

# NAVIGATOR

## Magazine



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# Year In Review



# The Mission of the Academy

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.

## **James Lasley**

Head of School

## **Benjamin Rous**

Assistant Head of School,  
Director of Upper School

## **Elizabeth Cavalleri**

Director of College Counseling

## **Courtney Gardner '85**

Director of Advancement

## **Laurie Hager**

Dean of Students

## **Randi Helpinstill**

Director of Finance

## **Laura Stoner**

Director of Athletics

## **Ace Strickland**

Director of Facilities

## **Susanne Swain '78**

Director of Lower School

## **Ed Swanson**

Director of Admissions

## **Lisa Thatcher**

Director of Middle School

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# **THE** *Beginning...*

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A man in a dark suit and blue tie stands at a wooden podium, speaking into a microphone. The podium has the words "EXPLORE · DISCOVER" engraved on its front. Behind him, a large projection on a screen displays the text "Welcome Back to the 2023-2024 School Year" in a serif font, with a circular seal of a university in the background. The scene is lit with blue and white light, creating a formal atmosphere.

Welcome Back  
to the  
2023-2024  
School Year

*Dear Hampton Roads Academy Community,*

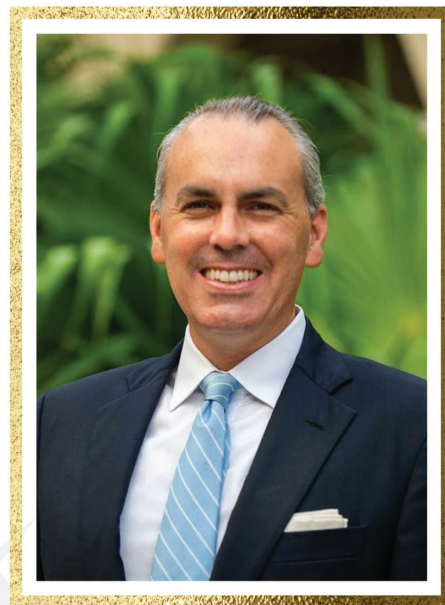
As I reflect on my first year as the Head of School, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude for our community's unwavering passion and dedication to our students, families, and the broader community. As a career teacher-coach, including 17 years as an admissions director, it was a year of firsts for me as a school head, and more importantly, a year of many accomplishments for the greater HRA community.

One of the most significant events of the year was celebrating the Class of 2024 at their May '24 Graduation Exercises. As I shook the graduating seniors' hands as they crossed the stage, I found myself thinking about how they are in a remarkable position to better society as a by-product of their Hampton Roads Academy education. The sense of honor, the lessons of perseverance, and the experience of leadership have placed each of them in a position for success and fulfillment at their new college homes and for the rest of their lives. While graduation is the symbolic culmination of one's secondary school career, it also marks the beginning of a lifetime of alumni camaraderie and spirit. We are proud to watch the Class of 2024 take on the world and ready to welcome them back to visit anytime.

While it would be nearly impossible to highlight all of the accomplishments and progress from 2023-2024, I am particularly proud of the success of our Night of the Navigator Gala & Silent Auction in February and HRA Day in April. The philanthropy of those events has directly impacted every Navigator student in this new academic year through such capital projects as the long-needed refurbishment of the stadium track, the renovation of our fitness center and weight room, and the construction of the new-and-improved Lower School playground.

This fall also has brought increased opportunities for optimal teaching and learning, with a fortification of the ninth grade teaching team, ensuring this pivotal entry year of high school is one of increased connection and engagement for our students. The Upper School advisory system has been strengthened to highlight the value of our students' emotional health and well-being, and our World Language curriculum has been reinvigorated to provide our Middle School students with a more informed choice and deeper learning opportunities among French, Latin, and Spanish to study throughout their careers. I also am extremely proud of our newest faculty members who love HRA's mission and are committed to the development and formation of every student on this campus. They join a dedicated and talented team of teachers, coaches, and school leaders who are the soul of this great school community, and all are off to a tremendous start in '24-'25.

Hampton Roads Academy's trajectory is one of success and vitality. Our teachers, students, parents, and alumni are all integral to this journey, and together, we are building a legacy of success, resilience, and innovation. With every step forward, we strengthen the bonds that make HRA more than just a school—it's a vibrant, nurturing environment where young minds flourish and future leaders are shaped. There is much to look forward to, and I invite each of you to be a part of the exciting milestones ahead as we carry our proud tradition of excellence into the future.



Warm regards,

*Jay Lasley*

Head of School





# Off To Navigate NEW WATERS

On Saturday, May 25, the Hampton Roads Academy community celebrated the 47 members of the graduating class of 2024 in the Svein Auditorium. HRA Head of School, Jay Lasley, delivered the opening remarks and Mike Fisher, Hampton Roads Academy Class of '86 and the CEO of MyFitnessPal, delivered the commencement address. The graduation class was then officially recognized through the conferring of the diplomas.

The Class of 2024 will attend 25 different colleges and universities. Seven of them will play NCAA athletics next year, one is a Nationalist Merit Scholarship Finalist and five of them are National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars. They will be studying engineering, theater, architecture, business, medicine and liberal arts, and they collectively earned nearly \$3 million in merit-based scholarships.

We are so excited and proud of our graduating class and applaud their hard work, dedication and perseverance throughout their time at HRA. Here's to the memories they've made, the friendships they've forged, and the bright future that lies ahead. Congratulations again to the HRA Class of 2024—may your journey be filled with success, happiness and endless possibilities!



# *Congratulations,* **CLASS OF 2024!**



***The Board Of Trustees, Faculty And Administration Congratulate Each Member Of The Hampton Roads Academy Class Of 2024.***

Ozan Luka Anatolian  
Leya Baalbaki  
Miles Lorenzo Brandon  
Paul Pierce Brindley  
Ryan Hardin Cherry  
Gibson Reece Collette  
Chloe Diane Cone  
Carter Samuel Cook  
Leo Feng  
Christopher Charles Freshwater  
Harley Tucker Gardner  
Ellie Joliette Goldberg  
Riley Logan Gregory  
Ava Lee Grisdale-Walsh  
Daniel Griffin Hager

Chailea Dane'e Harvey  
Tessa Victoria Holbrook  
Keira Madeline Holloway  
Robert Scott Holloway, Jr.  
Henry Rhodes Hutchens  
Brayden Quinn Kinney  
Emma Elizabeth Krzyzanowski  
Li Yang  
Grayson Hunter Lopez  
Rowan Lowekamp  
Colby Michael Motley  
Bianca Gabrielle Noble  
Charles Edward Overman  
Walter Eugene Parks III  
Sabrina Brielle Post  
Jamison Nance Prokopik

Ayla Danielle Reddix  
Joseph Angelo Rosati  
James Cooper Rose  
Caroline Parker Rous  
Isabella Grace Saunders  
Nathan Cole Seeley  
Tyler Dean Seeley  
Jack Bierman Silberhorn  
Zoe Kendal Tankersley  
Kaylee Elizabeth Thames  
Allison Taylor Trudeau  
Kenneth Lau Vander Vennet  
Eric Lee Wei  
Cayden Kellsie Sky West  
Zoe Isabella Wilson



