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

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Consistent with 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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DEAR HRA COMMUNITY

The Navigator magazine serves several purposes for Hampton Roads Academy. It is a link to the past through alumni news and events. We also highlight the student successes of today and celebrate the innovations, additions and excellence of our current program. Often we share our vision for HRA's future. Certainly we are all curious about the anticipated change in leadership at the end of this year. Perhaps that phrase, a change in leadership, does not exactly describe this transition. For, while the person in the office may be someone else, the leadership of the school might best be seen as an extension of a long line that connects our past and gives direction to our future.



It is fitting as we look ahead, to reflect on those who went before in this continuum. Their legacy is reflected in what we enjoy here today. Each former Head of School contributed wisdom, energy, determination and creativity. I am sure they also had their share of long nights of worry, moments of frustration and privately held doubts. But, we are able to be here because of their perseverance and dedication. We might wonder if they thought of us who would come after their time or were they too busy dealing with the challenges of the moment. Having shared that leadership seat, I can assure you that each one of them worked diligently for the students that they knew during their time here while they also were inspired in their work by their vision of what the school could be.

"We drink from wells that others have dug." I have thought of this phrase several times over my eleven years as Head of School of Hampton Roads Academy. The phrase is a bridge between the past and the future that connects us to each in a personal manner. It is a statement of gratitude, acknowledging the work of our antecedents. In realizing that we benefit from the work done by others before us we are obligated and challenged to do the same for those who will come. We dig our wells today. They become our legacy tomorrow.

It is our nature to look back and forward at the same time, especially at certain pivotal or transitional points in our lives. Institutions do that as well. Now, as HRA looks forward with a sense of excitement and optimism to new leadership, it is very appropriate to review the past to remind us of where we once were and how we arrived at this new stepping off place.

The next Head of School of Hampton Roads Academy is yet to be selected. But, he or she will inherit a school that was well led by caring, competent leaders over the years, sustained by incredibly talented teachers and guided by committed Trustees. We know that we have created an exceptional place for young students to grow, to learn and to become better people through their experience at HRA. We can be certain that there will be good clear water in those wells to refresh and inspire a new vision for our future. I look forward to watching that path unfold.

Sincerely,

Peter W. Mertz Head of School TSA CREATTIME TO BE A

NAVIGATION



CLASS OF 2022!

The Board of Trustees, faculty, and administration congratulate each member of the Hampton Roads Academy Class of 2022.

Madeline McKay Amthor Cameron Morris Barlow* Jay Ryan Barreto* Victoria Anne Bliley* Olivia Elizabeth Bucci Grace Elizabeth Corcoran **Colyn David Crowe** Avesha Supriva Das **Emma Jane Doherty** Zoe Becker Epstein William Fan **Erica Feng Erin Patricia Ferrare** Lily Jacqueline Flannery Kai Alexander Florance Nicholas Hamilton Frankenhoff Holden Carter Gardner Nicholas Suissa Goldberg **Ethan Riley Hall** Erin Angela Holloway* Elise Grace Hooker Nancy Elizabeth Hopkins William Blaine Hutchens* Samia Jabeen Jafri **Emma Victoria James** Ainsley Nicole Johnston William Ashton Kagie Farrell Kate Keel Raiva Khandpur Hannah Elizabeth Klich Tara Ashleigh-Elizabeth Knighton

James Michael Kokolis* Claire Elizabeth Kutner* Jacqueline Rose Matalevich Rvan McCaulev* Monroe Edward Middleton Suzette Sarai Moreno Faith Ellen Murray* Karlie Townsend Murray William Bradford Patten Nathan Scott Ramer Alexandra Faith Reed Rvan Michael Reid Laura Elizabeth Renforth* **Bryce Thomas Rouzie** Kyle Robert Rutherford Misha Sasinowski Siena Lynn Short Virginia Addison Silberhorn* **Christy Lynn Slate** Olivia Jane Slider **Ethan Lee Steider Gwyneth Catherine Strange** Sun Qiyang William Michael Ternes Minh Dinh The Vuong Alexandria Nicole Warren Olivia Caroline Wasson William Alexander McAlpine Wilson Alexa Marisol Zarraga-Miran Zhu Sigi

Trustee, Alumni & Faculty Legacies



Graham (Class of 2027), Meredith, Blaine '22, Kevin '92 (Current Trustee) and Henry Hutchens (Class of 2024)



Carter '21, Brad (Former Trustee), Zack (Class of 2026), Will '22, and Stacy Patten



James '20, Ryan '22, Krystyn, and Jim Reid '89



Caroline (Class of 2027), Mark '83 (Current Trustee), Siena '22, and Heather Short



Tina (faculty/Staff), Mike, Addy '22, Jack (Class of 2024), and Ford Silberhorn '19



Annabelle Virginia (Class of 2025), Ethan Steider '22, Carol Hayes (Current Trustee) and N. Lee Steider

