has been busy living the life more abundant these days with family and friends. So busy we did not pull together our Fall class notes about our exciting lives, except for **Melissa Bradbury Coats** and **Kristin Whitacre Orndorff** ! They got to catch up in June when Melissa was in town and to visit campus. It was great to see one another and catch up, and they even grabbed lunch at the Cavalier! As Class Secretary, I wish the Class of '02, and all our wonderful alumni, a wonderful time with family and friends for the upcoming holidays. I look forward to hearing from many of you soon for the Spring Issue. Class notes will be due in early December to Vikki Lucas. Be on the lookout for an email from vmlucas05@gmail.com. All the best!

2003

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Rebekah Helms Altman completed her fourth season with High Release Dance in Feb '24. In May '24 she graduated her first child Sam, who homeschooled/dual-enrolled through high school. They are off to Hofstra University. In Sept. '24, she and husband Tim celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. **Kate Keith-Fitzgerald** recently started a new job as a Reference Librarian at the Concord Free Public Library where she's been working for a few years. She loves the chance to find new ways to help patrons!

2004

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The Class of '04 celebrated their 20th reunion in May and did not disappoint! Those who were able to join us on campus had a blast reliving memories made while at R-MWC and creating new ones at Randolph. Who could forget our dinner at the country club, singing our school song in Smith, or dancing the night away in the student center? We also lifted one another up while remembering our classmate **Sarah Corvington**. See you at our next reunion, class of '04! **Kelly Robertson Straub** was appointed Director of Communications and Marketing for the City of Norfolk. She also had the pleasure of serving as emcee for the Oath of Office for Norfolk Fire and Rescue's new

fire chieftain MacArthur Memorial, which was overseen by **Amanda Williams '05**. We send our congratulations to **Maria Noto-Cagen**, whose little girl, Giovanna Marie, was born 6/7/22.

REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 2005

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Mary Anna Richardson Hartley '05 (Senior Staff Archaeologist Jamestown Rediscovery) and **Amanda Williams-Clark '05** (Director of MacArthur Memorial) got together recently at Jamestown to discuss the challenges the archaeologists are facing with sea level rise and climate change. **Lyndsey Pelham Lederer '05** happened to be in London at the same time as professor Heidi Kunz this spring. They caught up over a cup of tea in a lovely cafe in Covent Garden. Both Lyndsey and Professor Kunz were surprised that it has been 20 years since graduation! Lyndsey also visited with **Sara Rechnitzer '07** in Portland OR in July. A reminder that Reunion is in '25, hope to see you all there!

2006

Julia Morris Schinault
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Dearest classmates, **Carrie Hunt** had a recent career change to an Architectural Specification Writer for a door hardware manufacturer. She shared it was a great change both mentally and for her career. **Megan Terry Fuller** shared that she, **Ashley Smith Cornell**, **Katie Duckett**, **Erin Sheldon Hume**, and **Jillian Lum** enjoyed a mini-reunion in Richmond in Apr. for drinks, dinner, and a Waxahatchee concert. I would love to hear from more classmates! Feel free to send me your update anytime by email and I'll submit with our next Class Notes submission. It will not be much longer before we are back behind the Red Brick Wall for our 20th Reunion. I look forward to hearing from more of you before then and seeing you in '26! **Farley Crews Dickey** writes, "Since my days at R-MWC, I have become the grandmother of 3 boys and 1 girl, born in Sept. Now I am following my original dream to become an RN. I will finish next summer. I will keep you posted. *Vita abundantior!*" **Ashley Riggs-White** wrote to share that unfortunately, they had to close their cat café, but in the year they were open, they found homes for 157 cats! They deeply appreciate all the support they had from the alumnae community. It was great seeing those of you that were able to visit.

2007

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Lianna Carrera is still chillin' in LA and questioning all her life choices. She is saddened by the cancellation of Ellen DeGeneres (although she understands it) and is working to get through it.

2008

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2009

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REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 2010

Roxy Torres Medina
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Kathleen Forehand Fort writes, "After 20 years, I am thrilled to be working at the Maier Museum of Art at Randolph College once again. I love being surrounded by amazing art and working with artists and art-loving scholars and students. Please visit the Maier whenever you are in Lynchburg to see our latest exhibitions!" **Ashley Haugh Sanders** started a new job teaching mathematics at Joppatowne High School.

2011

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Aneliese Apala Flaherty and husband are renovating the house and hope that they can have guests soon. Aneliese had a baby, Devon "Gibby", in Nov. '22. **Lauren Reding '09** came to visit when he was first born and again in Oct.'23, just in time to visit a pumpkin patch together. The Apala Flahertys visited VA briefly for the wedding of **Madeline Carmain '13**. Gibby has gotten to travel with Mom for work (to AK and Chicago) and has taken 14 airplanes before turning 1! **Leanne Hanson** shared, "'24-'25 marks my 11th year of teaching Latin! Tempus fugit! I also road-tripped to NM and AZ with my dog to see the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, and Sedona this summer. It totally rocked!"

2012

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Janie Campbell was recently awarded Historic Columbia's Preservation Leadership award in May for her contributions to historic preservation in the Columbia SC area. She was also featured by the University of SC for her involvement in historic preservation efforts statewide as an alum of the university's graduate school. **Justin DeSmith** married Terri Sabey 10/14/23. **Jennifer Fowler Patterson** and **Mark Patterson '15** have 2 children, Max Lawrence and Ford Robert. They live in Apex NC. Jennifer is actively competing her horse Collins in eventing.

2013

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Megan Hageman Davidson opened her own private practice, Cabdor Therapy Network. She also had a baby, Georgia Irene, in Jan. '24.

2014

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REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 2015

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Lexi Harrington Blankenship and husband Mitch welcome their first child, Ainsley Marie into the world, 3/10/24. She is a healthy, happy baby girl and her parents couldn't be more in love with her!

2016

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On 3/9/24, **Nikolas Oliver** and **Katy Boyer** got married in Smith Hall, where they first met as English students.

2017

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Sarah Biegelsen has been published in the Kansas City Star newspaper for articles she's written at her job as an archivist." **Meghan Moran Stone** recently married a fellow Randolph grad **John-Aubrey Stone!**

2018

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Madeline Shelby Prichard married Reid Prichard on 5/11/24. **Kati Biggs DePaola**, **Morgan Waite**, **Shannon Baskin Smith**, and **Helen Macnamara** were bridesmaids.