# Trustee, Alumni & Faculty Legacy



Elizabeth '21, Dr. Christian Hager '84, Daniel '24, and Laurie Hager (Faculty/Staff)



Blaine '22, Meredith, Henry '24, Kevin '92, Graham Huthens (Class of 2027)



James Walker, Doris Walker, Kristen Overman, Charlie Overman '24, Mark Overman '87, Sam Overman (Class of 2026) and Andrea Wright



Alex Rose, Tania Virginia White '00, Declan White, Austin White, Harper Rose, Sam Rose, Tasha Rose '98, Cooper Rose '24, Julie Rose, Tyler Rose '14, Avery Rose, Grady Rose, Dickie Spencer, Liz Peterson Rose, Bailey White



# Trustee, Alumni & Faculty Legacy



Ben (Faculty/Staff), Liz (Faculty/Staff),  
Caroline '24 and Alex Rous '21



Rudy Heinatz, Addy '22, Ford '19, Jack '24, Tina  
(Faculty/Staff), Mike Silberhorn, Rebecca Heinatz



Christy, Zoe '24, Dr. Kenneth Tankersley '87



Greta, Kenneth '24, Keith '83 (Former Trustee),  
Grace '21, Claire Vander Vennet '18



# Recognition Of Student Excellence



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



**The Hampton Roads Academy Service Award** is presented in memory of Mrs. Robert L. Trimpi to the student 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 **Robert Scott Holloway, Jr.**



**The Moonves Prize** is presented in memory of Mrs. Sylvia F. Moonves to the graduating student 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 **Chailea Danee Harvey**.



**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 graduate who, through genuine enthusiasm for school activities and active concern for other people, has contributed significantly to the development of school spirit and morale. The recipient is **Henry Rhodes Hutchens**.

**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 recipients are **Leo Feng and Zoe Kendal Tankersley**.





# DIVISION AWARDS

## **VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL**

- Dance** - Annabelle Virginia Steider
- Foreign Language in Latin** - Zachary Neal Patten
- Humanities** - Audrey Maria Elmes
- Math, Science and Technology** - Carys Elizabeth Casper
- VIMS** - Lily Marie Ye

## **LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION**

- American Legion Girls State of Virginia Award** - Kathleen Elizabeth Lasley  
Annabelle Virginia Steider
- American Legion Boys State of Virginia Award** - Noah Preston Gearey
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar Award** - Colten Scott Fulcher

## **BOOK AWARDS**

- Princeton Book Award** - Ishan Andrew Hartke
- William & Mary Leadership Award** - Madeline Frances Sablan
- Rensselaer Medal** - Carl Li He Stauffer
- University of Rochester** -
  - George Eastman Young Leaders Award** - Nelson Reece David
  - Bausch & Lomb Honoree Science Award** - Josephine Wanrui Chang
  - Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award** - Sara Marie Kokolis

## **PERFORMING ARTS**

- Director's Award (Vocal)** - Caroline Parker Rous
- Director's Award (Strings)** - Anne Wanawaide Guerrant
- Director's Award (Band)** - Kenneth Lau Vander Vennett
- Theatre Award** - Rowan Lowekamp
- Technical Theatre Award** - Lincoln Davis Edwards

## **VISUAL ARTS**

- AP Studio Art Award** - Allison Taylor Trudeau
- Ceramics Award** - Isabella Grace Saunders
- Photography Award** - Annabelle Virginia Steider

## **ENGLISH**

- Freshman Academic Award** - Ella Paige Richardson
- Sophomore Academic Award** - Zachary Alexander Busch
- Junior AP Award** - George James Kokolis
- Senior Academic Award** - Ozan Luka Anatolian

## **WORLD LANGUAGE**

- Senior Latin Award** - Chloe Diane Cone
- Latin Award** - Nelson Reece David
- Senior French Award** - Caroline Parker Rous
- French Award** - Eleanor Sage Hensley
- Senior Spanish Award** - Ayla Danielle Reddix
- Spanish Award** - Shah Hassan Arezo

## **HISTORY**

- Freshman Award** - Aiden Matthew Cummins
- Sophomore Award** - Nicholas Antoni Bielewicz
- Junior Award** - Noah Preston Gearey
- Senior Award** - Rowan Lowekamp
- AP Psychology** - Nathan Cole Seeley

## **MATHEMATICS**

- Mary Ann Johnson Geometry Award** - Indira Anne Hartke
- Deanna Hunter Algebra Award** - Grant Martin Dignan
- Dorothy Lee Zehmer Junior Award** - Ishan Andrew Hartke
- Katherine W. Booth Award** - James Cooper Rose
- Ann B. Fitcher Senior Award** - Leo Feng
- Mu Alpha Theta Award** - Eric Lee Wei

## **SCIENCE**

- Golden Skull Award** - Olivia Rose Melnitchouk
- AP Chemistry Award** - James Michael Howard
- Honors Chemistry Award** - Henry Harrison Pope Stern
- Science Elective: Research Methods** - Carys Elizabeth Casper
- Physics Award** - Ishan Andrew Hartke
- AP Biology Award** - Zoe Kendal Tankersley



## **DR. JOHN ORDERS SENIOR PROJECT SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Robert Scott Holloway, Jr., Emma Elizabeth Krzyzanowski, Zoe Kendal Tankersley & Allison Taylor Trudeau

## **REACH INITIATIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Leya Baalbaki, Chloe Diane Cone, Ellie Joliette Goldberg, Daniel Griffin Hager, Chailea Danee Harvey, Robert Scott Holloway, Jr., Brayden Quinn Kinney, Emma Elizabeth Krzyzanowski, Sabrina Brielle Post, Jamison Prokopik, Ayla Danielle Reddix, Caroline Parker Rous, Allison Taylor Trudeau & Sofia Zhenya Yeshtokina

**The Hampton Roads Academy Head of School Honors Awards are presented in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Wash to the student at each grade level who has achieved the highest academic achievement in all core courses during the current year.**

- Freshman Honors Award** - Indira Anne Hartke
- Sophomore Honors Award** - Henry Harrison Pope Stern
- Junior Honors Award** - Ishan Andrew Hartke
- Senior Honors Award** - Leo Feng

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS 2024**

### **Faculty Award**

- Fifth - Tomi Wintzer
- Sixth - Delilah Kyner
- Seventh - Wyatt Evelyn
- Eighth - Darcy Fang

### **Citizenship Award**

- Fifth - Henry Barnhart
- Sixth - Elijah Paige
- Seventh - Caleb Dahl
- Eighth - Meera Patel

### **Blue and Gold Award**

- Fifth - Matt Bielewicz
- Sixth - Helena Sablan
- Seventh - Ronan Smith
- Eighth - Ben Rosati

### **Scholarship Award**

- Fifth - Henry Barnhart
- Sixth - Suhani Joshi
- Seventh - Grace Bradley
- Seventh - Ellie Fang
- Eighth - Jude Deibler

