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Hampton Roads Academy, an inclusive community of service and compassion, prepares students to excel intellectually, artistically, physically, and morally in higher education and in life.

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Head of School

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Consistent with the Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"), Hampton Roads Academy is committed to providing an environment that emphasizes the respect and worth of every member of its community and that is free from harassment and discrimination in admissions, employment, and education programs or activities based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or any other status protected by law.

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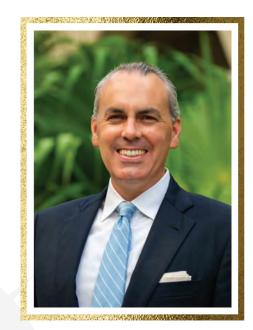
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# **HEAD'S LETTER**

## Dear Hampton Roads Academy Community,

With the end of the school year already fast approaching, I am proud of everything we've accomplished during my first year at our wonderful school. Since becoming your Head of School last July, I'd like to express my gratitude for our wonderful HRA community. I take great pride in being part of an institution that exhibits remarkable passion and dedication to its students, families and local community. Working alongside such talented and dedicated faculty, staff, students, families, and alumni fills me with gratitude.

I want to take the time to thank you for all of the support, well wishes and overall warm welcome that I have received during this transitional period, which I feel has been incredibly smooth. During his 12 years at the helm, Peter W. Mertz left a lasting legacy on our



school. His many accomplishments include the betterment of the school's financial health and doubling the size of the Lower School. Though he left big shoes to fill, I am confident that the strong values of support and compassion that run through our community can sustain us through any challenges.

Our collective work is driven by a profound sense of purpose, with a strong focus on our commitment to our honor system. At the heart of our great school lies a commitment to fostering an environment of academic excellence, character development, and personal growth. Honor is at the core of everything that we do—and our school has always stood as a beacon of knowledge, where students acquire the necessary skills for their future endeavors, while also cultivating a deep sense of integrity, compassion, and self-worth.

The recent months have been characterized by a noticeable sense of excitement—our school has much to be proud of right now and much to look forward to, including 2024 graduation, my first at HRA since becoming Head of School. Graduation is an exhilarating milestone that marks the culmination of years of hard work, growth and countless memories. As it approaches, may our graduating seniors cherish their last few months as students at our great school.

Lastly, I'd like to address our current students. As you navigate the challenges and triumphs that come with the academic pursuits of a new semester, always remember that you are not alone. Our school community is a support system that believes in your potential and is dedicated to helping you achieve your goals. Together, let us create an environment where curiosity is nurtured, creativity is celebrated, and dreams are realized.

Sincerely yours,

**Head Of School** 

James H. Lasley, Jr.















# ONCE A NAVIGATOR, ALWAYS A NAVIGATOR



# A Farewell to LISA & PETER ME

As the school year came to a close, HRA Celebrated Peter W. Mertz. Mr. Mertz has led HRA as Head of School since 2011 and retired in 2023. On behalf of the parents of the Senior Class, Class President, Aarman Khayat '23 presented both Lisa and Peter Mertz with graduation leis.

In his twelve years at Hampton Roads Academy, Peter Mertz presided over the most significant transformation of the school's campus. Under his guidance, the school added more than 30 classrooms,



five science labs, a new entrance with student commons and administrative offices, a dining hall and the HRA Hydroponics Lab. He established the International Residency Program and the Athletic Hall of Fame, oversaw the establishment of the REACH program, and anchored a debt reduction campaign, leaving the school in a secure financial position.

More than this, Peter Mertz will be remembered fondly for making it his priority to know his students, every one of them by name, and for putting their well-being first and foremost, encouraging them to be the best they can be.

At the celebration, the Lisa and Peter W. Mertz Meeting Room, fittingly located within the Mary and Larry Pope Dining Hall, was dedicated in honor of the Mertz's service to the school.

We are also proud to announce the creation of an endowed fund, the Peter W. Mertz Fund. Created by Michael Fisher '86 and four other members of the Class of 1986, this fund will directly support scholarships for the children of HRA faculty and staff.

TO HONOR PETER WITH A DONATION TO THE FUND, PLEASE CONTACT JAIK HENDERSON, OUR DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT. DONATIONS MAY BE MADE ONLINE AT WWW.HRA.ORG/GIVE

# Trustee, Alumni & Faculty Legacy



Barrett '20, Sara '90, Clay '82, Addison '23 and Kenyon Amott '17



Dr. Joe, James '23, Kimberly (Faculty/Staff) and Jack Baust '21



Dave, Emma '23, Rachel (Faculty/Staff) and Jake Donavant (Class of 2033)



Jamie Dornan (Class of 2026), Kristan Burch '91, Cassie '23, Kimi '95 and Josh Dornan (Current Trustee)





Gus, Kate (Faculty/Staff), Beth '23 and Charlotte Goddin (Class of 2025)







Tom (Coach), Ellie (Class of 2027), Ty Richardson '23 and Laura Stoner (Faculty/Staff)





Emily '23 and Randi Helpinstill (Faculty/Staff). Not pictured: Sarah '19 and Michael Helpinstill (Former Trustee)



Dr. David Deeley '02, Rebecca Deeley (Faculty/Staff) and Richard Merryman '23



Troy Thompson '23, Bridgitte Ferguson (Faculty/Staff) and Maggie Thompson '20



Jackson '23 and Lee Underwood (Faculty/Staff)



# **CLASS OF 2023**

Hampton Roads Academy celebrated the accomplishments



of 48 students during the 2023 Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 27th in the school's Svein J. Lassen Auditorium. The graduating students continue the tradition of 100 percent college acceptance and earned over \$2 million in merit scholarships and awards.

The morning ceremony included commencement addresses from Upper School History teacher Christopher Joyce, selected by the senior class to give the Salutation, and senior Tyler Cooley Richardson, selected by their classmates to give the Student Commencement Speech. The Commencement Address was given by Hampton Roads Academy alumna and singer Essy, Rachel Braig '14. After the Conferring of Diplomas, Peter W. Mertz, Head of School, gave closing remarks.

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Embrace change, try new things, think out of the box, and in HRA jargon 'Think, Explore, Discover'. Navigate new waters. Do not be afraid to seek what is over the horizon... Remember the special distinctiveness of this class, your friendships and your school, and take strength in knowing that you will always be a very, very good part of each other and of Hampton Roads Academy. And now, one last time, let me salute you as HRA Navigators.

The 48 members of the Class of 2023 leave a legacy of great success at Hampton Roads Academy in the classroom: two seniors were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their high academic achievement; on the stage: the seniors led this year's play productions and concerts; and on the athletic fields: two graduates will play collegiate athletics on an NCAA team. Graduates plan to attend 27 different colleges or universities.





# Congratulations, CLASS OF 2023!



## The Board Of Trustees, Faculty And Administration Congratulate Each Member Of The Hampton Roads Academy Class Of 2023.

Liam Shea Ambrosino **Addison Ashley Amott** James Emerson Baust \* Catherine Yahui Chang \* **Isabelle Gianna Dewey Emma Patricia Donavant David Isaac Dorfman** Cassady Mills Dornan **Katherine Carboni Elmes** Lainey Fave Epstein Chelsea Lee Erwin Ellianna Maria Florakis Ashlev Annette Foretich \* **Carson James Frank Ashton Matthew Fulcher** Rudrani Ghoshal \*

Mary Elizabeth Goddin \* **Abraham Wilby Grooms** Joshua Grey Hall Mary Henley Hankins **Emily Paige Helpinstill Ronald Jerome Henderson** Vicky Huang Aanya Khayat \* Aarman Khavat \* Aleksander Michael Kuzma Ella Leistra LaRocco **Halle Anne Lewis** Isaac Andrew Lochbaum **Chance Dacion McCary Ivan Dow Merritt** Richard Joseph Weisler Merryman

**Alexis Lynn Pabon** Qi Dongnan **Alec Sem Reed** Tyler Cooley Richardson \* **Kyan Elijah Scott Parks Armstrong Smith** Samuel Cooper Strawn Sun Zhuxuan Aidan Troy Thompson Sara Nicole Tiller Jackson William Underwood \* **Stuart Riley Usher Daniel Ivan Valdez** Silin Yi \* **Ornina Yousef**\* Zhu Zihan

\*Indicates membership in Cum Laude Society

# Recognition Of Student Excellence



The Hampton Roads Academy Senior Head of School's Honors Award is presented in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Wash to the graduating senior who has attained the highest academic achievement in all courses during the current year. The recipient is **Silin Yi.** 



**The Senior Valedictory Award** is presented in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cox to the graduating senior who has maintained the highest academic average during his/her career at the Academy. The recipient is **Catherine Yahui Chang.** 



The Hampton Roads Academy Service Award is presented in memory of Mrs. Robert L. Trimpi to the graduating senior who has most unselfishly served the Academy during the past year. The award is based on consistency of effort and loyalty to the ideals represented by the founding of the Academy. The recipient is **Tyler Cooley Richardson.** 



**The Lee Award** is presented annually in memory of Mr. Joseph E. Carpenter who was a trustee of Hampton Roads Academy for 30 years. The recipient is a graduating senior who, through genuine enthusiasm for school activities and active concern for the rights and feelings of other people, has contributed significantly to the development of school spirit and morale. The recipient is **Mary Elizabeth Goddin**.



**The Moonves Award** is presented in memory of Mrs. Sylvia F. Moonves to the graduating senior who, through conscientious effort, high ambition and courage, outstanding character and excellent deportment, has made Hampton Roads Academy a better and friendlier place to live. The recipient is **Aanya Khayat.** 



The Hampton Roads Academy Navigator Award is the highest honor the Academy presents. It was established in memory of Mrs. Elinor Hedrick Buxton by her family and is based upon significant scholastic achievement, outstanding leadership, high personal standards and demonstration of sound citizenship. The recipient is **Aarman Khayat.** 

# NATIONAL LATIN EXAM RESULTS 🔷



All HRA Latin students participate annually in the National Latin Exam. This exam is administered to students from public and independent schools across the nation and throughout the world. The goal of the NLE is to promote the study of Latin and encourage the individual student. Awards are given based on the percentage of questions answered correctly. In addition to gold medal designation on their Latin exam, one senior received the NLE Book Award. This award is given to students who win four gold medals on ascending levels of the exam. Congratulations to the following award winners:

## **Summa Cum Laude (Gold Medal Designation)**

Introduction to Latin: Darcy Fang

Beginning Latin Exam: Aiden Cummins, Indira Hartke,

Sophia Kannarkat, Ellie Richardson

Intermediate Latin Exam: Gage Beach, Zachary Busch,

Carys Casper, Audrey Elmes

Advanced Latin Prose: Ishan Hartke Advanced Latin Poetry: Zoe Tankersley

Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension Exam:

Sara Tiller (NLE Book Award)

## Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal Designation)

Intermediate Latin Exam: Zack Patten, Maddie Sablan,

Sophia Vassilakos

Advanced Latin Prose: Josephine Chang

Advanced Latin Poetry: Leo Feng, Henry Hutchens

## Magna Cum Laude

Introduction to Latin: Logan Jones, Zelda Sherman

Beginning Latin Exam: Jacob Lassiter Intermediate Latin Exam: Nico Bielewicz

Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension Exam:

**Catherine Chang** 

## **Cum Laude**

Beginning Latin Exam: Lincoln Edwards Intermediate Latin Exam: James Jones Advanced Latin Prose: Gibson Collette Advanced Latin Poetry: Chloe Cone









CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE STUDENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS, MRS. ANSAMA AND MRS. JOYCE.