2019

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REUNION MAY 29- JUNE 1, 2025 2020

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Maida Choudhery got married in '21 and had a beautiful daughter. In '23, she was blessed again with another wonderful daughter. "Life is short, live like you mean it." **Nicole Taulton** has a new job as a Physical Therapist with Frederick County Infants and Toddlers

2021

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Essence Anderson is currently working in the mental health field with children and teens. "It is very hard but a rewarding job!"

2022

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2023

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Railey Oetken was hired in Jan. '24 as a physical science technician at Norfolk Naval Shipyard. She is also the assistant varsity softball coach at Deep Creek High School.

2024

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DISTINGUISHED *Young Alumni* AWARD



(Left to right) Brittany Dickey Van Staalduinen '10, Youssef Elkei '13, and Priyanka Uprety '10 received Randolph's first Distinguished Young Alumni Awards in September.

In September, Randolph recognized three outstanding graduates with a new honor, the Distinguished Young Alumni Award. The 2024 inaugural recipients were Brittany Dickey van Staalduinen '10, Priyanka Uprety '10, and Youssef Elkei '13.

BRITTANY DICKEY VAN STAALDUINEN '10

Van Staalduinen is an award-winning OB-GYN and surgeon at Kaiser Permanente, which is nationally ranked for excellence in maternity care. She is also a clinical instructor affiliated for the Stanford University School of Medicine and a senior associate dean for medical student education.

Van Staalduinen graduated from the College with degrees in biology and dance and earned her medical degree from the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine.

She has also served as chief resident of the Richmond University Medical Center's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and worked in a private practice, both in New York. She became board certified and a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2021.

In addition to her work, van Staalduinen regularly volunteers in her California community and beyond. Her volunteer work includes a medical mission trip to Honduras focused on women's health and well visits. She also continues to dance and is currently teaching elementary-age students in the Bay Area.

PRIYANKA UPRETY '10

Uprety, technical director in clinical microbiology at Quest Diagnostics, is passionate about improving access to healthcare, particularly by improving diagnostic services in resource-limited settings.

She majored in biology at the College and also earned a PhD in molecular microbiology and immunology from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Before joining Quest Diagnostics earlier this year, she led the research and development team in the infectious disease division of Becton, Dickinson & Company, a medical technology company.

She has also worked as a research laboratory technician with the Mayo Clinic, acting director of the Baltimore City Public Health Laboratory, associate director of the Infectious Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and associate director of clinical microbiology and laboratory at New Jersey Medical School.

YOUSSEF ELKEI '13

Elkei, a global studies major who earned his master of science in foreign

service from Georgetown University, has gone from the Red Brick Wall to the West Wing of the White House.

After being selected for the prestigious Pickering Foreign Affairs Graduate Fellowship and graduating with distinction from Georgetown, Elkei joined the U.S. Foreign Service and was posted abroad for four years.

He served as a consular officer in the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, before representing the United States at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, as an environment, science, and technology officer.

He returned to Washington, D.C., in 2022 to serve as a special assistant to Secretary of State Antony Blinken, where he staffed and traveled with Blinken and senior staff on domestic and international travel.

Now, as a duty officer at the White House Situation Room, Elkei works on global situational awareness, executive communication, and interagency coordination. His role often finds him briefing top U.S. officials, including the President, Vice President, and National Security Advisor, among others.



IN HONOR OF

Rekha Visvanathan Arness '74

Craig Arness

Beau Kettinger

Joan & Robert Aronstam

Susan Gallagher Astarita '63

Patsy Derby Chaney '63

Peter Babineau '26

Joe & Helen Babineau

Anne Gardner Baldwin '73

Katherine Boldridge Ellis '73

Kathryn Sullivan Beal '09

Laura Geisel Sullivan '74

Helen Barber Boone '61

Johanne Pryor '61

Jen Godley Brestel '93

Allison Kughn Ebert '93

Lee Hawthorne '93

Connie Hawks Broecker '54

Mary Welton Hawks Meredith '57

Brad Bullock

Kathleen Stewart Page '08

Evelyn Dunbar Webb '02

Katharine Stark Caldwell '74

Susan Braselton Fant '84

Skip Kughn HA

Muriel Zimmerman Casey '53

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Chiu Hong Ng

Class of 1961

Sarah Strider Seeman '61

Class of 1964

Anonymous Member of the Class of 1964

Class of 1968

Ellen James Ramsburgh '68

Class of 1969

Lucy Lacoste '69

Class of 1974

Catherine Morse Beaman '74

Robin Robinson Burke '74

Ann Grogan Burnette '74

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Sarah Austin Dandridge '74

Deborah Knutzen Juterbock '74

Michelle Lodge '74

Diane Knauer Ludwig '74

Deborah Wooten '74

Class of 1977

Anne Roark '77

Sally Warren Wallman '77

Class of 1978

Holly Babb Brown '78

Class of 1980

Denise Hahn Tuttle '80

Class of 1983

Elaine Glasscock Olivier '83

Class of 1984

Sherrie Miles Burdick '84

Beth Richardson Chiparo '84

Sherri Lynn Ford Hendrix '84

Hunter McKinley Sydnor '84

The beautiful voices of The Class of 1986 that serenade and sustain me every day.