### **Compass Award**

- Madison Davis

## **LOWER SCHOOL AWARDS**

### **Faculty Awards**

- PK - Morena - Quinn Eagle
- JK - Moore - Stasi Zichal
- JK - Midgette - Kennadi Williams
- K - Thatcher - Ezra MacGowan
- K - Kovalcik - Lucy Lamm
- K - Hartman - Andrea Manning
- 1st - Lanier - Patrick MacLennon
- 1st - Morgan - West McFarland
- 1st - Rhodes - Ethan Oelke
- 2nd - Breitbeil - Sophia Barbosa
- 2nd - McDermott - Cinco Homer
- 2nd - Benham - Parker Shipley
- 3rd - Nierman - Sarah Beaudin
- 3rd - Gregory - Spyro Zichal
- 3rd - Fritz - Taraoluwa Ajayeoba
- 4th - Speece - Audrey Colburn
- 4th - Massengill - Luke Patterson
- 4th - Whitten - Campbell Brice

### **Academic Awards**

- 2nd - Breitbeil - Kamia Mercado
- 2nd - McDermott - Marshall Young
- 2nd - Benham - Sophie Bonomo
- 3rd - Nierman - Aria Jernigan
- 3rd - Gregory - Shloak Joshi
- 3rd - Fritz - Emma Angus
- 4th - Speece - Melody Xu
- 4th - Massengill - Liam Quinlan
- 4th - Whitten - Maya Baalbaki

### **Drucker Awards**

- JK/K - Hartman - Eleanor Kam
- 1st/2nd - Morgan - Samhita Chennamsetty
- 3rd/4th - Massengill - Dexter Chilcott

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING AWARD CEREMONIES & PARADE

By Lisa Thatcher, Director of Middle School

On Tuesday morning, May 21, the middle school students, parents, grandparents, special friends and faculty gathered in the Svein J. Lassen Auditorium to honor, recognize and applaud award recipients and celebrate the Class of 2028 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 Madison Davis received the highest honor, the Compass Award.

The traditional Eighth Grade Crossing ceremony featured student speaker Adrian Anatolian. Adrian shared a message of gratitude and excitement for their next step. He said, "We have learned what it means to be students at HRA, and we strive to live by the values and standards that make

this school particularly exceptional. Hampton Roads Academy has been a growing space for us as students; truly preparing us in all ways for the next chapter of our academic careers in upper school." We are proud of the Class of 2028 and can't wait to see what great things this class will do in the future!

Following the ceremony, seventh graders, upper school students 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, and cowbells made for a raucous and fun celebration. It is a great time to be a Navigator!



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2028

Abigail Adams	Ray Davis	Carter Lanier	Eleni Sarantakos
Adrian Anatolian	Jude Deibler	Lucille (Lucy) Lanier	Gabriel Seutter
Victoria (Peyton) Ashe	John (Jack) Duggan	Jillian Lassiter	Zelda Sherman
Alana Barnhart	Darcy Fang	Trevor Leary	Wyatt Short
Madison Bauer	Brandon Feng	Mckinley Maciejewski	William Stern
Shay Berdous	Samuel Fox	Rashad Mays	Selma Stetson
Patrick Bielewicz	Max Harmon	Zion Mchenry-Wilson	Wirt (Weston) Stilley
Patrick (Patch) Brodie	William Heintz	Tyler Motley	Andrea Tolbert
Katlyn (Katie) Brown	Landon Hofler	Meera Patel	Vaughn Treiber
Fredrick (William) Buxton	Matthew Jeffreys	Caleb Patterson	Bryce Wedding
Ava Carter	Brielle Johnson	Myles Raines	Reginald (Reggie) Williams
Sarah Cash	Logan Jones	Logan Roberts	Meera Wintzer
Mickenzie Cooper	Lydia Jones	Kennedy Robinson	Jadain Wojciechowski
Madison Davis	Mireya King	Benjamin Rosati	Anica Rae Piatt



On May 23rd, the Lower School celebrated the Class of 2032's move to Hampton Roads Academy's Middle School with a special ceremony. Dressed for occasion, the fourth-grade class participated in the morning event which took place in the Svein J. Lassen Auditorium. Mrs. Massengill, Ms. Speece, and Ms. Whitten, the fourth-grade teachers, presented a wonderful slide show for the students and their families which highlighted the children's growth during their elementary years. The fourth-grade team described the class as "an enthusiastic group who welcomes challenges and shares a love of learning." Maya Baalbaki was selected by the fourth graders as their class speaker for the assembly. On behalf of the class, Maya thanked the Lower School faculty for providing a wonderful academic foundation. The fourth graders have learned a great deal about friendships, loyalty, respecting peers, and

being responsible during their Lower School years. Mrs. Thatcher, the Director of Middle School, welcomed the rising fifth graders and assured the class that they were ready for the challenges and freedoms ahead. Following the assembly, the Class of 2032 celebrated the day with a reception for family and friends in the Lower School Commons. Congratulations, fourth graders!



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

Richard Harper Ashe  
 Maya Fatima Baalbaki  
 Lawson Alexander Beale  
 Siddhant Kamal Bhuta  
 Eleanor Jane Brayman  
 Olivia Campbell Brice  
 Brooks Townsend Brown  
 Noelle Nadine Burford  
 Paul Bryant Cash  
 Aashritha Chennamsetty  
 Dexter Anthony Chilcott  
 Joseph Elliott Clover  
 Audrey Joan Colburn  
 Zoi Penelope Del Rosario  
 Skye Madison Diaquoi

Taitton Louis Salmon Drames  
 Charles Andrew Duggan  
 Madeleine Faith Flaherty  
 Callie Rose-Anna Fowler  
 Finnegan Joseph Granholm  
 Virginia Rawls Hankins  
 Liliana Carter Harmon  
 Malia Herrera  
 Paolo Ibba  
 Daniel Grey Jeffreys  
 Ellea Rae Jones  
 Azad Ying-Sen Khan  
 Kayden William Koon  
 Madelyn Cadence Kyner  
 Samuel Antonio Lingeri

Paris Lee Lockwood  
 Hunter Padbury Malters  
 Keira Jaye McCrum  
 Warren Bradley Mrowiec  
 Leila Nicole Mygas  
 Alessandra Thien-Ai Ngoc Nguyen  
 Victoria Brooke Nobles  
 Cheyenne May Paddock  
 James Vaughan Parisher  
 Luke Aiden Patterson  
 Drake Alexander Perrault  
 Liam Perrin Quinlan  
 Emir Makhstudodich Tairov  
 Ava Grace Thompson  
 Melody Siyun Xu



# HONOR ROLL BY GRADE



## 12TH GRADE

### Highest Honors

*(3.75 average with all A's)*

Ozan Anatolian  
Leya Baalbaki  
Leo Feng  
Tessa Holbrook  
Caroline Rous  
Zoe Tankersley  
Eric Wei