## SENIOR AWARDS

National Merit Commended Scholars -

Catherine Yahui Chang & Silin Yi

**REACH Initiative in:** 

Applied Sciences & Technology - Daniel Ivan Valdez

Global Studies - Chance Dacion McCary &

Samuel Cooper Strawn

Performing Arts & Humanities - Mary Elizabeth Goddin

**Dr. John Orders Senior Project Special Recognition -**

Chelsea Lee Erwin, Emily Paige Helpinstill, Aleksander Michael Kuzma, Chance Dacion McCary and Parks Armstrong Smith

Senior English Award - Emily Paige Helpinstill

Senior French Award - Silin Yi

Senior Latin Award - Catherine Yahui Chang

**Senior Spanish Award -** Ashton Matthew Fulcher

Senior History Award - James Emerson Baust

AP Psychology Award - Ellianna Maria Florakis

**Technical Theatre Award -** Aidan Troy Thompson

Science Elective Award - AP Environmental Science -

Chelsea Lee Erwin

AP Biology Award - Ashley Annette Foretich

Katherine W. Booth Award - Mary Elizabeth Goddin

**Ann B. Fichter Senior Mathematics Award -**

Jackson William Underwood

Mu Alpha Theta Senior Award - Aarman Khayat

**Outstanding Senior Athletic Awards -**

Jackson William Underwood & Catherine Yahui Chang

**Army ROTC Scholarship -**

Chance Dacion McCary & Samuel Cooper Strawn

## **UPPER SCHOOL AWARDS**

**American Legion Girls State of Virginia Award -**Sabrina Brielle Post

American Legion Boys State of Virginia Award - Daniel Griffin Hager

**Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar Award -**

Zachary Andrew Caulford & Madeline Frances Sablan

Virginia Governor's School

Foreign Language in Latin - Chloe Diane Cone &

Nelson Reece David

Foreign Language in French - Leya Baalbaki

**Humanities - Cender Gansukh and** 

Keira Madeline Holloway

Math, Science and Technology -

Emma Elizabeth Krzyanowski

VIMS - Angelina Lynn Schmidt

**Book Awards** 

**Princeton Book Award -** Leo Shiyuan Feng

William & Mary Leadership Award -

Chloe Diane Cone

Rensselaer Medal - Zoe Kendal Tankersley

**University of Rochester George Eastman** 

Young Leaders Award - Chailea Danee Harvey

University of Rochester Xerox Award for

**Innovation and Information Technology** -

Robert Scott Holloway, Jr.

University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award -

Ayla Danielle Reddix

Director's Award (Vocal) - Carlie Paige Erwin

**Director's Award (Strings) Sophomore -**

Josephine Wanrui Chang

## **UPPER SCHOOL AWARDS**

Director's Award (Strings) Junior - Rowan Lowekamp

Director's Award (Band) - Lily Baiyuxi Haas

**Theatre Award - Caroline Parker Rous** 

AP Studio Art Award - Allison Taylor Trudeau

**Ceramics Award -** David Isaac Dorfman

**Photography Award - Sarah Elise Mead** 

Freshman English Academic Award -

Cameron Lawerence Hall

**Sophomore English Academic Award -**

George James Kokolis

Junior AP English Award - Allison Taylor Trudeau

Latin Award - Zoe Kendal Tankersley

French Award - Ellie Joliette Goldberg

Spanish Award - Sabrina Brielle Post

Freshman History Award - Colten Scott Fulcher

Sophomore History Award - Ishan Andrew Hartke

Junior History Award - Joseph Angelo Rosati

Mary Ann Johnson Geometry Award - Shayne Tejas Patel

Dena Hunter Algebra Award - Henry Harrison Pope Stern

Zehmer Junior Mathematics Award - Leo Shiyuan Feng

Golden Skull Award - Alexandra Paige Trudeau

AP Chemistry Award - Leo Shiyuan Feng

Honors Chemistry Award - Josephine Wanrui Chang

**Physics Award - Ryan Hardin Cherry** 

**Head of School Honors Awards** 

Freshman Honors Award - Henry Harrison Pope Stern

Sophomore Honors Award - Ishan Andrew Hartke

Junior Honors Award - Zoe Kendal Tankersley

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

## **Faculty Award**

Fifth - Caroline Stilley

Sixth - Evelyn Flaherty

Seventh - Patrick Bielewicz

Eighth - Kai Sims

## **Citizenship Award**

Fifth - Jack Schwizer

Sixth - Kaitlynn Auerbach

Seventh - Logan Roberts

Eighth - Josh Henderson

## **Blue and Gold Award**

Fifth - Lauren Cash

Sixth - Gemma Chilcott

Seventh - Jadain Wojciechowski

Eighth - Graham Hutchens

## **Scholarship Award**

Fifth - Suhani Joshi

Sixth - Ellie Fang

Sixth - Sehee Kim

Seventh - Darcy Fang

Eighth - Shah Arezo

#### **Compass Award**

**Eighth Aaron Carlson** 

### **Visual Arts**

**Adair Loos** 

## **Performing Arts**

Sophia Kannarkat

## LOWER SCHOOL AWARDS

## **Faculty Awards**

PK (Morena) - Hadley Mason

JK (Moore) - Kassandre Maye

JK (Midgette) - Arden Rusin

K (Kovalcik) - Waverly Winstead

K (Thatcher) - Tucker Murray

K (Hartman) - Scarlett Cheng

1st (Lanier) - Avery Triplett

1st (Morgan) - Beckett Kyner

1st (Rhodes) - Jude Grey Scott

2nd (Breitbeil) - Eden Glynn

2nd (Silberhorn) - Jordyn Brown

2nd (Wymer Mark) - Turner Bowser

3rd (Gregory) - Eymen Inal

3rd (Baust) - Keira McCrum

3rd (Fritz) - Lawson Beale

4th (Speece) - Kayden Brown

4th (Brush) - Gwen Segeleon

#### **Academic Awards**

2nd (Breitbeil) - Shloak Joshi

2nd (Silberhorn) - Ruffin House

2nd (Wymer) - Jack Lamm

3rd (Gregory) - Ashby Spitzer

3rd (Baust) - Liam Quinlan

3rd (Fritz) - Leila Mygas

4th (Speece) - Charlie Esparza

4th (Brush) - Haze Skinner

#### **Drucker Awards**

JK/K - Shreyan Paul

1st/2nd - Thomas Owen

3rd/4th - Corrine Anderson





# - MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING AWARD CEREMONIES & PARADE

Article by Lisa Thatcher, Head of Middle School

On Tuesday morning, May 23, the middle school students, parents and faculty gathered in the Svein J. Lassen Auditorium to honor, recognize and applaud award recipients and celebrate the Class of 2027 at our traditional Crossing Ceremony.

Students at each grade level were honored with Citizenship, Faculty, Blue & Gold, Scholarship and Highest Honors awards. Additionally, two 8th graders were recognized for Visual and Performing Arts excellence and Aaron Carlson received the highest honor, the Compass Award.

The traditional Eighth Grade Crossing ceremony featured student speaker Luke Sablan. Luke shared a message of hope and excitement for their next step. He said, "Kindness and



understanding will help propel us to find success while bringing our friends along for the ride...let the excitement of the unknown take hold. We are capable of doing anything and our HRA community will be the inspiration nudging us along the way." We are proud of the Class of 2027 and can't wait to see what great things this class will do in the future! Before the students crossed the stage, metaphorically crossing to the upper school, Mr. Mertz shared the maritime significance of crossing the equator and its centuries old ritual for seafarers.

Following the ceremony, seventh graders and faculty lined the parade route as the 8th graders along with their families drove off in their decorated cars for a celebratory lunch. Balloons, streamers, cowbells and a Tyrannosaurus Rex made for a raucous and fun celebration. It is a great time to be a Navigator!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2027

Daphne Hall Ambrosino **Shah Hassan Arezo Abigail Leah Berg** Mahi Kamal Bhuta Elijah Isaiah Blake Nasir Zahkeem Bowden **Jackson Vernon Brown Luke Andrew Bystryk Aaron Thomas Vergara Carlson Isla Nicole Childress Logan Scott Cone Aiden Matthew Cummins** Ashlvn Sumia Davis **Britton Louis Salmon Drames** Sabrina Abdulwehab Edu **Lincoln Davis Edwards Triantafyllos Demetrios Florakis** Micah Bell Fulcher **Sydney Ann Fulmer** Lahryn Mckenzie Glee **Faith Marie Gregory** 

Claire Anne Grzybowski **John Savage Hankins** William Henry Jardeky Harrah **Indira Anne Hartke** Joshua Clark Henderson **Joseph Cinque Hobley Jordyn Terrell Houston Bryan Charles Howell Caleb Joshua Hung** Graham Patrick Hutchens Donnell Lamont Jarrett Jr. **Merritt Frances Jones** Sophia Joy Kannarkat Lila Rose Krzyzanowski **Jacob Adarin Lassiter Adair Piper Loos** Mitchell Scott Lugar **Charles Spencer Moore** Callen Lukas Morrison **Harper June Obie** Alexander Iskender Oncu

Christian Reid Pacitti **Anthony David Vittorio Palmieri Gopi Axay Patel Evelyn Sophia Rajec** Ella Paige Richardson Alexandra Rose Luke McLaughlin Sablan **Caroline Lee Short** Kai Jalen Amare' Sims **Anivah Nicole Solomon Chase Edward Sutton Symone Ellyanah Taylor Bryson Matthew Upton** Lalitha Visaharan **Luxmi Visaharan Graham Casey Wallace Louise B Wang Kendall Grace Wedding Dylan Michael Welch Aaron Wilson Winfield Leonidas Quinn Winslow** 

# HRA'S 4TH GRADE - SHARING A LOVE OF LEARNING



On May 25th, the Lower School celebrated the Class of 2031's move to HRA's Middle School with a special ceremony. Dressed for the occasion, the 4th grade class participated in the morning event which took place in the Lassen Auditorium. Mrs. Brush and Ms. Speece, the 4th grade teachers, presented a wonderful slide show for the students and their families which highlighted the children's growth during their elementary years. The 4th grade team described the class as "a goal-oriented group who welcomes challenges, contributes to their school, and shares a love of learning." Thomas Lanier was selected by the 4th graders as their class speaker for the assembly. On behalf of the class, Tommy thanked the LS faculty for providing a wonderful academic foundation. The 4th graders have learned a great deal about friendships, loyalty, respecting peers, and being responsible during their Lower School years. Mrs. Thatcher, the Head of Middle School, welcomed the rising 5th graders and assured the class that they were ready for the challenges and freedoms ahead. Following the assembly, the Class of 2031 celebrated the day with a reception for family and friends in the LS Commons.