Ruth Moyers Hallman '86

Class of 1987

Cyndee Hueg Griggs '87

Class of 1989

James Duffy HA

Andi Larson Ellsworth '89

Katherine Clay Willis '89

Class of 2004

Shawna Reed '04

Karen Speer '04

Rachael Bradshaw Sullivan '04

Class of 2006

Jackie Savage '06

Class of 2013

Cam Hall '13

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Julie & Brian Stutts

Claire Cockrell Cole '92

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Nancie Newkirk Loppnow '69

Allison Kughn Ebert '93

Tina & Skip Kughn HA

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Allyson Finley Ey '88

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Shawna Reed '04

Martha Martin Field '56

Frances Taber '71

Kathleen Forehand Fort '10

Lorraine Shiels Girling '94

Clair Golden '25

Wendy & Richard Golden

Tristan Gregory '27

Debbie Huntington '73

Elizabeth Grimm '71

Beth Cross Ellis '82

Amy Clark Haden '87

Robyn Smith '87

Carolyn Reeves Hally '62

Jinx Broadus Patel '58

Susan Heath '79

Kathryn Heath Graves '76

Susanna Henderson '99

Helen & Ian Henderson

Hermira Hendricks

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Katherine Boldridge Ellis '73

Elizabeth Heath Hershey '80

Kathryn Heath Graves '76

Lucy Williams Hooper '73

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Abigail Robertson

Jessica Robertson

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James Duffy HA

Dixie Nash Sakolosky '68

Jane Neblett Tims '68

Kathy Schaefer

Shawna Reed '04

Katrin Schenk

Zahra Adahman '14

Helene Parish Schewel '47

Shanda Kiser Rowe Horner '63

Garnett Horner

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Evelyn Dunbar Webb '02

Doug Shedd

Shawna Reed '04

Kim Sheldon '09

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Mary Milam Whiteside-Lee '65