### Honors

*(3.5 average with no grade below a B)*

Paul Brindley  
Ryan Cherry  
Chloe Cone  
Carter Cook  
Christopher Freshwater  
Riley Gregory  
Daniel Hager  
Chailea Harvey  
Henry Hutchens  
Brayden Kinney  
Emma Krzyzanowski  
Rowan Lowekamp  
Charles Overman  
Sabrina Post  
Joseph Rosati  
Nathan Seeley  
Tyler Seeley  
Allison Trudeau  
Sofia Yeshtokina

### Faculty List

*(3.0 average with no grade below a B-)*

Ellie Goldberg  
Keira Holloway  
Robert Holloway  
Bianca Noble  
Ayla Reddix  
Kenneth Vander Vennet

## 11TH GRADE

### Highest Honors

*(3.75 average with all A's)*

Josephine Chang  
Noah Gearey  
Ishan Hartke  
Eleanor Hensley  
Isabelle Kee  
George Kokolis  
Anna Krzyzanowski  
Carl Stauffer

### Honors

*(3.5 average with no grade below a B)*

Paul Bennett Northam  
Nelson David  
Ryan Foretich  
Konstantin Garofalis  
Anne Guerrant  
James Howard  
Brandon Kerins  
Sara Kokolis  
Rocson LaRocco  
Kathleen Lasley  
Campbell Lemmink  
Leila Pfrang  
Mahlen Puhlick  
Madeline Sablan  
Annabelle Steider  
Danielle Stowell  
Moergenfu Wengnade  
Robert Winfield  
Lily Ye

### Faculty List

*(3.0 average with no grade below a B-)*

Carlie Erwin  
Elise Fiala  
Elly Flannery  
Alejandra Flores  
Cender Gansukh  
Charlotte Goddin  
Lily Haas  
Parker Moore  
Julian Williams

## 10TH GRADE

### Highest Honors

*(3.75 average with all A's)*

Ian Beck  
Zachary Busch  
Carys Casper  
Colten Fulcher  
Cameron Hall  
Ares Marvell-Nguyen  
Zachary Patten  
Henry Stern  
Simon Yi

### Honors

*(3.5 average with no grade below a B)*

James Dornan  
Audrey Elmes  
Sophia Gately  
John Owen Hospodar  
Joseph Kerrick  
Heather Lowekamp  
Olivia Melnitchouk  
Ellen Owen  
Shayne Patel  
Alexandra Trudeau  
Sophia Vassilakos  
Hannah Williamson  
Isaac Yeshtokin

### Faculty List

*(3.0 average with no grade below a B-)*

Nancy Arena  
Madeline Bevilacqua  
Nicholas Bielewicz  
Thomas Doherty  
Kathryn Easterling  
Samuel Overman  
Lana Reed  
Elizabeth Smith  
David Spigel  
Ryan White

## 9TH GRADE

### Highest Honors

*(3.75 average with all A's)*

Shah Arezo  
Aiden Cummins  
Claire Grzybowski  
Indira Hartke  
Graham Hutchens  
Mitchell Lugar  
Ella Richardson  
Luke Sablan

### Honors

*(3.5 average with no grade below a B)*

Ashlyn Davis  
Grant Dignan  
Merritt Jones  
Adair Loos  
Ava Rose  
Caroline Short  
Aniyah Solomon  
Dayja Weeks

### Faculty List

*(3.0 average with no grade below a B-)*

Daphne Ambrosino  
Aaron Carlson  
Keith Seth Davis  
Lincoln Edwards  
Faith Gregory  
Joshua Henderson  
Caleb Hung  
Zuriel Pendleton-Morant  
Kai Sims  
Kendall Wedding



### **8TH GRADE**

#### **Highest Honors**

Adrian Anatolian  
Alana Barnhart  
Madison Davis  
Jude Deibler  
Jack Duggan  
Brendan Feng  
Logan Jones  
Mlreya King  
Lucy Lanier  
Logan Roberts  
Will Stern

### **7TH GRADE**

#### **Highest Honors**

Grace Bradley  
Gemma Chilcott  
Wyatt Evelyn  
Ellie Fang  
Evelyn Flaherty  
June Hale  
Eloise Kee  
Madeline Monteith  
Sylvia Rajec  
Shalya Sheff  
Ronan Smith

### **6TH GRADE**

#### **Highest Honors**

Amir Arezo  
Blaine Averett  
Spencer Burton  
Lauren Cash  
Alex Chen  
Ava Garofalis  
Emma Hollis  
Mark Hospodar  
Suhani Joshi  
Nico Kostov  
Delilah Kyner  
Isabella Nguyen  
Arnesh Paul  
Sinjin Wright  
Elizabeth Yancey

### **5TH GRADE**

#### **Highest Honors**

Henry Barnhart  
Kayden Brown  
A-Ri Chae  
Sarah Lowekamp  
Marin Mazzurco  
Lillian Mercado  
Abe Moore  
Seballos Sebastian  
Haze Skinner  
Emily Trudeau  
Tomio Wintzer  
Manyao Zhang

### **LOWER SCHOOL HONORS**

Emma Angus  
Maya Baalbaki  
Sophia Barbosa  
Lawson Beale  
Siddhant Bhuta  
Sophie Bonomo  
Dexter Chilcott  
Benjamin Covey  
Henry Eichholz  
Finnegan Granholm

Liliana Harmon  
Dabney House  
Paolo Ibba  
Aria Jernigan  
Shloak Joshi  
Kierat Kang  
Azad Khan  
Beckett Kyner  
Kamia Mercado  
Evynn Morelli

Leila Mygas  
Victoria Nobles  
Alessandra Nguyen  
Liam Quinlan  
James Rule  
Tyler Serna-Duncan  
Parker Shipley  
Melody Xu  
Marshall Young  
Violet Zornitta





# 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.

## 2024 INDUCTEES



**Leya  
Baalbaki**



**Leo  
Feng**



**Chailea  
Harvey**



**Emma  
Elizabeth  
Krzyzanowski**



**Rowan  
Lowekamp**



**Sabrina  
Post**



**Ayla  
Danielle  
Reddix**



**Zoe  
Tankersley**



**Allison  
Taylor  
Trudeau**



**Sofia  
Zhenya  
Yeshtokina**

# 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, two 7th grade students were recognized for their perfect performance. Congratulations to the following award winners:

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

Intro: Grace Bradley, Ronan Smith (perfect paper),  
Wyatt Evelyn (perfect paper)  
Level I: Darcy Fang  
Level II: Aiden Cummins, Indira Hartke, Ella Richardson  
Level IV: Ishan Hartke

## **Maxima Cum Laude** (*Silver Medal Designation*)

Intro: Caleb Dahl, Eloise Kee  
Level I: Logan Jones, Zeldia Sherman  
Level III: Carys Casper  
Level IV: Reece David, Josephine Chang  
Level V: Leo Feng, Zoe Tankersley

## **Magna Cum Laude**

Intro: Madeline Monteith  
Level II: Lincoln Edwards  
Level III: Ian Beck, Zachary Busch,  
Zack Patten, Maddie Sablan

## **Cum Laude**

Intro: Oliver Rash  
Level I: Jillian Lassiter  
Level III: Gage Beach, Nico Bielewicz

***Congratulations to these students and their teachers, Mrs. Joyce and Ms. Ansama***

# NATIONAL FRENCH EXAM



In March and April, French students participated in the National French Exam, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students from top private and public schools across the nation participate in the contest, and many HRA students achieved outstanding results. Below are the award winners, and the percentile scores they achieved related to their competitors.