Not Pictured: Lily Flannery '22, Farrell Keel '22, Bryce Rouzie '22

THE LAST Voyage

HRA HEAD OF SCHOOL, PETER W. MERTZ, POISED TO RETIRE AFTER 12 YEAR TERM AT THE HELM

Watching a game? Chances are, you'll see Peter Mertz cheering on the team or encouraging an athlete by name. Attending a play or concert? You'll find Mr. Mertz there, too, first in applause. Just walking the hallway? You'll likely catch a glimpse of his familiar, determined stride, consuming territory with ease. Watch him cross paths with a gaggle of first graders, and he'll break stride, trade high fives, and exchange banter with unhurried familiarity. Since day one, Peter has made it his priority to know his students, every one of them by name. For twelve years, he has put their well-being first and foremost and encouraged them to be the best they can be.

Peter W. Mertz has been at the helm of Hampton Roads Academy since 2011 and will now retire at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Here we look back on the past twelve years of his visionary leadership, at the innovative projects and programs, and at the campus enhancements that have transformed our school and the HRA experience for all Navigators and their families.

In 2011, Mr. Mertz arrived on a beautiful campus spanning 53 acres, an oasis in the midst of bustling Newport News. He quickly found ways to take advantage of this extraordinary site, envisioning the expansion of the Ropes and Challenge Course, the new Lower School wing, Upper School wing, Dining Hall, Hydroponics & multiple other Labs, and more. He understood that preparing today's students to become tomorrow's leaders requires providing the spaces where creativity, exploration, ingenuity, and engagement could be encouraged and thrive. Mr. Mertz enthusiastically gave voice to his vision for the school through two major capital campaigns and in countless donor meetings, which would take place in the aptly named "Vision Room." These campaigns bookended many other initiatives that were made possible in large part through the implicit trust HRA's generous donors placed in Mr. Mertz's leadership.

Peter Mertz set about filling these bright new spaces with the people who would bring them to life. With a sharp focus on attracting and retaining students of character and ability, along with the faculty to guide them, Mr. Mertz oversaw a 13% growth in student population, and the addition of Pre-Kindergarten (3) and expansion of other grade levels. Accordingly, he will hand over HRA with not only record enrollment this year, but also in a fiscally robust position, having also focused on the unglamorous yet critical task of reducing decades of long-term debt, ensuring that the school will enter its next phase in a fiscally sound position.

While strengthening HRA's enrollment, facilities and financial stability is laudable and are high achievements, providing the programs that develop character and compassionate leadership through service for HRA students is the hallmark of Mr. Mertz's tenure. Among its many and varied opportunities for students to lead and serve within our communities, HRA is justly proud of the REACH program, giving students real world experiences in and out of the classroom. Providing college-level







research and internship opportunities, this program sets students up for success by giving them an early introduction to university and workplace culture and practices.

Another addition, the Martha H. Patten Hydroponics Lab, is Mr. Mertz's brainchild and passion! 1,000 square feet of leafy abundance, created from extra space in a connecting hallway, it might have become just another common space if not for Mr. Mertz's imagination. On any given day, but especially when the Hydroponics Club meets, you will find Mr. Mertz tending to the plants that provide the HRA Dining Hall with fresh greens and his students with fresh perspectives on life and learning.

Of lasting and significant value to HRA, the International Students program was nurtured and expanded by Mr. Mertz. Students from Asia and Europe live and learn with HRA students, bringing different cultures and perspectives together on campus, enriching the lives of both visiting and domestic students, and increasing diversity. Likewise, Mr. Mertz brought the Athletic Hall of Fame to HRA, now a beloved tradition of celebrating the achievements of our former student athletes and their contributions to the HRA community. Most recently introduced is HRA Day, another celebratory occasion destined to become a tradition around which our community comes together in the spirit of gratitude and giving, founded and championed under Mr. Mertz's guidance.

For more than two years, the HRA community and our entire world has endured and embraced many changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Mertz led the school through this unprecedented time with grace and strength, working tirelessly to ensure HRA continued to provide a safe, healthy environment of learning and connection for its students and families, with their best interests foremost in mind. Under Mr. Mertz's leadership, the faculty, staff, and students rose to the extraordinary challenges of the times with creativity and agility, embracing technological solutions and curriculum enhancements that have now been incorporated into the regular curriculum for a richer educational experience.

Peter W. Mertz, admired and respected visionary, innovator, Head of School, and friend has led us on a voyage with an ever-steady hand on the tiller. As he sets sail on his own course into a new adventure at the end of this school year, we wish him fair winds and following seas - and are proud to remind him, "once a Navigator, always a Navigator."