Gerry Sherayko

Debbie Huntington '73

MCD Shields '83

Penne Smith Sandbeck '83

Paula Harrison Smith '71

Delores Wooten Beggarly '71

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Miranda Hull

Mila Glover

Kimberly Staton

Haleigh Young

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Diane Matthews Walker '74

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Mazzy Childers

Jen & Alexander Wilgus

Wildcat U

Julianne Hoff Casey '93

Hudson Williams '28

Melvin Williams

Jane Meredith Wolf '61

Johanne Pryor '61

Laura Word '13

Laura Geisel Sullivan '74

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2/8/2024-8/31/2024

Franklin Flint

Elizabeth Herbert Cottrell '71

Anne Hazlehurst Garrard '88

Mary Pinck Wood '88

Betty and Bob Goldsworthy

Julie McCoy '71

Tara Towler Guida '99

Destiny French Just '99

Nicole Milligan '99

Shannon Taylor '99

Karen Hagerty '89

Carol Scott '89

Kimberly Hegg '84

Carol Tredway Chesney '84

Fran Bain Heiner '41

Frank Heiner

Julya Rose Hodge '73

Sean O'Connor

Nancy Flippen Holloway '71

Julie McCoy '71

Mary Hottel '71

Julie McCoy '71

Martha Howard

June Rutledge Heintz '66

Polly Cummings Hussain '64

Susan Walton Carroll '64

Caroline Lockett Cherry '64

Jane Meredith Wolf '61

Kirsten Anderson Hyland '84

Amy Heinbockel Burgoyne '84

The Nolen-Hynes Family

Frances Hynes

Chris Kenyon '77

Deborah Randall Bowie '77

Dawn Keogh '77

Donna Howe Fagan '77

Karen Grogan Kimberly '80

Kathy Seifert Graves '80

Leighton Clarke Krips '78

Becky Pardo Ruffin '80

Tammy Kidd Kincaid '82

Karen Lisle '82

Alexandra Knoppel '10

Ana Neubaum '10

Toni Kratt '64

George Elam

Peggy Signer Lancaster '49

Sarah Lancaster

Vicky Langston '73

Ann McClung '73

Eleanor Williams

Frances Jones Giles '65

Fran Zollinger White '58 & George White

Meredith Lumpkin Marchant '61

Nina Earle Brock '61

Susanne Burton Sawyer '61

Jane Meredith Wolf '61

Lee Brammer May '80

Becky Pardo Ruffin '80

Alexander McConnell

Mai Dam '15

Jacqueline McMillan '74

Kathy Phares Farris '74

Robert Meade

Agnes Thorne Harvin '71

Marguerite Hess Morris '44

Margie Morris Dubay '74

Catherine Muller

Keller Freeman

Lesley Moore '81

Dorothy Lipps Nelson '90

Kim Wornom Hicks '90

Margaret Norris

Laura Norris Robinson '80

The Norris Family Foundation

Cynthia Kramer Paris '86

Ruth Moyers Hallman '86

Alison Smith Kosnet '86

Amy Maffitt Barkley '86

Sharon Smith McClellan '86

Caro Ward Miguelez '86

Dorothy Izard Parks '48

Dale Parks Otterman '72

Laura Geisel Sullivan '74

Edwin A. Penick, Jr

Elizabeth Keesee Henry '69

Cullen Phillips '70

Patty Culpepper '70 Joy Mitchell Price '61

Susanne Burton Sawyer '61

Jane Meredith Wolf '61

Professors at Randolph who awakened my interest in science

Patsy Terry Nance '56

Margaret Weigle Quillian HA and William F. Quillian, Jr. HA

Anne A. Quillian

Sherrill Reynolds '74

Holly Sanders '74

Elias Richards

Ann Verbeke Richards '58

Jean Green Rodenbough '55

Nancy Meintzer Rice '55

Frederick B. Rowe

Shanda Kiser Horner '63

Judy Mundy Shutt '62

Cleon Shutt

Helen Sliker '71

Ann Beatty '74

Mary Sliker Benson '74

Sarah Crosby Smith '64

Susan Walton Carroll '64

Caroline Lockett Cherry '64

Rita Miller Wells '60

Jane Meredith Wolf '61

Robert Spivey

Skip Kughn HA

Kee Hood Marshall '79

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Thomas W. Stephens

Shanda Kiser Horner '63

Carl and Charlotte Stern

James Gibert '79

Carol Stogdale Lown '69

Helen Stephens Storey '50

Ann Beatty '74

Frances Dudley Strickland '43

Martha Strickland Betts '68

Esther Stuart Taylor Clark

Joy Taylor '74

Kay Redmond Teague

Amy Rose Cecil '86

Dorothy Clark Chew '86

Mary Pappas Clarkson '86

Elizabeth Burks Clarkson '59

Billy Clarkson

Erica & Russell Croft

Kent Croft

Mary Ellzey Davis '86

Kathryn Kooch Hillhouse '87

Lynne Jamison Kinder '86

Margaret Graves Kirtland '86

Tina & Skip Kughn HA

Alicia Lewis '86

Carol Croft Linde

Amy Maffitt-Barkley '86

Farah Marks

B. Lee Dunn McGarry '87

Jim & Dana Davidson Redmond '60

Sandy Doran Rogelberg '86

Jody Spiller Ryan '86 and Geoff Ryan

Frankie Slaughter

Sharon Bouck Smith '66

The Spiller Family

Francis Teague

Lois Smith Ware '86

Jennifer Tyree

Fran Zollinger White '58 & George White

Katie Hill Vaden '72

F. Rogers Vaden

Kathryn Kerr Walker '74

Lee Hawthorne Carrigan '74

Charlotte Selman Watson '40

Robey Watson Frasche '69

Suzanne Savedge Wescoat '64

Jane Meredith Wolf '61

Jane Baber White

Charles B. White

Miss Mabel K. Whiteside

Betty Anne Raney Copeland '54

Jacqueline Curtis Whitmore '47

Lyndon Whitmore '75

Susan Witter '71

Betsy Krone '71

Patricia Sclater '73

Lind Groseclose Wright '61

Nancy Ward Harwood '61

■ IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI DEATHS

Listing includes notifications received by the College as of September 19, 2024

1941	Fanny Terry Milligan	1/20/2024	1948	Shirley Becker Nickels	2/2/2024	1953	Mary Kline Maley	8/21/2024
1944	Harriett Smith Beury	1/16/2024	1948	Margery Paysinger Williamson	5/4/2024	1953	Claudia Sims Patterson	7/1/2024
1945	Ann Cullins Beam	3/14/2024	1949	Martha Nichols Fisher	3/14/2024	1953	Anne Weisiger Quicke	4/7/2024
1945	Mary Hovis Heath	7/16/2024	1950	Bettie Thomas Chester	1/29/2024	1953	Elinor Weber Yeoman	4/4/2023
1946	Jane Kennedy Branson	5/5/2024	1950	Joan Strauff Howe	5/12/2024	1954	Mary Wyatt Upham Allen	5/19/2023
1946	Martha Sheffey Joffrion	2/16/2024	1950	Sue Wright Nicholls	4/17/2024	1954	Merrell Jenness Lievens	7/24/2024
1946	Bevan Strauff Joslin	1/11/2024	1950	Helen Stephens Storey	1/20/2024	1954	Anita Rogers Silvernail	4/24/2024
1946	Evelyn White Norris	3/12/2024	1950	Betsy Hill Cole	8/18/2024	1955	Jeannette Green Rodenbough	2/12/2024
1947	Mary Bowers Betts	4/11/2024	1951	Ellen Gibbs Godwin	6/4/2024	1956	Martha Stikeleather Capra	5/18/2024
1947	Jean Bull Hilton	7/6/2024	1951	Martha Wallace Goode	7/31/2024	1956	Barbara Brown Fenimore	1/22/2024
1947	Jane McNair Waugh	4/1/2024	1951	Peggy Fraser Walbridge	2022	1956	Mary Adams Gray	3/1/2024
1948	Martha Walker Baumeister	3/21/2024	1952	Frances Penny Gray	3/8/2024	1956	Jo Anne Warren Lewis	6/30/2024
1948	Janet Reed Hale	4/3/2024	1952	Juliette Revelle Moore	5/19/2024	1956	Irene Marks Rupp	12/27/2023
1948	Martha Gayle Hortenstine	7/3/2024	1952	Mary Pyemont Stephenson	9/11/2023	1956	Laura Woody Soltis	1/22/2024
			1953	Elizabeth Hoover Derryberry	3/29/2024	1956	Bettie Brown Weaver	4/25/2024
			1953	Evans Evans Frankenheimer	6/16/2024	1956	Carolyn Becker Winburn	1/30/2024
			1953	Sara Nottingham Goffigon	7/4/2024	1957	Carolyn Anderson Lowe	9/4/2024
			1953	Lois Rodenberg Green	7/9/2024	1957	Helen Hart Mayson	8/24/2024
			1953	Peachy Mobley Kohler	1/20/2024	1957	Carolyn Collier Ware	9/9/2024
			1953	Sally Stevens Luck	7/26/2022	1958	Ann Weaver Bower	1/24/2024

* HA denotes Honorary Alumna or Alumnus

IN MEMORIAM

1958	Virginia Hood Scott	6/18/2024	1953
1958	Mary Jane Kolp Smith	2/12/2024	
1958	Phyllis Copley Summerfield	1/22/2024	1954
1958	Mary Dixon Warren	4/29/2024	
1959	Mary Cox Garner	3/9/2024	1956
1959	Dorothy Kortjohn Magadieu	3/30/2024	
1960	Nancy Lanier Player	6/24/2024	1957
1960	Rosalind Jeffery Wilgus	10/21/2022	
1961	Miskit Airth	3/13/2024	1957
1961	Jane Aurell Croft	2/13/2024	
1961	Edith Gleason Fitzpatrick	4/11/2024	1958
1961	Amanda Darnell Lange	3/1/2024	
1961	Catherine Searls Mahony	4/27/2024	1958
1961	Meredith Lumpkin Marchant	1/28/2024	
1962	Alicia Hazlehurst Ragsdale	3/23/2024	1961
1962	Annesley Kean Schmidt	1/14/2023	
1962	Rebecca Peel Storey	1/9/2024	1964
1962	Priscilla Gulick Tomlinson	5/3/2024	
1963	Gay Knox Vaughan	2/12/2024	1965
1963	Nancy Kerr Woolley	6/10/2024	
1964	Sallie Hay Swisher	8/19/2024	1965
1964	Margaret deFries Worrall	12/20/2023	
1965	Gloria Owen Covington	3/13/2024	1965
1965	Elaine Strickland Cronin	12/19/2023	
1965	Patricia Manning Gordon	4/30/2024	1967
1965	Mary Catherine "MC" Haug	4/2/2024	
1965	Frances Blackwell Robinson	3/25/2024	1968
1966	Kit Hansen Clarke	5/23/2024	
1966	Katura Schoene	12/27/2023	1969
1967	Mary Kittredge Mlady	7/29/2024	
1968	Toni Orrison Dorman	8/23/2024	1970
1969	Catherine Graves Oechsler	1/2/2023	
1969	Melissa Ravenel	2022	1970
1969	Janette Hassell Wilkinson	3/30/2024	
1970	Cullen Phillips	4/21/2024	1971
1970	Melinda Nurmi Zalecki	8/1/2022	
1971	Barbara Schamberger Cornett	5/24/2024	1971
1971	Helen Sliker	1/23/2023	
1974	Elizabeth Thackston McMullan	10/2/2013	1972
1974	Carol Sonne Wilkes	3/26/2018	
1975	Charlotte Rives Carr	9/25/2022	1972
1975	Lisa Mann Geddis	10/30/2015	
1975	Jane Lindquist	11/2023	1973
1976	Julia Brandon Coleson	10/17/2023	
1976	Mary Anne Stefanic Taylor	7/3/2024	1975
1977	Katherine Martin Gray	8/2024	
1977	Dawn Keogh	7/8/2024	1976
1977	Martha Parker	9/4/2024	
1978	Lark Root Altom	8/3/2024	1976
1980	Marian Crenshaw Thomas	4/25/2024	
1988	Lou Lachicotte	1/22/2024	1977
1996	Emily Covington Coro	6/30/2024	
1998	JoAnne Thomas Cole	5/31/2024	1977
2001	Nicole Jarke	3/28/2024	
2001	Shirley McAllister	8/9/2021	1979
2022	Jessica Williams	2/11/2024	

ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI FAMILY DEATHS

Listing includes notifications received by the College as of September 19, 2024

1946	Sister of Bevan Strauff Joslin	
	Joan Strauff Howe '50	5/12/2024
1949	Sister of Frances Gayle Allen	
	Martha Gayle Hortenstine '48	7/3/2024
1950	Sister of Joan Strauff Howe	
	Bevan Strauff Joslin '46	1/11/2024

Spouse of Ruth Farmer Barnett	
Bill Barnett	7/17/2024
Cousin of Mandy Joiner Hall	
Laura Woody Soltis '56	1/22/2024
Spouse of Betty Knox Callaway	
Ben Callaway	4/19/2023
Sister of Roberta Gayle Boyles	
Martha Gayle Hortenstine '48	7/3/2024
Daughter of Martha McDonald Lachicotte	
Lou Lachicotte '88	1/22/2024
Cousin of Margie Joiner Deer	
Laura Woody Soltis '56	1/22/2024
Spouse of Pat Parrish Harris	
John Brooks Harris	5/4/2024
Spouse of Douglass Smith Porter	
Charles McGavock "Mac" Porter	8/12/2023
Spouse of Sallie Crosby Smith	
Andrew Smith Jr	1/17/2024
Spouse of Louise "Weesie" Ralph Douglass	
Prentiss Douglass III	12/27/2023
Sister of Peg Knox Morrison	
Gay Knox Vaughan '63	2/12/2024
Mother of Terry Milligan Aufranc	
Fanny Terry Milligan '41	1/20/2024
Son of Kay Taylor Sheild	
Conway Sheild IV	12/12/2023
Spouse of Janet Ward Druen	
William Druen	12/16/2023
Mother of Kathryn Cornett Heekin	
Barbara Schamberger Cornett '71	5/24/2024
Relative of Louisa Branscomb	
Martha Sheffey Joffrion '46	2/16/2024
Aunt of Cary Goffigon Cridli	
Sara Nottingham Goffigon	7/4/2024
Spouse of Kate Lachicotte Kern	
Dennis Kern	12/16/2023
Sister of Allison Gulick Muller	
Priscilla Gulick Tomlinson '62	5/3/2024
Husband of Anabel Smith Bowen	
Harry Bowen	5/20/2024
Brother of Anna Simmons Gainer	
John Simmons	9/5/2024
Mother of Gayle Hortenstine Greene	
Martha Gayle Hortenstine '48	7/3/2024
Mother of Tina Joffrion Whitfield	
Martha Sheffey Joffrion '46	2/16/2024
Mother of Ellen Goode Eirk	
Martha Wallace Goode '51	7/31/2024
Cousin of Grace Gary	
Lou Lachicotte '88	1/22/2024
Father of Debbie Randall Bowie	
Russell Randall	4/27/2024
Cousin of Sally Warren Wallman	
Martha Gayle Hortenstine '48	7/3/2024
Mother of Claudia Patterson Farmer	
Claudia Sims Patterson '53	7/1/2024
Mother of Ginny Godwin	
Ellen Gibbs Godwin '51	6/4/2024
Mother of Becky Dawson Tweedy	
Ruth Lane Dawson	4/28/2024
Cousin of Julia Lowther	
Harriett Smith Beury '44	1/16/2024
Mother of Sara Smith Brown	
Mary Jane Kolp Smith '58	2/12/2024
Spouse of Rachael Christenson Dennis	
Ian Dennis	2/2024
Spouse of Kimberley Vere Feus	
Bill Feus	4/29/2024
Aunt of Anne Hazlehurst Garrard	
Alicia Hazlehurst Ragsdale '62	3/23/2024

1991	Mother of Carolyn Sims McCarron	
	Ruth Sims	9/15/2024
1993	Mother of Jennifer Sims	
	Ruth Sims	9/15/2024
2003	Mother of Colleen McCreary	
	Shirley McAllister '01	8/9/2021
2004	Cousin of Morgan Greene Santos	
	Martha Wallace Goode '51	7/31/2024
2009	Mother of Lindsey Carr	
	Charlotte Rives Carr '75	9/25/2022
2013	Mother of Lauren Dowdle	
	Dawn Dowdle	11/12/2023

COLLEGE FAMILY DEATHS

Listing includes notifications received by the College between 1/22/2024 and 9/19/2024

Robert Spivey	12/12/2023
Robert Verklin	12/23/2023
Budd Adams	2/20/2024
Daniel Bowman	5/9/2024
Jane White	6/17/2024
Thomas Stephens	6/27/2024
Deborah Culbertson	8/28/2024
Ruth Sims	9/15/2024

THOMAS WILLIAM STEPHENS

Thomas "Tom" Stephens, the Thoresen Professor of Theatre Emeritus, died at his home in Washington D.C. on June 27, 2024. Stephens received a BA in English from Gannon University in 1964 and an MFA in Speech and Drama from The Catholic University of America in 1966. He began teaching at R-MWC in 1966, where he founded the Department of Theatre. He earned his PhD in Theatre from the University of Denver in 1972. Stephens was an educator, award-winning playwright, director, and a dedicated supporter of the performing arts and the theatre program at the College. He retired from Randolph College in 2009 as the chair of the Department of Theatre and Performing Arts after 43 years of service.