## **CONGRATULATIONS, 4TH GRADERS!**

Timiya Denise Barnes
Henry David Barnhart
Matthias Stas Bielewicz
Kayden Rose Brown
A-Ri Chae
Sarah-Anne Chan Yun Xi
Paul Julian Duch
Charlie Madeline Esparza
Thomas Harrington Lanier
Caroline Lee Lockhart
Marin Paige Mazzurco
Liliana Mae Mercado
Hannah Erin Monteith

Abraham Epes Moore
Audrina Marie Moore
Colin Lee Morewitz
Logan Herbert Morewitz
Khalid Abdul Muqaddim III
Omer Eren Nal
Anuoluwakitan Oluwatamilore Ogundipe
Sophia Grace Polsinelli
Berkley Roberts Rees
Isabella Valentina Romano
Isabella Kalei Royzenblat
Sebastian Quinn Saballos

Ariella Francesca Samuel
Hunter Mackenzy Schwartz
Elizabeth Eileen Schwizer
Gwen Smith Segeleon
John Timothy Silva, Jr.
Giovonni Simelaro
Charles Hazeltine Skinner
Tyson Ezra Spitzer
Adalynn Rose Triplett
Emily Grace Trudeau
Daniel Henry Williams
Luke Xue
Manyao Zhang



# HONOR ROLL BY GRADE













## 12TH GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) James Baust **Catherine Chang** Ellianna Florakis **Ashley Foretich** Aanya Khayat Aarman Khayat Tyler Richardson Silin Yi

#### **Honors**

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Liam Ambrosino Cassady Dornan Katherine Elmes Carson Frank Ashton Fulcher Rudrani Ghoshal Mary Goddin **Emily Helpinstill** Vicky Huang Aleksander Kuzma Ella LaRocco Halle Lewis Chance McCary Sara Tiller Jackson Underwood Zihan Zhu

## **Faculty List**

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Lainey Epstein Chelsea Erwin Ivan Merritt Alexis Pabon Alec Reed **Kyan Scott Ornina Yousef** 

## 11TH GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) Leya Baalbaki Leo Feng Ellie Goldberg Daniel Hager Rachel Lowekamp Joseph Rosati Caroline Rous Zoe Tankerslev Allison Trudeau Sofia Yeshtokina

#### **Honors**

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Ozan Anatolian Ryan Cherry Chloe Cone Carter Cook Riley Gregory Chailea Harvey Tessa Holbrook **Brayden Kinney** Emma Krzyzanowski Nora Middleton Bianca Noble Sabrina Post Jamison Prokopik Avla Reddix Eric Wei

## **Faculty List**

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Elise Fiala **Christopher Freshwater** Robert Holloway Henry Hutchens Yang Li Tyler Seeley Zoe Wilson

## **10TH GRADE**

## **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) Josephine Chang Nelson David Ishan Hartke **Eleanor Hensley** Sara Kokolis **Gokul Patel** Mahlen Puhlick Madeline Sablan Carl Stauffer Lily Ye

#### **Honors**

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Paul Bennett-Northam **Noah Gearey** Lily Haas Syniya Harris James Howard Anna Krzyzanowski Rocson LaRocco Campbell Lemmink Parker Moore Angelina Schmidt Annabelle Steider Danielle Stowell

## **Faculty List**

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Zachary Caulford Aleiandra Flores Charlotte Goddin George Kokolis Jah'Mela Pearson Leila Pfrang Robert Winfield

## 9TH GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) **Zachary Busch** Colten Fulcher Sophia Gately Ares Marvell-Nguyen Henry Stern Alexandra Trudeau

#### **Honors**

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Gage Beach Nicholas Bielewicz Carys Casper James Dornan **Audrey Elmes** Cameron Hall Heather Lowekamp Malcolm Middleton Shayne Patel **Zachary Patten** Simon Yi

## **Faculty List**

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Nancy Arena Madeline Bevilacqua John Owen Hospodar Joseph Kerrick Samuel Overman Ellen Owen Sophia Vassilakos Isaac Yeshtokin



## 8TH GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

Shah Arezo Logan Cone **Aiden Cummins** Claire Grzybowski Indira Hartke **Graham Hutchens** Sophia Kannarkat Mitchell Lugar Evelyn Rajec Ellie Richardson Luke Sablan Lalitha Visaharan Luxmi Visaharan

## 7TH GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

Alana Barnhart Jude Deibler Jack Duggan **Darcy Fang Jack Hiotellis Carter Lanier Lucy Lanier** Logan Roberts Will Stern

## **6TH GRADE**

## **Highest Honors**

**Grace Bradley** Ellie Fang Nicholas Kannarkat Sehee Kim

## **5TH GRADE**

## **Highest Honors**

Amir Arezo Blaine Averett Lauren Cash Mark Hospodar Suhani Joshi Delilah Kyner Isabella Nguyen Helena Sablan

## **4TH GRADE**

## **Highest Honors**

Henry Barnhart Sarah-Anne Chan Charlie Esparza **Thomas Lanier** Caroline Lockhart Liliana Mercado Audrina Moore Colin Morewitz Logan Morewitz Omer Nal Isabella Royzenblat Ariella Samuels Charles "Haze" Skinner Tyson Spitzer Manyao Zhang

## 3RD GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

Corrine Anderson Mava Baalbaki **Dexter Chilcott Thomas Freiman Chase Hobert** Leila Mygas Alessandra Nguyen Victoria Nobles Liam Quinlan Meredith Smith Ashby Spitzer

## 2ND GRADE

## **Highest Honors**

Emma Angus Jordyn Brown **Drayton Butler** Eden Glynn Edward Ruffin House, Jr. Shloak Joshi John "Jack" Lamm, III Sophia Monroe Evvnn Morelli James Rule Zoe Whelan









# - SENIORS INDUCTED INTO THE HRA CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

The Cum Laude Society honors superior academic achievements at select, mostly independent schools. HRA is one of only 16 schools in Virginia to have been awarded a Cum Laude charter. Each chapter may elect no more than 20% of the graduating class who have demonstrated academic excellence in the college curriculum, choosing up to 10% at the end of junior year and the remainder in spring of the senior year. As the Society Motto stresses excellence, justice, and honor in the broadest sense, only students who have demonstrated good character, honor, and integrity in all aspects of their school life are elected to membership.

## 2023 INDUCTEES



James Baust



Catherine Chang



Ashley Foretich



Rudrani Ghoshal



Mary Elizabeth Goddin



Aanya Khayat



Aarman Khayat



Tyler Richardson



Jackson Underwood



Silin Yi



Ornina Yousef

## MEMORIAL AWARDS

The Hampton Roads Academy Memorial Awards are given annually in memory of those who were very special to the HRA community. Students revise scholarships, monetary awards for special projects or engraved gifts.

Karen Schappert '85 Memorial Award
Shayne Tejas Patel '26

**Tony Hux '76 Memorial Award**Keira Madeline Holloway '24

Nancy Richwine Memorial Scholarship

Allison Taylor Trudeau '24

Hal Tayloe Enrichment Award
Carter Cook '24 & Daniel Hager '24

John C "Kit" Scull '64 Memorial Award

Allison Taylor Trudeau '24

The Wythe E. & Mary A. Holt Faculty Award
Laurie Hager & Stacy Ansama



# FROM THE OFFICE OF COLLEGE COUNSELING

Article by Benjamin Rous, Head of Upper School & Director of College Counseling

A recent Wall Street Journal poll finds that many Americans have lost faith in the value proposition of a four-year college degree. A follow up article from Inside Higher Ed cites many factors for this loss: costs, the variance of earnings based on degree and the institution granting it, and the shrinking wage gap between people with a four-year college degree and people without one.

As a way of bolstering their value proposition, many colleges are updating their offerings to include professional certifications and a more robust and integrated career services featuring courses with an experiential learning component like research, mentorships, externships, and internships.

As a result of these developments, the definition of "college readiness" needs its own expansion and updating. To get the most out of their college experiences, it's not enough for students to know how to manage their time, write and defend of sophisticated thesis, or engage hours of homework; rather, an updated "college readiness" calls for students to also be knowledgeable about the existence of the experiential learning opportunities that await and have the fluency and comfort to ask for them.

HRA has long offered students this very definition of college readiness. Even before the inception of the REACH program, teachers at HRA had local networks available to them for experiential opportunities they could share with interested students. The REACH program then expanded and organized these opportunities into specific areas of interest: Applied Science and Technology; Environmental Studies and Outdoor Leadership; Global Studies; Health Sciences; and the Fine Arts. And of course, it's not just REACH students who are exposed to experiential opportunities like HRA's CNU Summer Research Fellows program and our various partnerships with universities, businesses, hospitals, and other organizations.

The latest opportunities for upper school students to engage in experiential education are our Research Methods class and Philanthropy Committee. The Research Methods class is a class designed to teach, encourage, and guide students as they conduct and present original research. In addition to generating their own, original work, students work on projects in partnership with universities such as Vanderbilt, Tufts, and the University of Florida.

Students who take the Research Methods class are also eligible to participate in our Biotechnician Assistant Credentialing Exam (BACE) program. Successful completion of this certification program gives students the skills and credentials they need for employment in the biotech laboratory.

The Philanthropy Committee experience teaches students how to vet grant requests and fund the various projects of local organizations. Students not only learn about the challenges faced by community non-profits, but they also learn how to determine proposed project viability based on sustainability, management, and story. The culmination of the Philanthropy Committee experience is the funding of local, non-profit projects.

Hampton Roads Academy's upper school embodies a broader definition of "college preparation" than is traditionally understood in a continually evolving effort to send our graduates off with the skills and curiosity to thrive!



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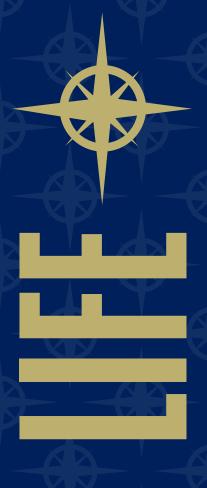
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# ADVANCEMENT NEWS

## Tommy Yevak '83 Leads Annual Fund Efforts

Tommy earned his BS in Education from The University of Virginia. Having worked at HRA since 1998, Tommy has served as MS and US PE Teacher, PE Department Chair, Anatomy and Physiology Instructor, Admissions Committee Associate, Ropes Course Instructor, Off-season Student-Athlete Strength & Conditioning Director, Assistant Athletic Director, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, Middle School Football Head Coach, Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach and Varsity Baseball Head Coach. Tommy is a 1983 Graduate of HRA, has a sister who is



in the HRA Class of 1977 and two daughters who are HRA Classes of 2013 and 2015, respectively. His father also served the school as an off-campus coach from 1977 – 1981 and then again in the late 1980's. Prior to beginning at HRA, Tommy worked at Norfolk Academy full and part-time for two years. Prior to entering the Education field, Tommy worked in a few different businesses, including fire and police uniform/equipment sales, as well as mortgage lending and for a health club start-up.