Head of School, Peter W. Mertz's

Hecomplishments

- 2011: Anchored the Setting our Course Capital Campaign which built a new academic wing with 13 classrooms, five science laboratories, new entrance/student commons and administrative offices. Upgraded the current Middle School wing that included a new roof and heating/cooling system
- 2013: Addition to the Challenge Course opened
- 2013: Established the International Residency Program
- 2015: Established the Athletic Hall of Fame
- 2017: Anchored the Navigating our Course Capital Campaign which added 28,000 square feet, a 400-seat, full-service dining hall, 12 new large lower school classrooms, Innovation

- Lab/Maker-Space and 1,000 square foot Hydroponics Lab
- 2019: Oversaw the establishment of the REACH Program in Upper School
- 2019-2022: Opened seven additional classrooms in the Lower School including three in the early childhood wing
- 2020: IDEAS founded (formerly known as Multicultural Family)
- 2020-2022: Led Hampton Roads Academy through an unprecedented pandemic
- 2021: Inaugurated HRA Day, a Day of Giving and Gratitude
- 2021: Launched the Debt Reduction campaign to reduce long term debt

Senior Awards



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 was **Jay Ryan Barreto.**



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 was **Claire Elizabeth Kutner**.



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 was Claire Elizabeth Kutner.



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 was **Virginia Addison Silberhorn.**



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 was **Erin Patricia Ferrare**.



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 was Laura Elizabeth Renforth.





Senior Awards

Dr. John Orders Senior Project Special Recognition -

Jay Ryan Barreto, Erin Angela Holloway, James Michael Kokolis, Nancy Elizabeth Hopkins, Laura Elizabeth Renforth

College Admissions and REACH Recognition -

Karlie Townsend Murray, Ayesha Supriya Das, Faith Ellen Murray, Erin Patricia Ferrare, Gwyneth Catherine Strange

Appointment to the United States Naval Academy -

Jay Ryan Barreto

AP Senior English Award - Erin Angela Holloway
Senior French Award - William Blaine Hutchens
Senior Spanish Award - Erin Angela Holloway
Senior Latin Award - Virginia Addison Silberhorn
Senior History Award - Jay Ryan Barreto
AP Psychology Award - Faith Ellen Murray
Katherine W. Booth Award - William Ashton Kagie
Ann B. Fichter Senior Mathematics Award -

William Fan

AP Studio Art Award - Lily Jacqueline Flannery Director's Award (Band) - James Michael Kokolis

Theater Award - Emma Victoria James

Science Elective - Faith Ellen Murray

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award -

Erin Patricia Ferrare

Upper School Awards

American Legion Boys State of Virginia Award -

Ronald Jerome Henderson

American Legion Girls State of Virginia Award -

Emily Paige Helpinstill & Emma Patricia Donavant

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar Award -

Chloe Diane Cone

Virginia Governor's School

Foreign Language in Latin - Sarah Nicole Tiller
Foreign Language in Spanish - Sabrina Brielle Post

Humanities - Tyler Cooley Richardson &

Emily Paige Helpinstill

Visual Performing Arts (Theatre) - Mary Elizabeth Goddin

Agriculture - Chance Dacion McCary

Book Awards

Princeton Book Award - Aanya Khayat

William & Mary Leadership Award - Aarman Khayat

Rensselaer Medal - Silin Yi

University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders

Award - Catherine Yahui Chang

University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and

Information Technology - Tyler Cooley Richardson

University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B.

Anthony Award - Aanya Khayat

Ceramics Award - Emily Paige Helpinstill

Director's Award (Vocal) - Mary Elizabeth Goddin

Director's Award (Strings) - Eric Lee Wei &

Catherine Yahui Chang

Upper School Awards

Tech Theater Award - James Emerson Baust **Freshman English Award -** Sarah Elise Mead & Hannah Louise Mead

Sophomore English Award - Chailea Danee Harvey

Junior English Award - Ivan Dow Merritt

Latin Award - Catherine Yahui Chang

French Award - Chance Dacion McCary

Spanish Award - Ashton Matthew Fulcher

Freshman History Award - Nelson Reece David

Sophomore History Award - Ayla Danielle Reddix

Junior History Award - Aarman Khayat

Mary Ann Johnson Geometry Award - Cender Cindy Gansukh

Algebra II Award - Chailea Danee Harvey

Dorothy Lee Zehmer Junior Award -

Jackson William Underwood

Physics Award - Silin Yi

Biology Award - Ishan Andrew Hartke

AP Chemistry Award - Aanya Khayat

AP Biology Award - Ornina Yousef

Honors Chemistry Award - Zoe Kendal Tankersley

Head of School's Honors Awards

Freshman - Ishan Andrew Hartke

Sophomore - Zoe Kendal Tankersley

Junior - Aanya Khayat

Middle School Awards

Citizenship:

5th - Sehee Kim

6th - Carter Lanier

7th - Aaron Carlson

8th - Colby Corcoran

Scholarship:

5th - Ellie Fang

6th - Darcy Fang

7th - Indira Hartke

8th - Henry Stern

Faculty:

5th - Nicholas Kannarkat

6th - Meera Patel

7th - Luke Sablan

8th - Malcolm Middleton

Blue and Gold:

5th - Harper Rose

6th - Zachary Bailey

7th - Harper Obie

8th - Jamie Duncan

Visual Arts:

Ellen Owen

Performing Arts:

Zack Patten

Compass Award:

Ares Marvell-Nguyen



Lower School Awards

Drucker Awards:

JK/K - Sophia Barbosa

1st/2nd - Shloak Joshi

3rd/4th - Haze Skinner

Faculty Awards

PK (Morena) - Dean Annette

JK (Moore) - Shreyan Paul

JK (Midgette) - Calder Moran

K (Kovalcik) - Penelope Sablan

K (Duffey) - Alana Jones

1st (Lanier) - Madelyn DeJesus Cintron

1st (Morgan) - James Rule

1st (Rhodes) - Taraoluwa Ajayeoba

2nd (Breitbeil) - Hudson Krisik

2nd (Silberhorn) - Cheyenne Paddock

2nd (Wymer) - Madelyn Kyner

3rd (Baust) - Jaylene Mitchell

3rd (Gregory) - Luke Xue

4th (Brush) - Caroline Stilley

4th (Fritz) - Alex Chen

4th (Speece) - Mckayla Pacheco

Academic:

2nd (Breitbeil) - Liam Ouinlan

2nd (Silberhorn) - Dexter Chilcott

2nd (Wymer) - Ashby Spitzer

3rd (Baust) - Audrina Moore

3rd (Gregory) - Liliana Mercado

4th (Brush) - Suhani Joshi

4th (Fritz) - Bella Nguyen

4th (Speece) - Meliana Wisniewski

Middle School Spring Award Ceremonies

Article by Lisa Thatcher, Head of Middle School

On Tuesday, May 24, the middle school students and faculty took a break from their daily routine to honor award recipients and celebrate the Class of 2026 at the annual

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 Ares Marvell-Nguyen received the highest honor, the Compass Award. Our community eagerly filled the auditorium seats to recognize and applaud excellence. We had not been able to gather as a large group in two years!



The traditional Eighth Grade Crossing ceremony highlighted student speaker Cameron Hall and the praise for his classmates for creating such a kind and accepting environment "that went beyond making newcomers feel welcomed but a culture that makes sure everyone is accepted for who they are....and pushing each other forward rather than pushing them down." Like Cameron, we are proud of the Class of 2026 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. Our students dressed for the special occasion and made their families and school proud.

An evening parade of cars followed two days later! Students decorated their cars, trucks and minivans and drove through the HRA parking lot under the balloon arch and past all of the middle school faculty raucously cheering them on! It is a great time to be a Navigator!

Congratulations to the Eighth Grade Class of 2026. We look forward to seeing you prosper in the Upper School!

Gage Moura Beach Nicholas Antoni Bielewicz Silas Christopher Bucci Joseph Thomas Buxton IV Isabella Marie Candelario-Clarke Carys Elizabeth Casper Colby Alexander Corcoran Thomas Jacob Doherty James Thomas Dornan Kathryn Blythe Easterling Audrey Maria Elmes **Dylan Emory Thomas Evans** Colten Scott Fulcher Lauren Elizabeth Gagne Sophia Onute Gately Cameron Lawrence Hall

Lauren Alexandra Harris John Owen Hospodar Kylah Lanãe Jackson **Luke Tucker James** Donnell Lamont Jarrett Jr James William Jones Adyson Geraldine Kaufman Nolan Thomas Krisik William August Loos **Heather Frances Lowekamp** Ares Toan Marvell-Nguyen Malcolm Isaiah Middleton Callen Lukas Morrison Isla Sofia Oculto Samuel Harris Overman Ellen Lindsey Owen

Shayne Tejas Patel
Zachary Neal Patten
Lana Reed
Taylor Tenille Ross
Loren Rose Seller
Elizabeth Garnet Smith
David Isaac Spigel
Henry Harrison Pope Stern
Gabriel Mattox Sureja
Vivienne Pearl Sureja
Alexandra Paige Trudeau
Sophia Eleni Vassilakos
Ryan Douglas White
Honesty Ramyah Williams
Simon Kyungmin Yi

Fourth Grade Parade

Article by Susanne D. Swain '78, Head of Lower School

On May 26th, the Lower School celebrated the Class of 2030'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, Mrs. Fritz and Ms. Speece, the 4th grade teachers, prepared 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 very enthusiastic group of individuals who are helpful, motivated, and caring students." Delilah Kyner was selected by the 4th graders as their class speaker for the assembly. Delilah recognized her classmates' kind, inclusive personalities. 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 2030 celebrated the day with a reception for family and friends in the LS Commons. Congratulations 4th graders!



Congratulations to the Fourth Grade Class of 2030. We look forward to seeing you grow in the Middle School!