RANDOLPH COLLEGE

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

— BYLAWS REVISIONS —



YOUR VOTE NEEDED BY JANUARY 1, 2025

Dear Members of the Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Randolph College Alumni Association,

The Board of Directors of the Association recommends a vote to approve the revised Bylaws as presented in this mailing. As a membership organization, it is your right and responsibility to vote on the Association Bylaws revisions.

The Association Bylaws Committee reviewed the current Bylaws and worked on amendments to simplify notice of meetings, elections, and amendments to the Bylaws. The proposed revisions were approved by the Association Executive Committee and the full Association Board at the April 20, 2024 meeting. The proposed amendments now come to you for your consideration.

According to the existing Bylaws, proposed amendments are sent by the Director of Alumnae and Alumni to all members of the Association at least one month prior to the vote on the amendments. The ballot must be signed by the member, and returned by the member prior to the deadline. You may vote by completing and mailing the attached ballot or by voting online using the following link. **www.randolphcollege.edu/bylaws**

Please review the Bylaws and indicate your approval by returning the attached ballot by January 1.



☐ I vote **FOR** the Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae and Randolph College Alumni Association Bylaws as presented.

☐ I vote **AGAINST** the Randolph-Macon Woman's College Alumnae and Randolph College Alumni Association Bylaws as presented.

Full Name (first, maiden, last, class year)

Signature

Date

If this ballot is received but no direction is given with respect to the Bylaws, this ballot will be voted FOR the proposed Bylaws. The Association Board of Directors recommends that you vote For the proposed Bylaws.

☐ If these Bylaws are approved, we will vote electronically moving forward. If you do not have access to a computer and would like us to print and mail future Bylaw changes, please check the box to notify us.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO
R-MWC Alumnae and Randolph College Alumni Association
2500 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg, VA 24503

Each section shows the current Bylaw and the proposed revision is **redlined**.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

CURRENT

2.2 Notice of Meeting.

Notice of the date of the Annual Business Meeting or any called meetings of the Association shall be provided to members of the Association not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days prior to said meetings.

PROPOSED CHANGE

2.2 Notice of Meeting.

Notice of the date of the Annual Business Meeting or any called meetings of the Association shall be provided to members of the Association not less than ~~15 days nor more than 60 days prior to said meetings~~ 10 days nor more than 60 days prior to said meetings by posting on the College's website on the Association page and by email to the member's email address on file with the Association or by mail if the member has currently elected to receive Annual Business Meeting notices by mail. If a member has not elected to receive such notices by mail and does not have an email address on file with the Association, notice shall be only by posting on the College's website as set forth herein.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

2.2 Notice of Meeting.

Notice of the date of the Annual Business Meeting or any called meetings of the Association shall be provided to members of the Association not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days prior to said meetings by posting on the College's website on the Association page and by email to the member's email address on file with the Association or by mail if the member has currently elected to receive Annual Business Meeting notices by mail. If a member has not elected to receive such notices by mail and does not have an email address on file with the Association, notice shall be only by posting on the College's website as set forth herein.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

CURRENT

Section 3. Election. Officers shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee and circulated along with a ballot in the winter issue *The Bulletin*. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election. If the office of President becomes vacant, the First Vice President shall assume the office of President. If the office of First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Secretary becomes vacant, the office shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 3. Election. Officers shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee ~~and circulated along with a ballot in the winter issue: *The Bulletin*. A majority~~ procedure for notice to the Association membership about the slate of votes cast shall constitute election: officers and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 2. If the office of President becomes vacant ~~during a term~~, the First Vice President shall assume the office of President. If the office of First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Secretary becomes vacant ~~during a term~~, the office shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 3. Election. Officers shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee. The procedure for notice to the Association membership about the slate of officers and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 2. If the office of President becomes vacant during a term, the First Vice President shall assume the office of President. If the office of First Vice President, Second Vice President, or Secretary becomes vacant during a term, the office shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

ARTICLE VI – ALUMNAE AND ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CURRENT

Section 3. Election. The Representative to the Board of Trustees shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee and circulated along with a ballot in the winter issue of *The Bulletin*. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election. If the position of the Representative to the Board of Trustees becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 3. Election. The Representative to the Board of Trustees shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee. ~~The procedure for notice to the Association membership about the slate of the Representative to the Board of Trustees and circulated along with a ballot voting is set forth in the winter issue of *The Bulletin*. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election.~~ Article XV, Section 2. If the position of the Representative to the Board of Trustees becomes vacant ~~during a term~~, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 3. Election. The Representative to the Board of Trustees shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee. The procedure for notice to the Association membership about the slate of the Representative to the Board of Trustees and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 2. If the position of the Representative to the Board of Trustees becomes vacant during a term, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

ARTICLE X – CHAIRS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

CURRENT

3.1 Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors shall nominate a Chair of the Nominating Committee to serve a three-year term. The Nominating Committee Chair should be a current or former member of the Committee. The candidate's name shall be circulated on a ballot in the winter issue of *The Bulletin*. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election.

PROPOSED CHANGE

3.1 Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors shall nominate a Chair of the Nominating Committee to serve a three-year term. The Nominating Committee Chair should be a current or former member of the Committee. ~~The candidate's name shall be circulated on a ballot in the winter issue of *The Bulletin*. A majority of votes cast shall constitute election.~~ The procedure for notifying the Association membership about the name of the nominated Chair of the Nominating Committee and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 2. If the position of the Chair of the Nominating Committee becomes vacant during a term, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

3.1 Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors shall nominate a Chair of the Nominating Committee to serve a three-year term. The Nominating Committee Chair should be a current or former member of the Committee. The procedure for notifying the Association membership about the name of the nominated Chair of the Nominating Committee and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 2. If the position of the Chair of the Nominating Committee becomes vacant during a term, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

CURRENT

2.2 Bylaws Committee.

- a. Composition. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair and two members, so appointed that the term of one shall expire each year. The members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- b. Duties. The Bylaws Committee shall examine the Bylaws each year, recommending any amendments deemed necessary, and shall consider amendments proposed by others as provided in Article XIII.