## **Recipients of the Gold Award** (*top 5 percent nationally*)

Level 01: Elena Fang  
Level 1: Brandon Feng

## **Recipients of the Silver Award** (*top 15 percent nationally*)

Level 1: Matt Jeffreys, Mireya King, Katelyn Brown  
Level 3: Henry Stern

## **Recipients of the Bronze Award** (*top 25 percent nationally*)

Level 1: Lily Ye  
Level 3: Cameron Hall

## **Recipients of the Honorable Mention** (*top 50 percent nationally*)

Level 01: Shayla Sheff  
Level 1: Ashley Carter, Patch Brodie,  
Shay Berdous, Kennedy Robinson  
Level 2: Kai Sims, Daphne Ambrosino, Graham  
Hutchens, Ashlyn Davis, Caroline Short,  
Aniyah Solomon, Claire Grzybowski  
Level 3: Ares Marvell-Nguyen  
Level 4: Cender Gansukh

***Congratulations to these students and to Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Parisher for preparing them so well!***

## ***Welcoming Elizabeth Cavallari As New Director Of College Counseling***

### ***Navigating Students Down The Path To Higher Education***

Earlier this year, Hampton Roads Academy announced the hiring of Elizabeth Cavallari as the new Director of College Counseling. Her extensive background and experience working in undergraduate and graduate college admission is already serving to be pivotal in guiding HRA students in their future educational opportunities.

Cavallari comes to HRA after most recently working at William & Mary's School of Education where she served as the Associate Director of Recruitment and Admissions. In this role, Cavallari led marketing and recruitment efforts, provided counsel and advising, and worked as a pre-major advisor for undergraduate students. Simultaneously, Cavallari fulfilled the role as a law school admissions consultant for 7Sage Educational Partners where she advised law school applicants regarding admissions strategy, from initial research through enrollment decisions.

For six years, Cavallari worked her way up through the admissions department at William & Mary Law School. She initially took on the responsibility of Assistant Dean for Admissions where she reviewed over 10,000 applications. She also represented William & Mary at law school fairs, panels and information sessions.

Her career working in college admissions first began at Bucknell University as their Assistant Director of Admissions. Cavallari was accountable for territory management and student recruitment within the Western region and also supervised and coordinated dozens of student tours. It was at Bucknell where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History before achieving her M.Ed. in Educational Leadership – Higher Education Administration from William & Mary.

"I'm excited for this new opportunity to help HRA students in selecting and applying to colleges," said Cavallari. "This next chapter in their lives is a major milestone, and I hope to help make it less overwhelming and more fun for them!" Hampton Roads Academy has a 100% college acceptance rate and believes that Cavallari's addition to the school will allow students to feel even more confident about the college application process and their ability to get into their top-choice schools.

Elizabeth's extensive background in college admissions, coupled with her commitment to supporting students through their educational journey, makes her a tremendous addition to the Navigator community. Her insights, expertise, and established network of college admissions colleagues will undoubtedly enhance the HRA college counseling experience, providing students with the wisdom, guidance, and expertise they need to achieve their academic and professional goals.

"Elizabeth brings a wealth of college admissions experience to the Hampton Roads Academy community," said Head of School Jay Lasley. "We look forward to her leadership, vision, and engagement as we continue to strengthen the partnership with our families through the college counseling process."



# **COLLEGES OFFERING ADMISSIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2024**



American University  
Auburn University  
Averett University  
Belmont University  
Bridgewater College  
Butler University  
Christopher Newport University  
Clemson University  
Coastal Carolina University  
College of Charleston  
Dickinson College  
Drexel University  
East Carolina University  
Elon University  
Emory & Henry College  
Ferrum College  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Gulf Coast University  
Florida State University  
Georgia State University  
Gettysburg College  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Hawaii Pacific University  
High Point University  
Hofstra University  
Hollins University  
James Madison University  
Longwood University  
Loyola University Maryland  
Marist College  
Michigan State University  
Mississippi State University  
Norfolk State University  
North Carolina State University at Raleigh  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Pennsylvania State University-Erie  
Princeton University  
Radford University  
Randolph College  
Randolph-Macon College  
Roanoke College  
Seton Hall University  
South Carolina State University  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
SUNY Buffalo State  
Syracuse University  
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville  
The University of the South  
Thiel College  
University of California-Riverside  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware  
University of Hawaii at Manoa  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Maryland-Baltimore County  
University of Maryland-College Park  
University of Massachusetts-Boston  
University of Massachusetts-Lowell  
University of Miami  
University of Mississippi  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of South Carolina  
University of South Florida  
University of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Virginia Tech  
Virginia Wesleyan University  
West Virginia University  
William & Mary

***Total of \$2,930,680 In Merit-Based Scholarships Awarded***

# NIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR



*The HRA Night Of The Navigator Gala & Silent Auction was an incredible success!*



The Night of the Navigator Gala & Silent Auction in February was the largest fundraising event for HRA in years, raising over \$200,000, thanks to the incredible generosity and enthusiasm of HRA supporters. The evening, hosted by Head of School Jay Lasley, was a spectacular blend of fun and philanthropy, set against the elegant backdrop of the new Mary and Larry Pope Dining Hall.

The event was a celebration of not just generosity but also the unwavering spirit of the Hampton Roads Academy community. The night brought together alumni, parents, faculty and friends, all united in their dedication to enhancing the HRA experience.

Guests were treated to an unforgettable evening, featuring exquisite cuisine crafted by HRA's own Chef Uwe, along with delicious cocktails, lively dancing, and, of course, the extraordinary silent auction. The energy in the room was palpable as both in-person and online bidders passionately supported the HRA Annual Fund, demonstrating a shared commitment to the Navigator mission.

In addition to the auction, the evening featured inspiring speeches from students and alumni who shared heartfelt stories of how HRA has shaped their lives. These moving testimonials reminded attendees all of all the profound impact that this kind of support has on the future of students.

HRA thanks donors for their extraordinary generosity. Their contributions not only enriched the event but also directly

impacted the lives of HRA students by supporting their educational journey and fostering a path toward success.

To the volunteers whose hard work and commitment behind the scenes made everything possible—thank you. From planning and organizing to ensuring every detail was perfect, their efforts brought this vision to life and created a night to remember.

These efforts are vital to HRA's goals of fostering academic excellence, increasing student access, and upholding Hampton Roads Academy's core values. The success of this event has already set the stage for future endeavors, as the school continues to strive toward ambitious goals in academic excellence, innovative programs and broadening opportunities for all students.

HRA is committed to building a brighter future for its students and the community, and looks forward to continued growth and an even greater impact. Thank you to the HRA community for being the heart and soul of this incredible evening!