Alli Marie Ansama **Amir Miguel Arezo Blaine Emerson Averett Connor Andrew Bailey Amelia Margaret Bate Andrew Kempton Bell Leonardo Anthony Bennett Northam** Greysen Elizabeth Brice Darcy Elizabeth Brown **Spencer Cole Burton** Vya Gracelyn Butler Lauren Elizabeth Cash Alex Chen Margo Dungan Freiman Lillian Ava Louise French Ava Anastasia Garofalis Ethan Joseph Gantan Gerhold

Erin Victoria Harris **Kaylin Renee Harris Cole Edward Hobert Emma Camille Hollis** Mark Steven Hospodar Isabelle Victoria Hung Olivia LaFerne Jackson Bishop David James McKisson Suhani Nagendra Joshi Nicholas Dean Kostov Delilah Jadyn Kyner Kennedy Mae Lockhart Clifton Tanner Luckenbach **Coral Padbury Malters Braxton Dominick Moore** Eli Carter Mullen Isabella Thien Y Ngoc Nguyen

Isabella Marie Pacheco Mckayla Ann Pacheco **Arnesh Paul** Daniel Ber Royzenblat Helena Elizabeth Sablan Jack Schwizer Maxwell Adrian Seutter Noah Benton Shenk **Caroline Paige Stilley** Barrett William Treiber Lillian Catherine Whelan **Noah Linwood Williams** Frank Miguel Winter Meiliana Rose Wisniewski Sinjin Wright **Elizabeth Shoko Yancey**



Grade 12 **Highest Honors** (3.75 average with all

A's) Cameron Barlow **Grace Corcoran** Nancy Hopkins Ryan McCauley Virginia Silberhorn Olivia Wasson

Honors

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Jay Barreto Victoria Bliley Olivia Bucci Emma Doherty William Fan Erica Feng Erin Ferrare Lily Flannery Kai Florance Nicholas Goldberg Erin Holloway Elise Hooker Raiva Khandpur James Kokolis Claire Kutner Faith Murray Ryan Reid Laura Renforth Brvce Rouzie Ethan Steider **Gwyneth Strange** Qiyang Sun William Wilson Siqi Zhu

Faculty List

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Zoe Epstein Nicholas Frankenhoff William Hutchens Samia Jafri Emma James William Kagie Tara Knighton Jacqueline Matalevich Nathan Ramer Siena Short William Ternes

Grade 11 **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) James Baust Catherine Chang Ashley Foretich Mary Goddin Aanya Khayat Aarman Khayat Tyler Richardson Parks Smith

Natalie Welcher Silin Yi

Honors

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Liam Ambrosino Addison Amott Lainey Epstein Ellianna Florakis Carson Frank Ashton Fulcher Mary Hankins Aleksander Kuzma Ella LaRocco Sara Tiller Jackson Underwood Ornina Yousef Zihan Zhu **Faculty List**

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Cassady Dornan Katherine Elmes Chelsea Erwin Rudrani Ghoshal **Emily Helpinstill** Isaac Lochbaum Samuel Strawn Zhuxuan Sun Aidan Thompson

Grade 10 **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) Leya Baalbaki Leo Feng Chailea Harvey Brayden Kinney Emma Krzyzanowski Joseph Rosati Zoe Tankerslev Eszter Vincziczki Momoka Yoshida

Honors

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Chloe Cone Ellie Goldberg Riley Gregory Rachel Lowekamp Nora Middleton Charles Overman Sabrina Post Ayla Reddix Allison Trudeau Gravson Valashinas Eric Wei

Faculty List

(3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Ozan Anatolian Ryan Cherry Gibson Collette

Daniel Hager Tessa Holbrook Henry Hutchens Sean O'Connor Jamison Prokopik Caroline Rous

Grade 9 **Highest Honors**

(3.75 average with all A's) Josephine Chang Nelson David Cender Gansukh Anne Guerrant Ishan Hartke Eleanor Hensley George Kokolis Sara Kokolis Rocson LaRocco Gokul Patel Madeline Sablan Lyra Swaddle

Honors

(3.5 average with no grade below a B) Paul Bennett-Northam Zachary Caulford Elly Flannery Charlotte Goddin James Howard Campbell Lemmink Carl Stauffer Danielle Stowell

Faculty List (3.0 average with no grade below a B-) Alejandra Flores Ryan Foretich Noah Gearey Lily Haas Syniya Harris Parker Moore Alexandra Salas Angelina Schmidt Annabelle Steider

Grade 8 **Highest Honors**

Gage Beach Ares Marvell-Nguyen Carys Casper Malcolm Middleton Colby Corcoran Shavne Patel Audrev Elmes Zack Patten Colten Fulcher Henry Stern Sophia Gately Lexi Trudeau Cameron Hall Simon Yi Grade 7

Shah Arezo Sophia Kannarkat Kai Sims Jack Brown Adair Loos Aniyah Solomon Logan Cone Harper Obie Lalitha Visaharan Aiden Cummins Ellie Richardson Luxmi Visaharan Indira Hartke Alex Rose Louise Wang Graham Hutchens