Tommy asks all his fellow alums and past parents to please get into (or return to) the cause of helping to fund HRA programs and facilities — in the form of the Annual Fund and Endowment. The message is simple, and the need is real. Pay it forward for future generations to have an even better experience than we had, and our children had. Let's make it time to finally push our school to where its potential meets reality!

## HRA Day 2023

## Thank you to our HRA Family for making our Third Annual HRA Day a resounding success!

All of us at HRA are grateful to you, our HRA family, for your support during HRA Day. Over 400 HRA family members, alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, students, and friends contributed **over \$100,000** to help fund the HRA experience for our students and families. We are so proud of what our community accomplished together! Thank you in particular to our Challenge Leaders and to our dedicated volunteers, without whom this effort would not have been possible.



## HRA Day Assembly

During this year's HRA Day Assembly, we were able to celebrate three "Blue and Gold" Retirements, which are 20+ years of service at HRA retirements, a special recognition for Head of School Peter W. Mertz, Memorial Awards, In Memoriam, and the student Philanthropy Committee awarded their non-profit grants. But first, we recognized Faculty/Staff for their milestone "years of service" at HRA -5, 10, 15, and 20 years! Huge congratulations and thank you to them!

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## **20 Years of Service**

Elizabeth Rous Laura Stoner

## 25 Years of Service

Thomas Yevak

## 30 Years of Service

Robin Steinberger

## 35 Years of Service

Kelly Alford



A special recognition for outgoing HRA Head of School, Peter W. Mertz, was made with help from Senior Class President, Aarman Khayat '23. On behalf of the entire HRA community, a wonderful photo tribute and gift was presented to Mr. Mertz for his 12 years of steadfast leadership at the Helm.



## Blue and Gold Retirements (20+ Years)

Not only was the end of the 2022-2023 school year the last one for the graduating seniors and Head of School, Peter Mertz, but it was the close of a 20+ years of service to HRA chapter for three faculty and staff members. We celebrated the retirements and thanked Katie Gunderson (not pictured), who has worked in the Business Office for 22 years, Dr. Rebecca Deeley,

Upper School Science Teacher for 28 years, and Robin Steinberger, Choral Director for 30 years. We thank them for a combined 80 years of service at HRA and they will be missed immensely around the HRA halls!

## Philanthropy Committee Presents 3 Grants

The student-led Philanthropy Committee was honored to present grants to three area nonprofits at the HRA Day Assembly. Representatives from Safe House Project, New Vision Youth Services and Bay School Community Arts Center were present to receive grants that will fund programs that support victims of human trafficking, foster care services, and arts education in the cities and counties served by HRA. Throughout the school year, the committee of Upper School students learns about the role of nonprofits in addressing the challenges of the community. The program culminates with the group awarding grants to nonprofits through a competitive grant application process designed by the students, with funding provided by the Mary P. Blalock Fund. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.hra.org/mary-p-blalock-fund">www.hra.org/mary-p-blalock-fund</a>





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## Basketball, Girls

Outstanding Performer- Na'Lani Carter Offensive Star- Elise Fiala Coach's Award- Lexi Pabon



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Most Valuable Runner- Gage Beach Coach's Award- Jack Silberhorn



## Cross Country, Girls

Most Valuable Runner- Ellie Goldberg Coach's Award- Ashley Foretich



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Coach's Award- Catherine Chang Coach's Award- Addison Detwiler



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## SPECIAL AWARDS



Most Valuable Senior Female Athlete- **Catherine Chang** 



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# TCIS/VISAA AWARDS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

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## HRA Athletes Selected to 2022-2023 TCIS 1st Team All Conference Teams

Basketball - Girls - Na'Lani Carter Cross Country - Girls - Ellie Goldberg

Field Hockey - Campbell Lemmink

Golf - Coed - Henry Hutchens

Sailing - Coed - Gianna Dewey

Sailing - Coed - Parker Moore

Soccer - Boys - Grayson Lopez

Soccer - Boys - Riley Usher

Soccer - Girls - Ellie Goldberg

Swimming - Boys - Carl Stauffer

Track and Field - Girls - Danielle Stowell

Track and Field - Girls - Angie Schmidt

Track and Field - Girls - Zoe Tankersley

Track and Field - Girls - Allison Trudeau



## HRA Teams and Coaches Selected for Special TCIS Recognitions

Varsity Field Hockey - TCIS Sportsmanship Award Varsity Boys Soccer - TCIS Coach of the Year (Kevin Darcy)



## HRA Athletes Selected to 2022-2023 VISAA 1st Team All State Teams

Cross Country - Girls - Ellie Goldberg Golf- Coed - Henry Hutchens



## HRA Athletes Selected to 2022-2023 VISA (Fall Sailing) All State Teams

All-VISA Crew - Nicholas Bielewicz All-VISA Girls Crew - Gianna Dewey All-VISA Skipper - Parker Moore

#### **Navigating to the Next Level**

Two senior athletes have officially committed to the next level and will be competing as collegiate athletes next year: **Gianna Dewey** as a member of Old Dominion University Sailing and **Riley Usher** as a member of Radford University Men's Soccer.





#### **New School Record Holders**

On April 12, 2023, our TCIS Conference Champion 4 x 400M Relay team of Allison Trudeau, Danielle Stowell, Zoe Tankersley, and Angie Schmidt set a new school record with a time of 4:17.81, beating a time that had stood since 1985, when Vanessa Brink, Elizabeth Delo, Stephanie Anspach, and Leslie Stiff ran a time of 4:22.24.

On May 9, 2023, TCIS Conference Champion **Zoe Tankersley** set a new school record in the 800M Run with a time of 2:22.58! In doing so, she beat Alice Mirguet's



record time of 2:25, originally set in 1983-40 years ago!





#### **Two Peninsula Sports Club Award Winners**

Two members of HRA Athletics were recipients of special awards from the Peninsula Sports Club during the 2022-23 school year. On January 23rd, the Peninsula Sports Club presented Coach **Tommy Yevak** with a Milestone Award for 25+ years of service to Peninsula athletics as a coach and assistant athletic director! On June 26th, **Jackson Underwood** received one of six Peninsula Sports Club Scholarships awarded to local students for not only outstanding achievement in athletics but also exemplary character, leadership, and scholarship. Both special recognitions were well deserved!

#### Senior Student-Athletes

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Liam Ambrosino, Addie Amott, James Baust, Catherine Chang, Gianna Dewey, Emma Donavant, Cassie Dornan, Katherine Elmes, Lainey Epstein, Ellianna Florakis, Ashley Foretich, Carson Frank, Ashton Fulcher, Rudrani Ghoshal, Henley Hankins, Emily Helpinstill, RJ Henderson, Vicky Huang, Aanya Khayat, Ella LaRocco, Ivan Merritt, Lexi Pabon, Oscar Qi, Alec Reed, Sara Tiller, Jackson Underwood, Riley Usher, Daniel Valdez, Silin Yi

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# HRA VARSITY TEAM 2022-23











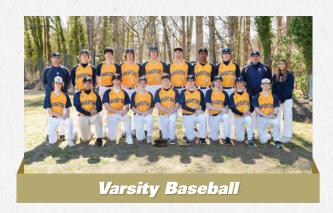






















# **ALUMNI EVENTS**

### All-Alumni Tailgate

Everyone had a great time at the All-Alumni Tailgate on Friday, October 20th during HRA Homecoming 2023 weekend! There were over 75 guests, the weather cooperated, and we completely ran out of our free alumni t-shirts for the first 50 alumni to sign in! But don't worry if you weren't able to get one, as they'll be available for purchase in the school store soon. Shout out to Wharf Hill Brewing Company for the tasty beer and delicious food prepared by Chef Jesse and the Dining Hall Staff! Thank you to everyone who came and made it a wonderful evening!

### Alumni College Fair

25 colleges and universities were represented by 27 HRA alumni at our 2nd annual HRA Alumni College Fair on January 5, 2023. Alumni met with upper school students to talk about about their college search and application processes, the colleges they chose and why, and ways to hit the ground running freshman year. We especially thank our returning alumni - it was great to see all of you!







## Celebrating HRA's Musical Tradition- Alumni Social

This year's annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 7, 2023 was a special one. This annual concert, in which the choral, band and strings students showcase the wonderful pieces they've been practicing all semester, is the culmination of all of the learning and hard work that has taken place that year. However, this would be Robin Steinberger's last performance on HRA's stage after 30 years of being the Choral Director. Through Band Director Curtis Brown's efforts, a wonderful surprise musical tribute involving 30+ Chorus Alumni, spanning from 1993-2022, and from all over the country, surprised Mrs. Steinberger and the crowd to conclude the program.

In conjunction with the HRA Alumni Relations department, following the Spring Concert was a "Celebrating HRA's Musical Tradition" Alumni social, where alumni and performing arts faculty could reconnect through their love of music and HRA. Thank you to everyone who came and participated in what was a memorable day with a great turnout!





#### **Alumni Soccer Game 2022**

'Twas the Nightmare of the Alumni Soccer Game

-Barclay Shepard '87

It was late one fall in Navigatorland,

And the air was quite questionable,

Local forecasters called for rain,

That would ruin the Alumni Soccer Game, Homecoming and Fall Festival.

Laura Stoner defied the weather gods and made the call,

Game on, suit up, no time to stall!

In the Varsity's technical area, a new soccer coach sat, With Alumni in town,

Coach Mills was all about that!

Watching the game and both standing at over 6 feet tall, Were Jay and Emilly Lasley,

Marking a new era for students, alumni and all.

Then to the pitch with Advil, Icy Hot and Primatene Mist,

Arrived the Alumni, with 80s, 90s, and 2000 legends they consist.

Spectators were entranced and excited with a slight sense of worry,

An epic match began, defense was strong, shots came in a flurry.

Alumni Coach Alford uttered words of motivation,

Calculating stoppage time, set pieces and the starting formation.

While Jeff Katz '91, Rob Dearnley '87, Scott Ferguson '17 & Chase Suttle '17 tracked down Varsity strikers,

Ryan Post '19, Rob Lanier '92, Barclay Shepard '87 & Moen Ben '92 made their presence known,

Stringing together passes, runs and crosses,

Defense and offence, the Alumni skills were well shown!

Immersed in the game Donna Hanson Hazzard '87, Sheri Thomas '87, and Courtnay Buxton Gilmore '88 were no longer haunted,

These former HRA soccer managers finally found the winning feeling they wanted.

Mark Overman '87 was the first Alumni to strike.

While Jon Tussing's '87 header missed, oh so slight right!

Back and forth the Alumni and Varsity battled,

Fathers and sons played together, jarred, but none were rattled.

The score a close one,

HRA Alumni Relations Tommy Yevak '83 and Rachel Hennessy '13 came through,

The result, Alumni won Four to Two!





