## **Mike Fisher, Class of 1986**

### **Contributing To Excellence At HRA**

Mike Fisher, Hampton Roads Academy Class of '86, is the CEO of MyFitnessPal, the leading global nutrition and food-tracking mobile app. He previously served as the Chief Technology Officer of Etsy, the Co-Founder of AKF Partners, the Chief Technology Officer at Quigo and the Head of Engineering & Architecture at PayPal, Inc.

Fisher earned a PhD and MBA from Case Western Reserve University's Weatherhead School of Management, an MS in Information Systems from Hawaii Pacific University, and a BS in Computer Science from the United States Military Academy at West Point. He spent over a decade in the military as a pilot in the US Army and the Ohio National Guard.

Fisher holds seven patents across various fields, including advertisement optimization and video content association. He has taught Design & Innovation courses at the collegiate level and co-written three books, which collectively have sold over 25,000 copies and are translated in five languages. As a Fulbright Specialist, he values the opportunity to share his expertise globally.

It's no surprise that his life's accomplishments made him a standout choice to serve as the Commencement Speaker at HRA's 2024 graduation where he enlightened students on the importance of becoming a leader in life.

"Your character is the basis of all other aspects of leadership. Your character isn't worth a few dollars or a grade or even likes on social media," said Fisher. "Leaders understand that their reputation for honesty and reliability is crucial not only for their own success but for the cohesion and morale of their entire team."

Recently, Fisher recognized that the track at Hampton Roads Academy needed repairs, so he decided to give back to the school that shaped him. His passion for sports runs deep—Fisher ran track and cross-country at HRA, guided by the late Coach Larry Knight, who introduced him to the sport and fostered his love for running.

These experiences taught him how to strategize under pressure, collaborate with teammates and push his limits—skills that became invaluable in his professional life.

"Leaders care about people," said Fisher. "They put the needs of others above their own. Offer to do extra sprints with the teammate that is struggling in practices. Care enough to be honest but also care enough to roll up your sleeves and help."

Years later, while working at a tech startup, Fisher rediscovered running for its health benefits and as a way to manage stress. The impact was profound, and twenty years on, he still runs almost every day. Running has shaped not only his physical endurance but also his approach to tackling personal and career challenges.

By supporting the track project, Fisher hopes to provide current and future students with the same opportunities to grow, develop and find their own passion for the sport.

"It's a way for me to give back to a community that has given me so much and to ensure that the values instilled through running continue to shape the lives of others," said Fisher.





## ***Faculty Spotlight: Celebrating The Legacy of Gene Arcand 40 Years Of Commending Service To Hampton Roads Academy***

For generations, Gene Arcand inspired the lives of countless students with his engaging teaching, supportive efforts and devoted coaching. After four decades of spending time in the classroom, basketball court and lacrosse field, Gene enters the world of retirement. While we are happy for him and eternally grateful for his endless contributions, HRA will miss him dearly.

Gene started his career at Hampton Roads Academy back in 1983, where his first job was actually a bus driver. “We didn’t have bus drivers, so the coaches would also double as bus drivers,” he said. “You drove to the game, you won or lost the game, and you drove the kids back home.”

Gene’s love for his students was evident not just in the classroom, but also on the basketball court and on the lacrosse field. One of his most memorable experiences was helping the boys’ basketball team win the TCIS championship in 1988, alongside his colleague, friend and HRA’s former Director of Athletics, Max Gillespie.

“HRA is a much better place today because of the time that Gene Arcand spent here,” said Gillespie. “He continuously worked to motivate students, inside and outside the classroom. He helped them strive to be better versions of themselves.”

If you ever took or sat in on Gene’s class, you cannot deny the passion he has for chemistry and the love he exudes from educating students, hopeful they develop that same admiration for the subject. His impact on students is far-reaching, ensuring that they leave Hampton Roads Academy feeling more confident in their abilities.

“He took where we struggled and pushed us forward,” said student Chloe Cone. “I think a lot of us experienced a lot of growth within that class as students, and I think we can take that into our futures.”

“He always found a way to let us have fun,” said student Sabrina Post. “After we took the AP [exam] at the end of the year, we did a bunch of cooking. One class we cooked dumplings and they were really good! It was so much fun!”

Gene supported students in more ways than one. He spent many years as the junior class sponsor, organizing the prom and helping in fundraising efforts. Of all the hats Gene wore at Hampton Roads Academy, students could always count on him for support and guidance.

Thank you, Gene Arcand—your impact will be felt in our Hampton Roads community for a lifetime.



## HRA Day 2024

Thank you to our HRA community for another successful HRA Day! Each year, HRA Day is a special celebration for our students, teachers, alumni, families and friends. This April, we came together as a school and as a community to ensure that over 600 students in Pre-K through grade 12 can continue to benefit from an HRA education.

Through your generous donations, we raised a total of \$81,881.76 this year, surpassing our \$75,000 fundraising goal.

Your gifts celebrated something you love about HRA: the HRA community spirit, a favorite teacher, a sport, an arts event and more. In the spirit of friendly competition, donors gave through a team (athletics, arts, graduation class, etc.) These gifts make the HRA experience a reality for students now and in the future—all donations benefit the Annual Fund, which supports everything at our school, from athletics, arts and tuition assistance to faculty, staff and maintenance.

During a special HRA Day assembly, faculty and staff were recognized for their years of service at HRA. Among these recognitions, Gene Arcand celebrated his "Blue and Gold" Retirement with 40 years of service to HRA. The Hon. Herbert H. Bateman, Jr. '76 received the Outstanding Alumni Service Award and we celebrated the life of Eleanor Day.

HRA's student-led Philanthropy Committee, which learns about the role of nonprofits in addressing the challenges of the community throughout the year, was honored to present grants to four local nonprofits at the assembly, including Kiwanis Club of Mathews County, Soundscapes, Mariners' Museum and Cole's Horse Autism Therapy Station (CHATS). The organizations underwent a competitive grant application process designed by the Philanthropy Committee students and funded by the Mary P. Blalock Fund.



## Thank You For Your Service!

### 5 Years of Service

- Shelly Breitbeil
- Kristen Brown
- Travis Garrett
- Jaik Henderson
- Nakeja Liverman
- Amanda MacDonnell
- John Meacham
- Uwe Schluszas
- Kennetta Tingman

### 10 Years of Service

- Amy Annette

### 20 Years of Service

- Jennifer Lassiter
- Ron Sims

### 25 Years of Service

- Christine Riazzi-Contakes

### 40 Years of Service

- Gene Arcand

## Memorial Awards

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

- Karen Schappert '85 Memorial Award* . . . . .Graham Patrick Hutchens
- Tony Hux '76 Memorial Award* . . . . .Amaré Chandler King
- Nancy Richwine Memorial Scholarship* . . . . . Madeline Frances Sablan
- Hal Tayloe Enrichment Award* . . . . Sarah Elise Mead & Claire Grzybowski
- John C "Kit" Scull '64 Memorial Award* . . . . Anna Katherine Krzyzanowski
- The Wythe E. & Mary A. Holt Faculty Award* . . . . . Dr. Maribel Gendreau