Highest Honors

Grade 6 **Highest Honors**

Kendall Wedding

Luke Sablan

Merritt Jones

Caroline Short

Sarah Cash Lucy Lanier Darcy Fang Meera Patel Jack Hiotellis

Grade 5 **Highest Honors**

Grace Bradley Kerem Inal Gemma Chilcott Nicholas Kannarkat Ellie Fang Sehee Kim Andrew Hiotellis **Emerson Krisik Beck Howerton** Landon Krisik

Grade 4 **Highest Honors**

Amir Arezo Blaine Averett Andrew Bell Lauren Cash Alex Chen Ethan Gerhold Cole Hobert Emma Hollis Mark Hospodar Suhani Joshi Delilah Kyner Nico Kostov Tanner Luckenbach Isabella Nguyen Arnesh Paul Maxwell Seutter Noah Shenk Meiliana Wisniewski Elizabeth Yancey

Grade 3 **Highest Honors** Naomi Gibson Charlie Esparza Tommy Lanier

Marin Mazzurco Liliana Mercado Audrina Moore Abe Moore Shivani Narayan Bella Royzenblat Ariella Samuel Haze Skinner Tyson Spitzer

Grade 2 **Highest Honors**

Corrine Anderson Lawson Beale **Dexter Chilcott** Charlie Duggan Tommy Freiman Eymen Inal Leila Mygas Alex Nguyen Victoria Nobles Kieran O'Connell Vaughan Parisher Liam Ouinlan Meredith Smith Ashby Spitzer Melody Xu

Eleven Seniors Inducted into the HRA Cum Laude Society

The Cum Laude Society honors superior academic achievement 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 not 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.

2022 Inductees



Cameron Barlow



Jay Barreto



Victoria Bliley



Erin Holloway



Blaine Hutchens



Michael Kokolis



Claire Kutner



Ryan McCauley



Faith Murray



Laura Renforth



Addie Silberhorn

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: Josephine Chang '25

Tony Hux '76 Memorial Award: Aarman Khayat '23

Nancy Richwine Memorial Scholarship: Aanya Khayat '23

Hal Tayloe Enrichment Award: Mary Elizabeth Goddin '23 and Tyler Cooley Richardson '23

John C. "Kit" Scull '64 Memorial Award: Chance McCary '23



2022 National Latin Exam

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: Logan Cone, Aiden Cummins, Ellie Richardson Intermediate Latin Exam: Ishan Hartke, Lyra Swaddle Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Leo Feng, Zoe Tankersley Advanced Latin Prose: Catherine Chang, Aanya Khayat, Aarman Khayat Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Claire Kutner (NLE Book Award)

Maxima Cum Laude (Silver Medal Designation)

Introduction to Latin: Indira Hartke, Sophia Kannarkat
Beginning Latin Exam: Gage Beach, Carys Casper, Zack Patten, Sophia Vassilakos
Intermediate Latin Exam: Josephine Chang, Reece David
Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Henry Hutchens
Advanced Latin Prose: Rudrani Ghoshal

Magna Cum Laude

Beginning Latin Exam: Ellen Owen Intermediate Latin Exam: Elly Flannery Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Ryan Cherry Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Zoe Epstein, Addy Silberhorn

Cum Laude

Introduction to Latin: Lincoln Edwards
Intermediate Latin Exam: Gibson Collette, Konstantin Garofalis
Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Eric Wei
Advanced Latin Prose: Daniel Valdez
Advanced Latin Reading Comprehension Exam: Erica Feng

Congratulations to these students and their teachers, Mrs. Ansama, Mrs. Joyce, and Mr. LeBrun.

2022 National French Exam

French students participated in the National French Exam in March, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students from top private and public schools across the nation participated 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.

Recipient of the Silver Award (top 15 percent nationally)

Level 3: Leya Baalbaki

Recipient of the Bronze Award (top 25 percent nationally)

Level 5: Grace Corcoran

Recipients of the Honorable Mention (top 50 percent nationally)

Level 2: Cender Gansukh, Anne Guerrant, Ella Hensley

Level 3: Tucker Gardner, Ellie Goldberg, Jamison Prokopik, Allison Trudeau

Level 5: Blaine Hutchens

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

2022 National Spanish Exam

Spanish students participate in the National Spanish Exam sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Students took the exam over two days in March in an online format. Students from the best independent and public schools across the nation compete to earn recognition.