PROPOSED CHANGE

2.2 Bylaws Committee.

- a. Composition. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair and two members, so appointed that the term of one shall expire each year. The members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
- b. Duties. The Bylaws Committee shall examine the Bylaws each year, recommending any amendments deemed necessary, and shall consider amendments proposed by others as provided in Article ~~XXXIV~~.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

2.2 Bylaws Committee.

- a. Composition. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of a chair and two members, so appointed that the term of one shall expire each year. The members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
 - b. Duties. The Bylaws Committee shall examine the Bylaws each year, recommending any amendments deemed necessary, and shall consider amendments proposed by others as provided in Article XIV.
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ARTICLE XII – ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION

CURRENT

1.2 Election. District Directors shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee and circulated along with a ballot in the winter issue of *The Bulletin*. If a District Director position becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

PROPOSED CHANGE

1.2 Election. District Directors shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee. ~~The procedure for notifying the Association membership about the slate of District Directors and circulated along with a ballot voting is set forth in the winter issue of *The Bulletin*.~~ Article XV, Section 2. If a District Director position becomes vacant ~~during a term~~, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

1.2 Election. District Directors shall be elected from a slate prepared by the Nominating Committee. The procedure for notifying the Association membership about the slate of District Directors and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 2. If a District Director position becomes vacant during a term, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the Board. Any person elected by the Board to fill a vacancy that is less than one-half of a complete term may be nominated for election to a full term at the end of the unexpired term the board member completed.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

CURRENT

Section 1. Proposal. Amendments may be proposed by a chapter, a chair of a standing or special committee, or a member of the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 1. ~~Proposal.~~Recommended Amendments. Amendments may be recommended by the Bylaws Committee pursuant to Article XI, Section 2.2(b) and amendments may be proposed by a chapter, a chair of a standing or special committee, or a member of the Board of Directors to the Bylaws Committee for consideration and recommendation.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 1. Recommended Amendments. Amendments may be recommended by the Bylaws Committee pursuant to Article XI, Section 2.2(b) and amendments may be proposed by a chapter, a chair of a standing or special committee, or a member of the Board of Directors to the Bylaws Committee for consideration and recommendation.

ARTICLE XIV - AMENDMENTS

CURRENT

Section 2. Procedure. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for consideration. If an amendment has been recommended by the Committee, it shall be presented to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors. If approved by both bodies, it shall then be sent by the Director of Alumnae and Alumni to all members of the Alumnae and Alumni Association at least 30 days prior to the vote on the amendment. Publication in *The Bulletin* or a special mailing is deemed notice to all members of the Association. The ballots shall show a deadline by which ballots must be returned to be counted. Each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote, in the method prescribed by the Executive Committee, in considering questions requiring action by voting members of the Association.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 2. Procedure: ~~Proposed amendments shall be submitted~~Any amendment to the Bylaws Committee for consideration. If an amendment has been recommended by the Committee, it Bylaws Committee shall be presented to the Executive Committee. If approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, the amendment shall be presented to the Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors. If approved by both bodies, a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment shall then be sent by the Director of Alumnae and Alumni to all active members of the Alumnae and Alumni Association at least 30 days prior to the vote on the amendment. ~~Publication in *The Bulletin* or a special mailing is deemed notice to all members of procedure for notifying the Association. The ballots shall show a deadline by which ballots must be returned to be counted. Each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote, in the method prescribed by the Executive Committee, in considering questions requiring action by membership about the proposed amendment and voting members of the Association is set forth in Article XV, Section 3.~~

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 2. Procedure. Any amendment to the Bylaws recommended by the Bylaws Committee shall be presented to the Executive Committee. If approved by a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee, the amendment shall be presented to the Board of Directors. If approved by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, the proposed amendment shall then be sent by the Director of Alumnae and Alumni to all active members of the Association not less than 10 days prior to a vote on the amendment. The procedure for notifying the Association membership about the proposed amendment and voting is set forth in Article XV, Section 3.

ARTICLE XV – PROCEDURE

CURRENT

Section 2. Election of Officers and Board Members. Only active members may vote in elections. Notice of elections shall be considered adequate if provided in the winter edition of *The Bulletin* or by special mailing to active members at their last known address on file with the Association, along with a ballot for voting. No ballots will be counted past the deadline set forth on the ballot. The Board may promulgate rules for the return of electronic ballots that will be published together with the notice of election if such means are utilized.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 2. Election of Officers and Board Members. Only active ~~Association~~ members may vote in elections: ~~for officers, members of the Board of Directors, the Representative to the Board of Trustees, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and District Directors.~~ Notice of elections shall be ~~considered adequate if~~ provided by posting on the College's website on the Association page and inclusion in ~~the winter edition of *The Bulletin*,~~ along with a ballot. The ballot shall include a deadline by which a completed ballot must be submitted or ~~by special mailing to~~ returned in order to be counted, which date shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Each active ~~members at their last known~~ member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote either by electronic ballot on the Association web page or by completed printed paper ballot returned to the Director of Alumnae and Alumni by the United States Postal Service. An electronic ballot may be accessed on the College's website on the Association page. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the outcome of the election.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

Section 2. Election of Officers and Board Members. Only active Association members may vote in elections for officers, members of the Board of Directors, the Representative to the Board of Trustees, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and District Directors. Notice of elections shall be provided by posting on the College's website on the Association page and inclusion in *The Bulletin*, along with a ballot. The ballot shall include a deadline by which a completed ballot must be submitted or returned in order to be counted, which date shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote either by electronic ballot on the Association web page or by completed printed paper ballot returned to the Director of Alumnae and Alumni by the United States Postal Service. An electronic ballot may be accessed on the College's website on the Association page. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the outcome of the election.

NEW SECTION

Section 3. Amendment to Bylaws. Only active Association members may vote on amendments to the Bylaws. Notice of a vote for a proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be provided by posting on the College's website on the Association page and by email to the email address on file with the Association, ~~along with a ballot for voting. No ballots will be counted past the deadline set forth on the ballot. The Board may promulgate rules for the return of electronic ballots that will be published together with the~~ or by mail if the member has CURRENTLY elected to receive notice of ~~election if such means are utilized;~~ proposed Bylaws amendments by mail. If a member has not elected to receive notice of proposed Bylaws amendments by mail and does not have an email address on file with the Association, notice about proposed Bylaws amendments shall be made only on the Association page of the College's website. The notice shall include a deadline by which votes must be submitted or returned in order to be counted, which date shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote either electronically on the Association web page or by completed printed paper vote returned to the Director of Alumnae and Alumni by the United States Postal Service. An electronic vote may be cast on the College's website on the Association page or via a link from an emailed notice of the proposed amendment. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the outcome of the proposed amendment.