# **Gennifer LEONG '92** - Alumni Portrait

For the past 18 years, Jennifer has been living a steady and comfortable life in South Florida. However, between the COVID-19 pandemic and the death of her mother, Jennifer was ready for something new. That's when Andrew came into her life. After decades of being on her own, Jennifer believes he came into her life the moment she needed him most. However, a job opportunity for Andrew in Colorado had her wondering if it was time to make a complete change. She had made so many friends in her life in South Florida and had so many reasons to stay. But as Jennifer said, "Sometimes you just have to follow your heart!" She decided to take a leap of faith and resigned from her job of 10 years, left her friends and home of South Florida, and moved to Boulder, Colorado!

This is not the first time Jennifer ventured to a new destination, as she has traveled widely throughout her life. Notably, she often found herself thinking about HRA. The classes she took always came to mind when she traveled, like Dr. Orders' teaching her about ancient Greece and Rome and Mrs. Gillespie taking her class to Das Waldcafe for a traditional German meal. While on a recent trip to the Galapagos, she recalled learning about Darwinism and evolution during her AP Biology classes and then remembered standing at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa and being thankful for Mr. Cunningham who taught her the REAL story about Ferdinand Magellan's circumnavigation of the globe. Even so, out of all her adventures, moving to Colorado was probably the most thrilling one yet.

It was a complete and unexpected life change for Jennifer. A new relationship, new home, new job, new everything! While this may sound daunting, especially in the middle of your life, Jennifer believes that it was worth it. "I didn't want to regret not taking a chance – and did not want to give up an opportunity to live the life I had dreamed of, with a wonderful partner and a fulfilling career."

Even though she moved away from many of her friends in Florida, Jennifer was never alone. With an ever-supportive group of friends she's had since HRA, she's always had people encouraging her and holding her up during the good times and the bad. She says her experience at HRA taught her the value of staying connected with people in your life. "I have lived in several places – and folks are always amazed that I have managed to maintain friendships with people I have known since elementary and high school. It is a truly rare gift to have friendships that have endured for 40+ years, and I do not take that gift for granted."

Friendships aren't the only thing she's maintained from HRA. From the school, she learned the value of loyalty and showing up for and supporting your friends, teammates, and co-workers. When her mother passed away, many people reached out to share their memories of her mom and extend their condolences, and many HRA alumni showed up for the visitation. She will be forever grateful for that love and support.

A piece of advice Jennifer has for new HRA alumni is to maintain your friendships! It does take effort, but it is worth it to keep those connections intact. Jennifer and her core friends try to see each other once a year, and while it takes a lot of planning and schedule-shuffling, they are always thankful to have that time together. It is those friendships she's maintained that supported her through this leap of faith she took for a new chapter in her life.

As of right now, Jennifer is continuing to build a network in Boulder, expanding her role at Motorola Solutions, and helping build that business to meet its objectives. She is also still traveling as much as possible and embarking on new adventures, some of which include relearning how to ski and hiking a Fourteener!

# Kimi Burch DORNAN 195

Passion. Sometimes it takes years to figure out what yours is, if not decades. However, every once in a while, a passion for something is so evident that it can't be ignored. In certain cases, it's innate. This proves true for Kimi Burch Dornan '95 and her passion towards Real Estate.

When Kimi was growing up, both of her parents were realtors, so she already had a first-hand view of the inner workings of realty. She spent several summers while in upper school at HRA and in college working at Century 21 Nachman Realty in the rental and sales departments. Along with a sales internship selling phone book ads during college, those experiences led to her having an interest in a sales-related career.



After graduating from the University of Virginia with a B.A. in Sociology, she found herself gravitating back toward the real estate world. In 2002, she decided to move back to Newport News, VA to be closer to family and pursue what always felt like a natural fit: join her parents in the real estate business.

Kimi has now been selling real estate for the last 20 years and is a Realtor with Century 21 Nachman Realty. She helps clients buy and sell residential homes. Through the years, she has assisted with corporate moves, military moves, first time buyers, estate sales, investment property, and waterfront homes spanning across Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Smithfield, York County, and Williamsburg. She finds it very rewarding to help people achieve their goal of home ownership and to assist them with one of the biggest purchases they will ever make.

Although Kimi's aptitude for real estate seems to have been ingrained in her blood, she accredits HRA for helping her develop a strong work ethic and time management skills, tools that serve her well in her job. During her time at HRA, she also learned about honor and living by a code of ethics, values that she keeps with her to this day. In her 20 years of realty, she has seen a variety of real estate markets in Hampton Roads. Through the real estate booms locally in 2005 and most recently in 2021 and 2022, she has seen it all. During both times, she witnessed high demand combined with low inventory which fueled a very competitive market. Kimi knows she must stay on top of



the market conditions, so she can best advise her clients. She also focuses on marketing services and the best ways to stage a home to help it sell quickly. It is important for her to keep up to date with the latest technology trends for real estate apps and marketing, as she is always working on ideas to help grow and improve her business.

Kimi's advice to HRA alumni is "Love what you do." She believes work should be fun, and that you should choose a job that you will enjoy doing. In her job, she enjoys getting to interact and work with a variety of people, from clients to contractors to business affiliates, and she loves that no two days are ever the same. In her own words, "It is a great feeling when you can help clients choose their forever home." It is because of her passion for realty that she has been able to accomplish as much as she has in the past 20 years.

In her personal life, Kimi can still be found around HRA with her family. She has been married now for 20 years and has two children who have attended HRA, Jamie ('26)

and Cassie ('23) who recently graduated from the school. Carrying on the passion that both of her parents found with realty, Kimi intends to keep selling real estate and continue to grow her business. To check out Kimi's business, visit @kimisellsyouhomes on Facebook or Instagram.



Sometimes when you find a need for a product that doesn't exist, you must make it yourself! For Nelson Warley '93, this was realized while spending time with family and friends outdoors.



He and his wife, Heather, were constantly spending time outdoors, whether at cookouts with friends or at their kids' sporting events. After a while, they were completely fed up with having to use low-quality and outdated products, especially uncomfortable chairs that they'd end up throwing out. The same questions were asked—Why is anything that's portable so uncomfortable, and anything comfortable so immovable? Why don't things we use when we're outside with family and friends work as well or look as good as other things in our lives? After talking with friend, Ben Knepler, who worked with Nelson in the innovation group at Campbell Soup Company, they realized that they weren't the only ones who were wanting for better. Seeing as their backgrounds are in product innovation, they figured that they could do something about it. That's when the idea of True Places was born.

When Nelson and Ben founded True Places in 2019, their mission was to build a modern outdoor products company that reflects the way we live our lives today. Their new folding chair was almost two years in development and was created for those meaningful moments spent outdoors without sacrificing comfort, portability, or design.

Although the way he got into this e-commerce startup sounds effortless, Nelson credits HRA with teaching him that putting in the effort and stepping outside of your comfort zone is a good thing! He recalled, "HRA placed significant value on what you were learning, not simply the grade. 1:1 time with teachers after class to go through wrong answers, detailed feedback on papers, group discussions and debates. All these touchpoints create an environment that focuses on the effort, not just the outcome."

Now that he has school aged children, Nelson often thinks about HRA. "What always stands out is the quality of instruction across a wide variety of subjects that were both challenging and fulfilling: English, History, Civics, Chemistry, etc. That diversity of academics rivaled my subsequent liberal arts experience in college. I mention this aspect of my experience because an entrepreneur, especially in the early days, is working through challenges across so many disciplines: marketing, finance, product development, engineering, customer service, supply chain/logistics, and the list goes on."

An important concept Nelson recognized that he wants HRA alums to understand is that the fear of failure is natural. In his experience, it stems from stepping out of your comfort zone, caring about what you're doing, and ultimately wanting to succeed in whatever you're pursuing. He's grown the most in school, as well as professionally, when he recognized this fear and decided to do it anyway.

True Places has had a great first couple of years in the market and has been featured in Rolling Stone Magazine, Architectural Digest, and Philadelphia Business Journal. There were certainly challenges starting a business during the pandemic, but overall, they've been quite pleased with the response from customers, and hope to bring new products to the market within the next two years. Nelson also wants to truly thank all the HRA Alumni who have purchased their products and have helped spread the word!

When he's not working on the business, Nelson can usually be found on the sidelines or poolside at his kid's activities. He lives near Swarthmore College in the Philadelphia suburbs with his wife of 19 years, Heather, two kids, Anna (15) and Ellis (13), and two dogs JoJo and Emmett. To check out True Places and their products, visit www.trueplaces.com.

Alumni! We want to hear from YOU! Our Alumni are involved in extremely impressive projects, careers and personal paths. Please keep us in the loop about your adventures!

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Don Twyman '69 retired from anesthesiology in 2016. He is married to Sheila, who retired after 20 years from ICU nursing. Don is still playing bass in a working rock band and will be going on his 36th blues cruise soon. Don and Sheila are enjoying their ten acres in the country and their daughters live and work in Richmond. VA.

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1976

Wendy Drucker wdrucker@druckerandfalk.com

1977

After over 30 years serving as a local church pastor, **Don Ward '77** is now with Equipping Leaders International as Country Director for Malawi, Africa. He now trains pastors through high quality teams of trainers. They do some side projects with clean water as well.

1978

Michael F. Carpenter carpworld@aol.com

A painting by **Pat Goslee '78** is featured in a survey of artists from the Mid-Atlantic region "(Not) Strictly Painting 14" McLean Project for the Arts. She is a 2024 DCCAH fellow. Find her page at www.patgoslee.com.

Gary Moliken '78, was appointed by the Virginia General Assembly to be a District Court Judge for Fairfax County, Virginia in May 2021. Prior to that, Judge Moliken had been a trial lawyer in Northern Virginia for 32 years. Gary's investiture was a memorable and spirited event. The courthouse was packed that day, filled with many family, friends, judges and elected officials.



Gary Moliken '78

# **CLASS NOTES**

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Tommy Yevak '83

Tommy Yevak '83 was honored with the Peninsula Sports Club Milestone Award for 25+ years of service to Peninsula Athletics as a Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at HRA! We are proud of you, Coach Yevak, and so thankful for your genuine kindness and daily dedication to HRA Athletics.

1984

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**Steve Lee** 

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**Courtney Gardner '85** was recently featured in Voyage Houston for her work with The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, located in Spring, Texas. As the Director of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. she is the chief invitation officer. Every day, she gets to bring the joy of art to the community, curate incredible exhibits, and create engaging programming that inspires people of all ages. In the article, she talks about the importance of art, the challenges that the COVID pandemic brought to the art museum industry and how they adapted quickly to find new ways to engage with audiences while continuing their missions of promoting art and education.



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1988

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Nancy LeCuyer Beach '88, Robbin Ciraulo '88, Courtnay Buxton Gilmore '88 and Jennifer Freed Hall '88 had a wonderful, long overdue friends get-together at 2nd Street Bistro in June 2023.



Nancy LeCuyer Beach '88, Robbin Ciraulo '88, Courtnay Buxton Gilmore '88 and Jennifer Freed Hall '88

1989

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1990

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In early October, **Thomas Brashears** '91 assumed role as the Chief Operating Officer for Rivers of Hope Counseling, LLC. He was previously the Chief Operating Officer of the VMI Alumni Association.