Recipients of the Premio de Oro: (top 5 percent nationally)

Level 01: Lalitha Visaharan Level 5: Ornina Yousef

Recipients of the Premio de Plata: (top 15 percent nationally)

Level 5: Grace Corcoran

Recipients of the Premio de Bronce: (top 25 percent nationally)

Level 2: James Howard

Level 3: Bianca Noble, Sabrina Post

Level 4: Ashton Fulcher Level 5: Erin Holloway

Recipients of the Certificado de Honor: (Honorable Mention)

Level 01: Shah Arezo, Merritt Jones, Luxmi Visaharan

Level 1: Colby Corcoran, Colten Fulcher, Sophia Gately, Lauren Harris, Luke James, Shayne Patel, Eszter Vincziczki

Level 2: Chloe Cone, Jake Doherty, George Kokolis, Sara Kokolis, Isaac Lochbaum, Catelynn Powell, Madeline Sablan, Alexandra Salas

Level 3: Rowan Lowekamp, Joseph Rosati

Level 4: Ellianna Florakis, Carson Frank, Emily Helpinstill, Halle Lewis, Parks Smith

Level 5: Cameron Barlow, Emma Doherty, Nicholas Frankenhoff, Samia Jafri, James Kokolis, Suzette Moreno

Congratulations to these students and their teachers, Ms. Cook, Mrs. Mertz and Ms. Shahan for preparing them so well.

Black History Month Essay Competition

Prompt: The most inspirational story I've learned during Black History Month is....

"Out of so many awe inspiring stories, it is hard to choose just one to write about. However, it came to me who I would write about and that person was Brittney Johnson. Brittney Johnson was not a name known to many before just a few weeks ago. Johnson is an actress on Broadway, an accomplishment for anyone regardless of race, but she performed a role that no person of color ever had before.

On Valentine's Day 2022, Johnson became the first black woman to full time portray Glinda the Good Witch in *Wicked*. This leading role had been understudied by people of color in the past, but Johnson fully stepped up to the part.

The theater world has struggled with diversity for so long, so it is strides like this that mean so much to the community. She and many other black women and people of all colors have been cast more and more in non conventional parts. For example, Jade Jones a plus sized, LGBTQ+, black woman playing Belle in Beauty and the Beast and Shereen Ahmed an Egyptian American playing Eliza Doolittle in My Fair Lady.

Steps like these may seem small, but they influence the world. More and more representation in not just movies inspires people, young and old, all over the globe. I can say this for certain because I am one of the inspired."

-Ella Hensley, Class of 2025

college counseling MEWS

On Saturday, May 28th, the Class of 2022 graduated from Hampton Roads Academy. It was a beautiful graduation ceremony to celebrate these Navigators.

Collectively, the Class of 2022 was offered admission to 100 colleges and universities across the country. They will attend 35 different universities in 10 different states, and they have earned over \$3 million dollars in merit awards and scholarships. Among them are three committed NCAA athletes and four National Meritrecognized scholars. We are proud of them and confident that they will meet the opportunities that await them with style, enthusiasm, and grace.

Colleges offering admission to the Class of 2022:

American University

Arizona State University-Tempe

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Boston College

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Boston University Brandeis University Bridgewater College Bryn Mawr College

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From the Office of College Counseling

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

From the time students enter the upper school, they engage with programs, presentations, and workshops designed to promote thoughtfulness and intentionality in their college search process which, in turn, leads to producing compelling college applications.

These events include a multi-college, overnight tour; a "mock admissions" program facilitated by admissions officers from colleges and universities; an alumni college fair, when HRA alumni return to campus and answer current students' questions about college life while "repping" their colleges; standardized testing and the opportunity to debrief the data these assessments provide; interview practice; the crafting of a powerful resume; and multiple college application essay workshops, hosted both by HRA counselors and our colleagues in the college admission world.

It has always been the goal of the college counseling office to provide students and their families unparalleled support and guidance in the college search and application process.

This past year, the college counseling office took a step that raises the already comprehensive level of support that HRA families experience in the college application process.

The college counseling team now numbers seven: a director, an office coordinator, and five counselors. These counselors teach, coach, and/or sponsor student clubs, so they each have multi-dimensional experience of the students in their college counseling "pods".

These pods are composed of between seven and fourteen students who meet regularly with their counselor as a group to share progress, stressors, success, frustration, tips, and ideas for how to make their processes richer. Students and families also have regular opportunities to meet individually with counselors at every step of the journey.

In this structure, the director is able to provide a second-level of support to every student; essentially, each student has at least two counselors guiding them through the application process—a strikingly different approach than in the nation's public schools, where the student-to-counselor ratio is 415:1!



The Hampton Roads Academy REACH initiative encourages and offers the opportunity for students to engage in real-world learning through mentorships, internship, summer employment, community engagement, and a directed course of academic study in six different areas of focus: Applied Science and Technology; Health Sciences; Global Studies; Environmental Studies and Outdoor Leadership; Performing Arts and Humanities, and Visual Arts and Humanities. Recognized this year for successful completion of a REACH initiative are:

Erin Ferrare in Environmental Studies and Outdoor Leadership
Karlie Murray and Gwyneth Strange in Performing Arts and Humanities
Ayesha Das, Nick Goldberg, and Will Ternes in Health Sciences
Faith Murray in Performing Arts and Humanities and Health Sciences



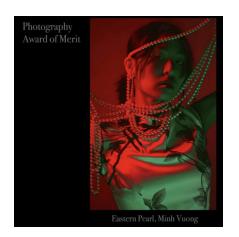
Visual Arts

2021-22 was an exciting year for the visual arts here at HRA. This year we were able to, once again, share all of the exciting work our students have created both on and off campus.