CLEAN NEW SECTION

Section 3. Amendment to Bylaws. Only active Association members may vote on amendments to the Bylaws. Notice of a vote for a proposed amendment to the Bylaws shall be provided by posting on the College's website on the Association page and by email to the email address on file with the Association or by mail if the member has CURRENTLY elected to receive notice of proposed Bylaws amendments by mail. If a member has not elected to receive notice of proposed Bylaws amendments by mail and does not have an email address on file with the Association, notice about proposed Bylaws amendments shall be made only on the Association page of the College's website. The notice shall include a deadline by which votes must be submitted or returned in order to be counted, which date shall be determined by the Executive Committee. Each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote either electronically on the Association web page or by completed printed paper vote returned to the Director of Alumnae and Alumni by the United States Postal Service. An electronic vote may be cast on the College's website on the Association page or via a link from an emailed notice of the proposed amendment. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the outcome of the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XVIII – VOTING

CURRENT

Each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote, in the method prescribed by the Executive Committee, in considering questions requiring action by the members of the Association. A majority of votes cast shall determine the outcome of the vote. Proxies may be used at any meetings of the members consistent with the Act.

PROPOSED CHANGE

In considering questions requiring action by the members of the Association, each active member of the Association shall be permitted to cast one vote, as set forth in the Bylaws or in the method prescribed by the Executive Committee, ~~in considering questions requiring action by the members of the Association;~~ if not otherwise set forth in these Bylaws. A Member may vote either by submitting an electronic ballot on the College's website on the Association page or by completing a printed paper ballot and returning it to the Director of Alumnae and Alumni by the United States Postal Service. An electronic ballot may be accessed directly on the College's website on the Association page or via a link from an emailed ballot. A majority of votes cast shall determine the outcome of the ~~vote matter being voted on~~. Proxies may be used at any meetings of the members consistent with the Act.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

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ARTICLE XIX – ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

CURRENT

Meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, or any committee may be held by conference telephone or similar communication method provided that all members shall have an opportunity to participate. Members considered present at the meeting shall be able to hear one another and speak to one another at all times. Any vote shall be by roll call, and a record of said vote shall be maintained with the records of the Association.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, ~~or any committee;~~ and the entire membership at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association may be held by ~~conference~~ telephone, video teleconference, or similar communication method provided that all members ~~in attendance~~ shall have an opportunity to participate. Members considered present at the meeting ~~in person or virtually~~ shall be able to hear one another and speak to one another ~~at all times~~. Any member casting a vote shall be verified, as determined by the Executive Committee, and all votes shall be cast by roll call, ~~and a voice vote is not adequate for determining matters when meetings are held with any members participating virtually.~~ A record of ~~said voice votes~~ shall be maintained with the records of the Association.

CLEAN PROPOSED CHANGE

Meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, Committee, and the entire membership at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association may be held by telephone, video teleconference, or similar communication method provided that all members in attendance shall have an opportunity to participate. Members considered present at the meeting in person or virtually shall be able to hear one another and speak to one another. Any member casting a vote shall be verified, as determined by the Executive Committee, and all votes shall be cast by roll call. A voice vote is not adequate for determining matters when meetings are held with any members participating virtually. A record of votes shall be maintained with the records of the Association.



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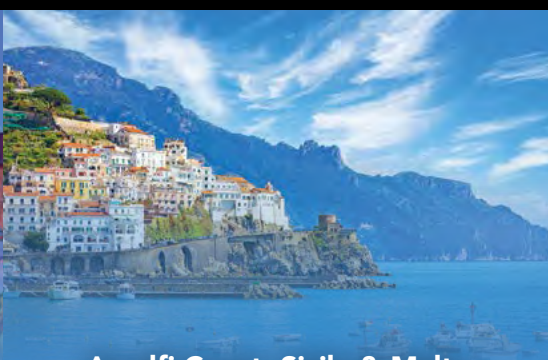


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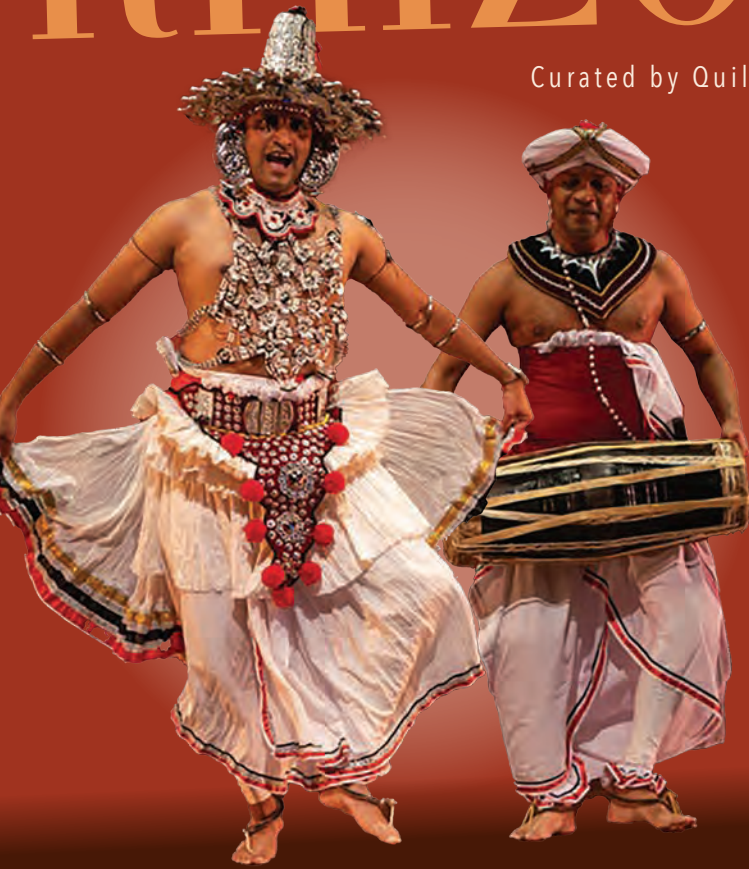
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