1992

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1993

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1994

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Danielle Green Locke '94 spontaneously met Page Hunnicutt '87 while they were both at the Middleburg Humane Foundation fundraiser back in April 2023! Page and Danielle are both passionate about saving animal lives.

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Danielle Green Locke '94 and Page Hunnicutt '87

Anand "Andy" Nagraj '02, stars as the villain Jafar in the Broadway tour of Disney's Aladdin. On October 25-29, 2023, the tour came back to the area where it all began for the Yorktown native, Chrysler Hall in Norfolk, VA!



Andy Nagraj '02 in Aladdin

**2003**Cary Mitchell
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Elizabeth Parisher '03 and family's newest addition, baby Edie, made her grand (and early) entrance into the world on August 3, 2022.



Elizabeth Parisher '03's new baby

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# **2005**Andrew Hamer hamer86d@gmail.com Diane E. West dianewest87@gmail.com

# **2006**Raymond S. Herbert scott.06@cox.net Will Ouzts wouzts@scottstringfellow.com

Back in January 2023, **Kimberly Lewis '06** started a new job as a Senior UX Researcher at Capital One. She lives in Richmond, VA with her spouse, Bryan, and their 1.5-year-old, Fiona.

Katie Oates Small '06 and her husband welcomed their baby boy, Lee Bradley Small, into the world on September 15, 2022.





Katie Oates Small '06's new baby

### **2007** Brigham Wall Kaiser

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Thank you to **Asa Jackson '07** who spent the day with current HRA students, taking a deep dive into conversations about art. Asa is a visual artist, curator, and director. His work explores the cross section of textile from various countries, peoples, time periods, and personal histories. His works are often anthropological studies, representing the lives of myriad people, their collective and individual stories. By cutting and sewing fabrics together, Jackson metaphorically mixes cultures, time periods, people, and places into unified works of art. His work is a part of various prominent collections including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Jackson is the founder and director of The **Contemporary Arts Network** Foundation, here in Newport News, VA. He currently serves on the boards of the Virginia Commission for the Arts and Mid-Atlantic Arts.

# **2008**Robert D. Abbott rda4zf@virginia.edu



Alston Brown '08 and Dr. Gendreau

In early November 2022, HRA teachers **Dr. Alston Brown '08** and Dr. Maribel Gendreau attended the National Association for Biology Teacher conference in Indianapolis. Dr. Gendreau, a member of the NABT JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) committee, also organized a workshop for all NABT members entitled "JEDI work in our science teaching practices". Both faculty members are very excited to bring the latest in life science research and education into their classrooms as well as new collaborations with other high schools in the USA.

#### 2009

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Evan Rutherford '09 and Kellie Archer

Evan Rutherford '09 married Kellie Archer at the Sanderling in Duck, NC on November 20, 2021, and they are both living and working in Richmond, VA.





Asa Jackson '07 Talks With Students

**2010**Marshall Jordan
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Katherine Arcement '10 and Aaron Potkay

On October 1, 2022, Katherine
Arcement '10 married Aaron Potkay
in Toano, VA. HRA alums in attendance
were Emily Kinkead '10, Emily Hilburger
Dreher '10, Sarina Patterson '10, Young
Kyoung "Claire" Kim '11, and Linnea
Patterson '14. Katherine and Aaron
currently live in Richmond, VA.





Paige Conrad '10 and husband, Jeremy, welcomed John Gray Conrad, who was born May 11, 2023 via emergency C section. They are so glad that he's graduated from the Riverside NICU, is home with them and doing great!



Emily Hilburger Dreher '10's new baby

On September 3, 2022, **Emily Hilburger Dreher '10** welcomed daughter, Magnolia "Maggie", to the world. Everyone is doing well and is excited, including proud new grandpa and Former HRA Faculty, **John Hilburger.** 

Emmy Fraenk '10



Emmy Fraenk '10 graduated from the University of Saint Augustine in Miami, Florida and received her Doctor of Physical Therapy. It was an accelerated program and added three more years after her bachelor's degree. She took the longer program, so she received her bachelors, masters and then went to obtain her doctorate. Emmy is now officially Dr. Fraenk and is preparing to take the board exam, which she must pass to obtain her license to practice.



Priya Vyas '10

**Priya Vyas '10** graduated from her Pediatric Residency in June 2023 and is starting her new adventure as a Pediatric Infectious Disease fellow at the Children's Hospital of Colorado, which is affiliated with the University of Colorado.

**2011**Nicole Rento
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**2012**Jack Geddy
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Megan Antol '12's family of three became four on May 13, 2023. They're beyond excited to welcome Brooks Michael Antol to the world.



Megan Antol '12's new baby

On November 6, 2022, Tim Ayers-Kerr '12 married Liz Clutts at St Ignatius of Loyola in Chestnut Hill Boston. They first met when they were both singers attending the New England Conservatory. Alumni in attendance were **Ben Ayers-Kerr** '08, Stevie Ayers-Kerr '17, and Liam Thurkettle '16. Tim is an adjunct voice instructor and music theory teacher at Dean College, Director of Music at the **Annunciation Greek Orthodox** Cathedral of Boston, a freelance classical singer, teaches at the Franklin School for the Performing Arts, and regularly does musicals with the Franklin Performing Arts Company (a regional equity theater.) Tim and Liz currently live just outside of Boston, in Quincy, Massachusetts.



Tim Ayers-Kerr '12 and Liz Clutts

Richard "Marshall" Bagley III '12 married Lindsey Crain Bagley on May 13, 2023 at St. John's Church in Downtown Hampton, VA. They currently live in Norfolk, where Lindsey is a special education teacher and Marshall is a financial advisor with Bagley Wealth Management of Wells Fargo Advisors.



Richard "Marshall" Bagley III '12 and Lindsey Crain Bagley

Damiano Girona '12 married Eric Diaz on June 18, 2022 in an intimate wedding with family present. Damiano is currently stationed at Langley Air Force base as a Meteorologist for the Air Force and Eric is a student at Thomas Nelson. The

Girona-Diaz's are currently residing in Newport News.

Damiano Girona '12 and Eric Diaz



Shelby Harris '12 recently married Tyler Carey in Hilton Head, South Carolina. HRA alumni in attendance were Marika Beale '12, Claudia Fass '12, Megan Antol '12, Mary Webb Banning '12, Chloe Rento '12 and Lauren Gessner '12. The newlyweds are living in Atlanta, Georgia, where Shelby works at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.





Shelby Harris '12 and Tyler Carey

Chris Hunt '12 married Mi'Kayla Elaine Stokes on July 15, 2023 at the Irvine Estate in Lexington, VA. HRA alumni in attendance were Matthew Rivera '12, Stephanie Parker '12, Kim Jurczyk Jackson '12, and Brady Hunt '14. Chris works at a company called Printpack and Mi'Kayla is a 4th grade teacher at Katherine Johnson Elementary School. The Hunts currently live in Williamsburg, VA with their two dogs, Luffy and Samantha.



Chris Hunt '12 and Mi'Kayla Elaine Stoke







Lena Li '12's new baby

**Lena Li '12** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their newest addition into the world on March 26, 2023.

2013

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On August 5, 2023, Victoria and Sam **Bateman '13** tied the knot in Raleigh. North Carolina. Alumni in attendance were Trent Topping '13, Paul Lapointe '13, Taylor Lawson '13, David Maser '13, Latane Harris '13, Harry Warters '13, Andrew Carpenter '12. Dwight Wolf '12. Hank Bateman '07, Emmy Bateman **'05** and **Bert Bateman '76.** They're currently living in Charlotte, NC, where Sam is a construction project manager for Northwood Ravin. The Batemans are moving back to Raleigh in January 2024 and are excited that they'll be closer to home and closer to the beach!



Victoria and Sam Bateman '13



Joy Fan '13 and Nathan Nayda

On October 15, 2022, Joy Fan '13 married Nathan Nayda at Eastwood Farm and Winery in Charlottesville. HRA alums at the wedding included William Fan '22, Manpreet Dhindsa '14, Angelica Botlo '13, and Dawson Hodges '13. The Nayda's currently live in Austin, Texas, but both work remotely; Joy works as an Account Supervisor in biotech communications and Nathan works in financial consulting.

Allen Jones '13 received his J.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder in May 2023. At the beginning of June 2022, he was excited to announce that he will be starting a new position as Law Clerk at Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.



Josh Puterbaugh '13 and Stephanie Case

In September 2022, **Josh Puterbaugh '13** married

Stephanie Case at Stonewall
Golf Club in Gainesville, VA.

Josh is an associate at
Starwood Capital Group and
Stephane works as a cardiac
nurse at Inova Fairfax in Falls
Church. They currently live in
Arlington, VA with their dog,
Benny.

After 8 years of dating, Garrett Shooter '13 and Melissa Rogerson got married on their dating anniversary in June at Valley Road Vineyards in Nelson County, VA. Melissa works as a speech language pathologist for the Virginia Institute of Autism and Garrett works at S&P global as a Customer Success Manager in the Market Intelligence division. They currently reside in downtown Charlottesville with their wonderful pup, Murphy.



Garrett Shooter '13 and Melissa Rogerson

Dashonte Temoney '13 has taken on a role at Intercept Health in addition to her job at Behavioral Health Services of Virginia. She works as a family consultant for a treatment foster care agency managing caseloads as the liaison between needed supports for the child and social services. At Behavioral Health Services of Virginia, she's a dual registered behavioral technician and mid-level supervisor. The former is working in home/ community settings providing support for children on the autism spectrum, and the latter consists of implementing parent trainings and demonstrating skills and techniques to behavioral techs as they earn their certification.

### **2014** Christian Burnett

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Dana Deivert '14's new babies

**Dana Deivert '14** and husband, Kyle, welcomed twins, Charlotte Brown Deivert and Sullivan Lyon Deivert, into the world on January 9, 2023 in Norfolk.

**Katherine Galantich '14** was recently promoted to Account Lead at Carahsoft.

Carolina Gomez Grimaldi '14 has had an exciting Spring 2023! In March, she matched at the University of Colorado for OBGYN residency. On April 8, she married Alex Lupi in Ruckersville, VA. The newlyweds have since moved to Denver to both start their residency at Denver Health.





Carolina Gomez Grimaldi '14 and Alex Lupi





Braysia Hicks '14's new podcast

In the beginning of 2023, Braysia **Hicks '14** started Krowned Culture, which is a podcast series that is cultivated for the modern believer. It is centered on the divine goodness of God that aims to provide a safe space for the open dialogue of faith-filled believers that serve Him through everyday life. The goal is to foster authentic conversations surrounding a myriad of important contemporary topics that plague our society like dating, generational curses, mental health, and contemporary church culture, while providing tools that encompass unique kingdom-like solution-based approaches. To be Krowned, is to be invested with regal dignity and power which is a reminder that we are empowered through God's love as He chooses to crown each of us by the need for our lives. This platform seeks to bridge the gap from the world for the modern Christian that teaches how to create a sanctuary within yourself. Krowned Culture is a platform where passion meets purpose and peace reigns supreme.