## Cross Country, Girls

Coach's Award - Jamie Dornan  
 Coach's Award - Lily Haas  
 Outstanding Performer - Olivia Melnitchouk



## Field Hockey

Rookie of the Year - Aniya Solomon  
 Defensive MVP - Campbell Lemmink  
 MVP Award - Sabrina Post



## Sailing

Most Improved Award - Daphne Ambrosino  
 MVP Award - Parker Moore



## Soccer, Boys

Most Improved Award - Keith Davis  
 Coach's Award - Nathan Seeley  
 MVP Award - Tyler Seeley



## Tennis, Girls

Most Improved - Anne Guerrant  
 Coach's Award - Lily Ye  
 MVP Award - Indira Harke



## Volleyball

Most Improved Award - Kate Lasley  
 Dedication Award - Danielle Stowell  
 Coach's Award - Keira Holloway



## Basketball, Boys

Rookie of the Year - Mekhi Ward  
 Leadership Award - Cooper Rose  
 Coach's Award - Henry Hutchens



## Basketball, Girls

Rookie of the Year - Kenzie Cooper  
 Heart and Hustle - Zuriel Pendleton-Morant  
 Coach's Award - Abby Fiala



## Cheerleading

Most Improved - Kennedy Robinson  
 Coach's Award - Chailea Harvey  
 Coach's Award - Ayla Reddix



## Swimming

Coach's Award - Ryan Cherry  
 Coach's Award - Jamison Prokopik



## Baseball

Coach's Award - Tyler Motley  
 Leadership Award - Graham Hutchens  
 MVP Award - Colby Motley



## Golf

Most Improved - John Hankins  
 Coach's Award - Shay Hohlrieder  
 MVP Award - Henry Hutchens



## Soccer, Girls

Heart and Hustle - Chailea Harvey  
 Offensive MVP Award - Sabrina Post  
 Defensive MVP Award - Ellie Goldberg



## Tennis, Boys

Outstanding Improvement - Henry Stern  
 Outstanding Improvement - Aaron Winfield  
 Exemplary Leadership - Luke Sablan



## Track & Field, Boys

Coach's Award - Nasir Bowden  
 Coach's Award - Zachary Busch  
 Coach's Award - Reece David



## Track & Field, Girls

Coach's Award - Lily Haas  
 Coach's Award - Allison Trudeau  
 Coach's Award - Zoe Tankersley

## SPECIAL AWARDS



Most Valuable Senior Female Athletes - **Ellie Goldberg & Zoe Tankersley**



Most Valuable Senior Male Athlete - **Tyler Seeley**



Joseph C. Moorman Award - **Maddie Sablan**



***Varsity Cross Country***



***Varsity Boys Soccer***



***Varsity Boys Basketball***



***Varsity Swimming***



***Varsity Golf***



***Varsity Field Hockey***



***Varsity Sailing***



***Varsity Girls Tennis***



***Varsity Girls Basketball***



***Varsity Cheerleading***



***Varsity Volleyball***



***Varsity Girls Soccer***



***Varsity Baseball***



***Varsity Boys Tennis***



***Varsity Track and Field***

# ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

## Go, Navigators!

At HRA, athletics are at the heart of our school. We want to highlight a few of the special accomplishments of our talented HRA athletics community—these are just a few of the many athletics and sports highlights of the 2023-2024 school year!

### Faculty and Alumni Athletics Highlights

Coach and history teacher, Kelly Alford, was awarded The Peninsula Sports Club Milestone Award! This award recognizes 45 years of service as a soccer coach to Peninsula athletes. Over the years, Coach Alford has led the boy's soccer team to hundreds of wins, yet he has always prioritized instilling values such as sportsmanship to his players. We are proud of you, Coach Alford, and are so thankful for your many years of dedication and countless contributions to HRA Athletics.



Last fall, Max Gillespie was inducted to The Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) Hall Of Fame! Mr. Gillespie served as the HRA varsity boys basketball coach for 33 years. He also served as Director of Athletics at HRA as well as the VISAA Boys Basketball Tournament Committee Chair and VISAA Executive Board Member. He was



recognized at a VISAA Hall Of Fame Dinner at the Hilton Short Pump in October for this honor. Though Mr. Gillespie is now retired, we believe that once you are a Navigator, you are always a Navigator. Congrats, Mr. Gillespie!



### Student Athletics Highlights



Seven athletes from the Class of 2024 have successfully navigated to the collegiate level: Pierce Brindley (ODU Sailing), Leo Feng (Princeton Fencing), Sabrina Post (Gettysburg Field Hockey), Ellie Goldberg (Lynchburg Soccer), Cayden West (Ferrum Lacrosse), Colby Motley (VCU Baseball) and Grayson Lopez (Lynchburg Soccer). We are proud of you and look forward to seeing where your journey takes you!

### HRA Varsity Sailing Team



Let's celebrate the HRA Varsity Sailing Team's victories in the 2023 district and state VISA TCIS Fleet Championship! The Sailing Championships Banners were officially hung in our school to celebrate and memorialize this amazing accomplishment. Way to go, Sailing team!

# State & Conference Recognitions

## **2023-2024 VISAA State First-Team Recognitions**

Baseball: Colby Motley  
Field Hockey: Campbell Lemmink  
Field Hockey: Sabrina Post  
Golf: Carter Lanier  
Soccer-Girls: Ellie Goldberg

## **2023-2024 TCIS Conference First-Team Recognitions**

Baseball: Colby Motley  
Basketball-Girls: Kenzie Cooper  
Cross Country-Girls: Olivia Melnitchouck  
Field Hockey: Campbell Lemmink  
Field Hockey: Sabrina Post  
Sailing: Parker Moore (Co-Sailor of the Year)  
Sailing: Josie Brindley  
Soccer-Boys: Nathan Seeley  
Soccer-Boys: Tyler Seeley  
Soccer-Girls: Ellie Goldberg  
Soccer-Girls: Sabrina Post  
Swimming-Boys: Carl Stauffer  
Track and Field-Boys: Colten Fulcher  
Track and Field-Girls: Danielle Stowell  
Track and Field-Girls: Zoe Tankersley  
Track and Field-Girls: Allison Trudeau  
Track and Field-Girls: Lexi Trudeau

## **2023-2024 TCIS Conference All-Tournament Recognitions**

Basketball-Girls: Kenzie Cooper  
Tennis-Boys: Luke Sablan

## **2023-2024 Special Team and Coach Recognitions**

Varsity Field Hockey TCIS Sportsmanship Award  
Varsity Track & Field-Boys TCIS Sportsmanship Award  
Varsity Boys Swimming TCIS Coach of the Year (Jeff Scott)

## **2023-2024 VISA (Virginia Independent Sailing Association) Recognitions**

All-VISA Skipper: Pierce Brindley  
All-VISA Skipper: Charlie Moore  
All-VISA Skipper: Parker Moore  
All-VISA Crew: Daphne Ambrosino  
All-VISA Crew: Nicolas Bielewicz  
All-VISA Crew: Josie Brindley  
All-VISA Girls Skipper: Leila Pfrang  
All-VISA Girls Crew: Daphne Ambrosino  
All-VISA Girls Crew: Josie Brindley