In May 2023, **Macrae Montgomery '14** obtained his PhD in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Technology Innovation from Georgia Tech.

Macrae Montgomery '14 and his family



2015

Courtney Montgomery courtney.annalee.a.m@gmail.com Tyler Jones 222tjones@gmail.com Peyton Baldwin '15 has been promoted to Academic Advisor/Coordinator for the UVA Football team. She was previously working with Baseball, Women's Lacrosse, Swimming and some Football (receivers/tight ends), and has now transitioned to exclusively working with Football.

In October, **Joe Caldwell '15** started a new position as Water Technician at Newmont Corporation.



Claudia Dockery '15

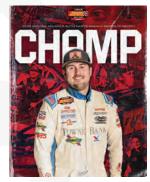
In December 2022. Claudia Dockery '15, graduated from The American University, Washington, D.C. with a Masters degree in Strategic Communication. Also, in 2022, Claudia was initiated into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., the first international sorority founded in the United States by African American woman with over 350,000 members worldwide. Prior to her pursuing her master's degree, Claudia graduated from East Carolina University '19 with a degree in Communication-Journalism and minors in African and African American Studies and Hispanic Studies. After graduation, she was selected by Spain's Ministry of Education and Sport to serve as an Auxiliares de Conversacion in the Valencia region's L'Alfàs del Pi municipality.



Conor Duffy '15

Conor Duffy '15 received his master's in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University in May 2023. He will be continuing to get his PhD in Health Psychology.





On Tuesday, September 19, 2023. Connor Hall '15 was officially declared the 2023 NASCAR Advance Auto Parts Weekly Series Division 1 national champion. In all, he ran NASCAR points races at five tracks in 2023 - Langley, Hickory, Southern National, South Carolina's Florence Motor Speedway and New River All American Speedway outside of Jacksonville. North Carolina. He scored 18 wins in 27 races, plus 24 top fives and 25 top 10s.

Catie Slater '15 married Matthew Reynolds in Carillon Beach, FL on October 22, 2022. There were many HRA alumni in attendance, most notably Courtney Montgomery '15 and Sydney Suttle '15 were bridesmaids. The Reynolds reside in Atlanta and Catie is a Capital Markets Associate at RangeWater Real Estate. Brianna Swaim '15 and Cole Swaim '14 welcomed their newest addition, Jack into the world on June 25,

2022.

Brianna Swaim '15 and Cole Swaim '14's new baby



In early October 2022, William Roberts '15 started a new position as Law Clerk at Dechert LLP's Philadelphia office. He'll be working in the firm's Corporate and Securities group, which works on a broad array of corporate, financial, and business legal matters.

Boming "Marko" Yang '15 is happy to announce that he's starting a new job as a Data Scientist at Cox Communications.

Leanna Yevak '15 happily joined the University of Virginia/Northern Virginia team as an Assistant **Director of Communications in** April 2023. She's excited to expand UVA's presence in the Northern Virginia area!

#### 2016

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**Trip Gilmore '16** is happy to announce that he's starting a new position at Kinsale Insurance as a Data Analyst. Not only that, but he is newly engaged to fiancé, Caroline Wrav.





Catie Slater '15 and Matthew Reynolds

#### 2017

**Carter Gilmore** carterg199@gmail.com

On October 17, 2022, Matthew **Gendreau '17** started a new job as Software Engineer at Leidos.

Dèvone Humphrey '17 just completed his senior football season at Ottawa University of Arizona. He played football on scholarship there and this year made 1st Team All-Conference and has been selected to play in the NAIA Senior Bowl.

Dèvone Humphrey '17



**Anthony Picott '17**, a shooting guard at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, just signed with a sports agency and will start his professional basketball career after graduating this May! While at Penn State Anthony has received player accolades as National Champion, National Tournament MVP. 1st Team All-American and 1st Team All-Conference. Anthony is both an alumnus and also an HRA employee. He started working in our after school (ECE) and Summer Camp programs as a junior in high school, and still works for our Summer Camp. While playing basketball at HRA he was a team leader, known for not only his skills, but his determination and strong work ethic. He is HRA family!

Anthony Picott '17





Alexandria Shevchenko '17's new baby

Alexandria Shevchenko '17 and husband, Kirill Shevchenko, welcomed their baby girl, Valencia, into the world on December 31, 2022, at 7:11 pm.

2018

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Recently, **Ryan Arient '18** became an Intern for the U.S. House of Representatives.

In early April 2023, **Kelsey Hall '18** was very excited to announce her new role at Bluewater Yacht Sales as Marketing Manager. She also recently graduated with a Masters of Business Administration from Old Dominion University.

In 2021, Kaila Morris '18 graduated with her BA in journalism from Temple University, then went on to teach Kindergarten with Teach for America in Phoenix, Arizona, This past year, she moved to NYC and started her strategic marketing company, KailaMedia. She does mostly social media marketing. content and strategy, as well as public relations for small businessesespecially, but not limited to, those owned by BIPOC and Queer people. To connect with Kaila, check out her website: kailamorris.com or her Instagram:

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Kaila Morris '18





2019

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On May 6, 2023, **Gracie Campbell** '19 graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies and Communication Studies, Rhetoric and Advocacy.

Hampton Roads Academy welcomed two United States Naval Academy Midshipmen, Carey Hutchens '19 and Addison-Parker Davis '21, to speak to students as part of the Naval Academy's Operation Information High School Student Outreach Program (OPINFO) on Monday, November 21st. It was a very informative session!



Carey Hutchens '19, Addison-Parker Davis '21 and Jay Barreto '22

Carey Hutchens '19, Addison-Parker Davis '21 and Jay Barreto '22, all of whom are Midshipmen, met up at the United States Naval Academy first home game against University of Delaware. "Go Navy Beat Army!"

**2020** 

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2021

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Alexandra Gendreau '21

Alexandra Gendreau '21 is currently completing an internship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor as part of the Chemistry Undergraduate Summer Research program (CSURP). Her research involves the purification, crystallization and characterization of a specific cyclic dipeptide oxidase, an enzyme that exhibits a broad variety of biological and pharmacological activities. Freshmen students are rarely accepted into the program and Alexandra attributes this accomplishment to the research experience opportunities she was part of while attending HRA. Alexandra is a 1693 scholar at the College of William and Mary.



Midshipman Addison-Parker Davis '21 and Gailiang "Gary" Huang '21

Midshipman Addison-Parker Davis '21 and Gailiang "Gary" Huang '21 met up in San Diego, CA.

2022

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In May 2023, **Erin Ferrare '22** started working as a Technical Content Writer at Resolvit. Within this position, she is tasked with writing articles pertaining to IT and Marketing, along with gathering relevant data from academic journals and professional websites. It includes drafting outlines and articles, along with making necessary edits before being published to the company website. She is also attending North Carolina State University, studying Science, Technology and Society.

# \* REUNIONS



The *Class of 1961-1965* had a great time reminiscing at their reunion via Zoom on Saturday, October 21, 2023! Yearbooks and photos were brought out to recount the tales. In attendance were Susan Marshall '65, Anita Read '63, Jim Pile '63, Hugh Exton '63, Ken Harkavy '63, and Clara Johnson Pincus '67. They even got to chat with HRA's new Head of School James "Jay" H. Lasley, Jr.





Good fellowship was shared by the *Class of 1973* and a few classmates from surrounding years on Saturday, October 21, 2023. The reunion took place at Philip "Bootsie" '73 and Isabel Hatchett's home in Newport News. They shared a lovely and eclectic spread of food contributions as well as a generous bar offered by their host, Bootsie. Although it was a last minute affair, they loved the great conversations from attendees; Nancy Pile Griffin '73, Tom Wash '73, Meriwether Millner '73, Harriet Heldenfelds Yake '72, Debbie Griffin Tanner '70 and Rod Huskey '71.

Members of the *Class of 1980* gathered in Richmond recently, where they had a great time reconnecting, reminiscing, and just spending time together. Laura Bateman '80 graciously hosted. This small gathering was inspired by those who attended the memorial reception of Chip Temple '80 in March 2023. They decided that Chip must have been smiling at this gathering and was certainly in attendance in spirit. Attendees from left to right: Laura Bateman '80, Bobby Lichtenstein '80, Faye Ferguson '80, Margaret Smith Cunningham '80, Richard Johnson '80, Abby Poindexter Bing '80, Robin Hogg Huddle '80, David Legg '80, and Stephanie Hollingsworth Bernardi '80.







The Hampton Roads Academy *Class of 1983* gathered for their 40 Year Reunion on Saturday, October 21st, 2023. Class member *Keith Vander Vennet '83* and his beautiful wife, Greta, graciously opened their stunning home for the party. Everything, from the views to the food (Circa 1918 Kitchen & Bar) and from the cherished old friend style hugs to the great stories, was absolutely lovely. Everyone seems to be living their best life and making a difference in the lives of others. This remains an exceptional group of great folks that'll always be there for each other! As always, *Glenn Shepard '83* traveled the greatest distance to attend, this time from Peru. If you couldn't attend, please know that you were sorely missed but don't worry—you were certainly spoken of in fond terms. This class agreed that it will not be 10 more years before they all get together like this again, sooner rather than later!

The Hampton Roads Academy *Class of 1988* came together for their 35th-year reunion on Saturday, October 21st, 2023. Attendees also included classmates from both the 1987 and 1989 graduating classes. *Courtnay Buxton Gilmore '88*, class agent, spearheaded the event, with support from *Nancy LeCuyer Beach '88*, *Robbin Ciraulo '88*, *Chad Green '88*, *Jennifer Freed Hall '88*, *and Barclay Shepard '87*. The official reunion took place at the Riverwalk Restaurant in Yorktown, followed by an informal gathering at the Water Street Grille next door. The evening was

marked by engaging conversations, nostalgic reflections, captivating stories, and endless laughter. To those who couldn't make it, you were greatly missed! Other alumni attendees included Donna Hanson Hazzard '87, Steve Barrs '87, Trey Phillips '87, Sheri Thomas '87, Robbie Dearnley '87, Scott Dearnley '88, Brooke Roberson Cushman '88, Steve Utley '88, Nell Ford '88, Tim Brice '88, Nell Weston Peabody '88, and Laura Freed '89.



November 12, 2022 was a beautiful evening for the amazing Hampton Roads Academy *Class of 1992* for their 30 Year Reunion. Chrissie Hart Clay '92 won the prize for most distance traveled (from LA), and John Martin '92 won the endurance award for joining right after completing the Richmond Marathon! A special thank you to Corrie Wilson from B'gidos Bakery for the delicious food and for Baxter Simmons '92 and the Paradise Ocean Club for hooking them up with beer and wine! Thank you to Allison Parks Hale '92 for hosting and to all who came from near and far!