## **2023-2024 TCIS Conference Second-Team Recognitions**

Basketball-Boys: Mekhi Ward  
Basketball-Girls: Zuriel Pendleton-Morant  
Field Hockey: Leya Baalbaki  
Soccer-Boys: Charlie Overman  
Soccer-Girls: Madison Davis  
Tennis-Boys: Jamie Dornan  
Volleyball: Tucker Gardner

## **2023-2024 VISAA State Second-Team Recognitions**

Soccer-Boys: Nathan Seeley  
Soccer-Girls: Sabrina Post  
Track and Field-Boys: Gage Beach  
Track and Field-Boys: Zachary Busch  
Track and Field-Boys: Zack Caulford  
Track and Field-Boys: Ishan Hartke  
Track and Field-Girls: Danielle Stowell  
Track and Field-Girls: Zoe Tankersley  
Track and Field-Girls: Allison Trudeau  
Track and Field-Girls: Lexi Trudeau



 *Courtney*  
**GARDNER '85**



Courtney Gardner has recently returned to her hometown of Newport News, driven by a deep desire to give back to the school that played a pivotal role in shaping her character and to share her passion for learning with the community. She believes that the skills she learned as a Navigator have been her compass throughout her career and have guided her through every challenge and defined her leadership style.

As the new Director of Advancement at Hampton Roads Academy, Courtney brings a wealth of experience in fundraising, nonprofit management, and a proven track record of delivering exceptional leadership and consulting expertise that will greatly benefit our Navigator community.

“It is an honor to return to Hampton Roads Academy and take on such an instrumental role within this wonderful school community,” said Courtney. “I am eager to lead our efforts in development, management, fundraising, and education, continuing to build upon HRA’s remarkable legacy.”

With a distinguished career spanning over two decades, Courtney has consistently demonstrated her dedication to driving successful fundraising initiatives, crafting effective campaign strategies, and cultivating strong community relationships. Most recently, she served as the Director of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas, where she spearheaded strategic planning, financial management, fundraising, and overall museum development.

Before her tenure in Houston, Courtney was the Director at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center for ten years, where her strategic fundraising efforts significantly enhanced the center’s programs and community outreach. She also founded and led CE Gardner Consulting, LLC for over twenty years, providing invaluable guidance to nonprofits. Additionally, as Interim Executive Director for Young Audiences of Virginia, she developed innovative arts education programs that supported both teachers and students.

Throughout her career, Courtney has been celebrated for her visionary leadership, commitment to community partnerships, and unwavering support for arts and education. Her return to Hampton Roads Academy marks a significant milestone for our school community.

“We are incredibly grateful to welcome Courtney back to Hampton Roads Academy,” said Head of School, Jay Lasley. “Her natural talent for building relationships, coupled with her deep love for HRA, will be invaluable as we continue to evolve and strengthen our school community.”

# David LEGG '80

Over a remarkable span of 36 seasons, David Legg has represented the collegiate football landscape, weaving his expertise across several prestigious programs. Ready for a new adventure, David joins the Navigator team as our new head football coach.

David, who is a class of 1980 alumnus, returns to his alma mater Hampton Roads Academy after most recently serving as the Assistant Coach/Director of Football Operations and Recruiting Coordinator for the University of Richmond where he helped the team get to the NCAA playoffs over the last two years. Beginning his journey at Richmond in 2007, he cultivated a legacy over 12 seasons, coaching nearly 20 All-CAA performers and guiding the team to its first-ever National Championship in 2008.

In between his stints at Richmond, David coached at Delaware for three years as the Special Teams Coordinator and outside linebackers coach, bringing his wealth of experience and strategic prowess to the gridiron. Formerly, David assumed the role of Defensive Coordinator at Christopher Newport University where he helped develop the Captains' Division III football program from its very inception. Across six dynamic seasons, David's leadership propelled Christopher Newport University to unprecedented heights, securing five Division III playoff appearances and establishing a culture of excellence that resonated throughout the program.

Prior to that, David held the position as a defensive backs coach at Bucknell, where his impact was felt across five formative years. He also coached at William & Mary, molding outside linebackers with precision and dedication over four impactful seasons. David's coaching dynasty all began at Hampden-Sydney in 1987, where he cut his teeth as a defensive line coach, laying the groundwork for his future success.

Now, David is ready to bring his tenacity to the Navigators, where his proven track record of winnings and passion for the game will take our team's performance to new heights. The plan is for an 11-man Junior Varsity team to play six to eight games this fall. Athletes in grades 7-10 will be eligible to participate.

"Each day, I will give all that I have, realizing that what you hold back is lost forever," said David. "I will strive to be the finest football coach, so that I can bring honor to my family, my team, to HRA and myself."

Head of School, Jay Lasley, said, "We are thrilled that Dave Legg will be our head football coach. He is committed to making football a championship level program. Dave has a brilliant football mind, loves HRA and is a man of the highest character."



***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! Learn more at [www.hra.org/alumni](http://www.hra.org/alumni).***

# FALL EVENTS AT HRA

## HAMPTON ROADS ACADEMY *Homecoming Week*

### Friday, October 18th

Fall Festival ~ 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

All Alumni Tailgate ~ 4:00 pm

Hosted by Gene Arcand, Mark Gordon '74,  
Susanne Swain '78, Tu Ritter '84, Jim Reid '89,  
Robin Steinberger, and friends.

Varsity "Homecoming" Soccer Game ~ 6:00 pm

Halftime Recognition of Alumni ~ 6:30 pm Assembly

### Saturday, October 19th

HRA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Brunch  
~ 10:00 am

Campus Tours Available ~ 12:00 - 1:00 pm

### Class Reunions for

'69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, '14, '19

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Tommy Yevak '83 at [tyevak@hra.org](mailto:tyevak@hra.org)

Come out and show your Navigator spirit! Now that school is in session, we have some exciting events coming up this autumn. From sports games to class reunions, we hope to see you there, celebrating our students and our school. Make sure to add these important dates to your calendar!



# THE 2024 HRA



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### TO THE FAMILIES OF:

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**Dr. Hawes Campbell III**, father of H. Loughan Campbell '85 and Hawes "Hank" Campbell IV '88

**Gary D. Curbow**, father of Sarah Curbow Lanigan '96

**Deborah Ellis Goddin**, mother-in-law of faculty member Kate Goddin, grandmother of Beth Goddin '23 and Charlotte Goddin '25

**John Benjamin Graham Jr.**, grandfather of Graham Wallace (Class of 2027), uncle of David Fluharty '74, Donna Fluharty Black '76, William "Willy" Fluharty '82, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Fluharty '84 and Mathew Fluharty '90

**William Overton Harris, Jr., MD**, father of Grayson H. Lane '79 and William "Chip" Harris III '80, grandfather of William "Will" Harris IV '10 and Latane Harris '13

**Stephen G. Jurczyk**, father of Kim Jurczyk '12 and Sarah Jurczyk '14

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