The Class of 2003 had a wonderful time reminiscing and reconnecting the weekend of their 20th Reunion in October 2023. The following alumni, plus a good number of kids and spouses attended part or all of the reunion events; Bryan Witt '03, Anne Hampton Haynes '03, Matt Crane '03, Sarah Otey '03, Nathalie Rose '03, Lauren Williamson '03, Greg Stern '03, Megan Capps '03, Tim Adams '03, Leigh-Taylor Sigfusson '03, Trip Tanner '03, Carri Tanner '03, Rebecca Ostrye '03, Mary Katherine Youngblood '03 and Will Halliday '03. They enjoyed the

All-Alumni Tailgate on Friday and got together afterwards at Tradition Brewing. They also had a great dinner at Cove Tavern on Saturday night. Several of them took a tour of the school during the tailgate and paused for a while to appreciate the Stacy Philips Fine Arts Gallery. Stacy was an incredible individual, and they all miss her dearly.









































(June 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023)

Jean Maddy Alexander, mother of Jeffrey "Jeff" Alexander '75, September 6, 2023.

Robert L. Auerbach, grandfather of Kaitlynn Auerbach (Class of 2029), August 29, 2023.

**Charles "Charlie" Augustus Banks III,** former HRA trustee member from 1991-97, father of Douglas "Doug" Banks '96, June 27, 2022.

Robert "Bob" Raymond Bennett, father of current HRA Faculty/Staff Christine "Chris" Holloway, grandfather of Keira Holloway (Class of 2024) and Robert "Scottie" Holloway, Jr. (Class of 2024), August 16, 2023.

**Kathryn "Kay" Banick Braig**, mother of Robert "Rob" Braig (former trustee), grandmother of Zachary "Zach" Braig '11 and Rachel Braig '14, January 29, 2023.

Joyce Hogg Bristow, grandmother of Peyton "Bree" Kitchens-Neuberger '12, May 8, 2023.

**Ralph Booth, Jr.,** husband of Katherine "Kitty" Booth (deceased) (former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1971-94 and Wall of Honor inductee), father of Katherine "Kathy" Booth Mogelinski '78, Margaret "Peggy" Booth Roisch '79 and Maj. Ralph "Bill" Booth '87, October 11, 2023.

**Serafim C. "Sammy" Canavos,** grandfather of Serafim "Samson" Canavos '10, Nicholas "Ayden" Canavos '14, Andrew Canavos '14 and Serafim "Sam" Canavos '16, August 13, 2023.

J. W. Whiting Chisman, Jr., former HRA trustee member from 2011-14, 2015-17, brother of James "Jimmy" Chisman (former trustee), grandfather of Julian "Whiting" Chisman IV '18, Fletcher Chisman '20 and Clark Chisman '22, November 26, 2022.

**Don Rodney Cochran,** husband of current HRA Faculty/Staff Cynthia Cochran, father of Albert "Woody" Patrick IV '96, Virginia "Ginny" Cochran Baldwin '05 and Jacob "Jake" Cochran '07, April 29, 2023.

Jane Hazelwood Cooper, wife of C. Marcus "Marc" Cooper, Jr. '68 (former trustee) (deceased), mother of John "Jack" Cooper '01, Nathalie Cooper Rose '03 and Carroll "Marcus" Cooper III '07, sister-in-law of Margaret "Peggy" Cooper Fuller '71 and The Hon. Herbert "Bert" Bateman, Jr. '76 (former HRA Faculty/Staff) (former trustee), aunt of Mary "Emmy" Bateman '05, Herbert "Hank" Bateman III '07 and Samuel "Sam" Bateman '13, September 26, 2022.

Leslie Schatz Davis Cooper, sister of current HRA Faculty/Staff Cynthia Cochran, aunt of Albert "Woody" Patrick IV '96, Virginia "Ginny" Cochran Baldwin '05 and Jacob "Jake" Cochran '07, May 24, 2023.

**Eleanor Banks Johnson Day,** former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1968-94 and Wall of Honor Inductee, mother of Bruce Day '72, William Day '75 and Anne Day '78, October 28, 2023.

**Sandra Wishart Dearnley,** mother of Robert "Rob" Dearnley '87 and Scott Dearnley '88, grandmother of Grace Dearnley '17, September 26, 2023.



**Clinton Matthew DesRoches**, son of Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Glasheen DesRoches '68, nephew of Mary "Mary Lou" Glasheen Dietler '69, John "Jack" Glasheen '70, Susan "Susie" Glasheen '72, William "Billy" Glasheen '72, Margaret "Peggy" Glasheen '74 and Virginia Glasheen Alling '78, April 4, 2023.

Captain Kevin Peek Eley, father of William "Will" Eley '16, George Eley '16 and Henry Eley '18, September 4, 2023.

*Ida Finkelstein Finifter*, mother of current HRA Faculty/Staff Erika Caulford, mother-in-law of current HRA Faculty/Staff Will Caulford, grandmother of Zachery "Zack" Caulford (Class of 2025), September 30, 2023.

Jane Susan Glasser Frank, grandmother of Justin Currin '10, Jessica Currin '12, Sydney Frank '21 and Carson Frank '23, July 22, 2021.

**Joe Samuel Frank**, grandfather of Justin Currin '10, Jessica Currin '12, Sydney Frank '21 and Carson Frank '23, October 27, 2022.

Ralph Christopher George, father of current HRA Faculty/Staff Scott George, July 22, 2023.

**George Royden Goodson, Jr.**, father of G. "Royden" Goodson III (former trustee) and Pax Goodson (former trustee), grandfather of Emily Goodson '03, Caroline Goodson '06, Charles "Charlie" Goodson '07, Ellen Goodson Coughtrey '07, Lucy Goodson '09 and Catherine Goodson Palomino '12, February 13, 2023.

Marguerite "Peggy" Greene '68, sister of William "Bill" Greene, Jr. '65, half-sister of Katherine "Katy" Phillips Feldl '81, half-sister of John Phillips '83, May 4, 2023.

**Dr. Harry Griffin Hager**, **Jr.**, father of Christian "Chris" Hager '84, father-in-law of current HRA Faculty/Staff Laurie Hager, grandfather of Elizabeth Hager '21 and Daniel Hager (Class of 2024), July 10, 2021.

Thomas "Gene" Hall, Sr., grandfather of Ethan Hall '22 and Josh Hall '23, October 16, 2022.

Dr. Jacquelyn "Jacque" Pointer Hogge '79, sister of Jerry Hogge '83, March 25, 2023.

The Hon. Stephen A. Hudgins '73, September 19, 2023.

Waylon "Bruce" Jackson II '15, son of W. "Bruce" Jackson (former trustee), June 24, 2023.

Mary Ann Sistrunk Johnson, former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1981-88, November 2023.

James "Mike" Marinos Kokolis, grandfather of Paige Kokolis '19, James "Michael" Kokolis '22, George Kokolis (Class of 2025) and Sara Kokolis (Class of 2025), January 12, 2023.

**George James Kostel,** father of Mary Kostel DiMeglio '81, uncle of Laura "Missie" Kostel Fahey '83 and George Kostel '84, June 21, 2023.

**Dr. John Lee Lockhart**, father of Matthew "Matt" Lockhart '95 and Truman Lockhart '97, grandfather of Kennedy Lockhart (Class of 2030) and Caroline Lockhart (Class of 2031), April 27, 2023.

Richard "Dick" E. Lugent, Sr., grandfather of Carinne Lugent '21 and Tyler Lugent '23, January 27, 2023.

Rufus Davis Mapp, Sr., grandfather of Mark Hardy II '15 and Matthew "Matt" Hardy '17, March 12, 2023.

Ashley Elizabeth Nevins '95, sister of Noelle Nevins '86 and Kerry Nevins '89, July 30, 2022.

John Browning Odell, Jr. '79, brother of Beth Odell Dunn '81, July 17, 2023.

Michael J. Oehmann, former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1994-2003, August 17, 2022.

Carl M. Pastore, father of Derek Pastore '84, October 25, 2023.

**Colonel Jock Playman Patterson**, father of Colonel Trent Patterson (current trustee), grandfather of Caleb Patterson (Class of 2028) and Luke Patterson (Class of 2032), July 29, 2023.

James Laughton Phillips, father of Angela Phillips Wade '86 (deceased), Eleanor Phillips '88, Charlotte "Sandy" Phillips '91 and James Phillips, Jr. '97, November 11, 2021.

Marianne Wright Prentiss, mother of Captain Gregory "Greg" Prentiss '83, March 26, 2023.

Laura Susan Grigg Powell, wife of J. Christopher "Chris" Powell '88, September 21, 2023.

**Daphne Fuller Brown Robertson**, former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1971-95, mother of Ellen Robertson Edwards '74, William "Butch" Robertson, Jr. '76 and C. Fuller Robertson '84, grandmother of Ellen "Elizabeth" Edwards Jones '00, Jennifer "Jenn" Edwards Mosby '03 and Suzanne Edwards Jeffery '07, August 27, 2022.

Carl F. Roy, father of Andrew Roy '80 and Melanie Roy '83, October 21, 2022.

Evelyn Florence Johnson Sailer, former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1981-89, October 20, 2023.

**Kevin Peter Shea**, grandfather of Liam Ambrosino '23 and Daphne Ambrosino (Class of 2027), July 1, 2022.

Susan Branch Smith '72, August 4, 2022.

**Raymond H. Suttle, Sr.,** former HRA trustee member, father of Pamela "Pam" Suttle '78 and Raymond "Ray" Suttle, Jr. '81 (former trustee), grandfather of Thomas Herbert, Jr. '04, Raymond "Scott" Herbert '06, Caroline Suttle '10 and Harrison Suttle '12, June 24, 2023.

**Zenobia Helen Miller Taylor**, mother-in-law of Melvin Ferebee, Jr. (former trustee), grandmother of Melvin Ferebee III, Esq. '05, Michael Ferebee, M.D. '07 and Taylor Ferebee '13, June 4, 2023.

Thamer Eugene "Chip" Temple III '80, brother of Dr. Meredith Temple-O'Connor '89, March 25, 2023.

Angela Phillips Wade '86, sister of Eleanor Phillips '88, Charlotte "Sandy" Phillips '91 and James Phillips, Jr. '97, August 19, 2022.

Grant Wahl, husband of Dr. Céline Gounder '93, December 9, 2022.

**Dr. Thomas Atwood "Tom" Wash**, former HRA trustee member from 1969-88, board chair from 1972-74 and Wall of Honor Inductee, father of Thomas "Tom" Wash, Jr. '73, Burbridge "Scott" Wash '75, Stuart Wash '79 and Molly Wash '85, grandfather of Samuel "Sam" Wash '17, July 5, 2022.

**Dr. McKim Williams**, father of Mindy Williams '78, Ann Williams Vari '79 and McKim "Mac" Williams, Jr. '84, August 15, 2022.

Beverley Jeanne Wotherspoon, mother of L. "Nan" Wotherspoon Uzelac '83, March 5, 2023.

**Dorothy Lee Harris Zehmer**, former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1977-93, mother of James "Buddy" Zehmer '81, A. "Lee" Zehmer '84 and John Zehmer '89, September 23, 2022.