In March, several of our students were invited to participate in Prefaces at the Mary M. Toggler Fine Arts Center on the campus of CNU. In this show, Minh Vuong was recognized with an award of merit for photography, Ashley Fortich received first place for her ceramics piece and Ellie Hopkins received Best of show for her acrylic painting. Later that month, the National Art Honor Society was able to host our annual Juried show. We were excited to have alumni artist Asa Jackson as the juror this year. He joined us on campus for the reception where he also took some time to share his experiences with current HRA artists.

Following the Juried Show, in April, Friends of the Arts hosted its first annual Evening of the Arts—an event organized in concert with the performing arts department. This event was a celebration of the arts across all levels of the school and included art exhibitions and performances from across our campus. The Stacey Phillips Gallery included student, alumni and faculty works. Outside the studios were displays of middle school project work, and in the lower school every student from all levels created a work of art for "Look at me- Lower School Portraiture" for display. Our first Evening of the Arts was a huge success, and we look forward to continuing this tradition in the future!

This year was the final year for Middle School art teacher Hazel Mason. She has been an amazing force within our program for the past 17 years and will be greatly missed! We are excited to welcome Emily Neuner who joined us from Williams College. She is an enthusiastic artist with experience in painting and drawing as well as technical theater. Emily is a great addition to our department.







Memory Project

Continuing in the 13th year of our tradition, six National Art Honor Society members illustrated and painted meaningful portraits for children from Sierra Leone, Africa. Members Ellie Hopkins '22, Lily Flannery '22, Hannah Klich '22, Olivia Bucci '22, Aanya Khayat '23 and Silin Yi '23 created these works of art. Using colored pencils, chalk pastels, and paint, they carefully developed the features in the face of each child. Each artist added personal touches in style and background details.

In addition, ten more artists crafted "Inspiration Art." Each were provided with a photo of the child, the child's name, age, favorite color, personal characteristics and hopes and dreams for the child's future. Works ranged from digital illustrations to colored pencil, watercolor, and oil pastels. A means of encouragement, the works were tailored to each individual and included cheerful messages. NAHS members who participated include Lainey Epstein '23, Nina Yousef '23, Rebecca Sun '23, Vivian Zhu '23, Allie Reed '22, Emma Doherty '22, Farrell Keel '22, Halle Lewis '23 and Allison Trudeau '24.



Olivia Bucci



Ellie Hopkins



Lily Flannery



Aanya Khayat



Hannah Klich



Silin Yi

Each work of art requires a fifteen-dollar fee for the handling and delivery of each portrait. A portion of that fee helps to provide school supplies and when possible, clothing and toiletries for the children. Proceeds from NAHS events, as well as funds from Friends of the Arts, pay for these fees.

The mission of The Memory Project is to "create a kinder world through art." This project reflects our Hampton Roads Academy mission, "HRA guides students to become innovative and compassionate citizens and leaders of an ever-changing future."

Please congratulate the sixteen fore-mentioned artists on a job well done!

Performing Arts

Live theater is back in full swing at HRA! The theater department produced three full productions during the 2021-2022 school year. The year began with two Upper School One Acts, The Inexplicable Chaos Factor of Mia Gregory and Crisis Inc. Both one acts were entered in the Virginia Theater Association's One Act Competition and were awarded Superior and Excellent ratings. Middle School students performed One Thousand and One Nights of Reality Television, which combined fairy tales with reality television. Middle schoolers enjoyed transforming into the Frog Prince, Cinderella, Aladdin, and more. In the spring, Upper School students performed Legally Blonde, the musical which concluded our season of shows. Opening Night was electric, and the cast was thrilled to have a full audience cheering them on again.























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The past two years have challenged our HRA family like no other period in our past and we have emerged, stronger than ever, proving the sheer power of our community. Alumni and parents, faculty and staff - all our HRA Friends - came together to ensure the future of our school. In doing so, we strengthened the bonds of our community through mutual support.

Our measured and sure-footed emergence from the early months of the pandemic was made possible through the extraordinary generosity of our community. Thanks to the remarkable leadership of our Board of Trustees and administration, and the unswerving support of our HRA family and friends, we enjoyed the most successful year of annual giving in the school's history. As we strive to provide our trademark, life-shaping HRA program, we are enormously grateful to all of you who make it possible.

Your gifts this past year have been invested in ways that improve and strengthen our whole community: providing the resources for our extraordinary faculty and staff; supporting our families through tuition assistance; and upgrading technology and equipment to keep us on the cutting edge.

We are thankful for each and every one of your gifts that resulted in this outstanding achievement this year, as well as for the efforts of our many committed volunteers. Thank you for helping ensure a vibrant future for our young Navigators!

HRA Hosts Second Annual HRA Day

Our second "HRA Day - A Day of Giving and Gratitude" kicked off on April 29th with the school giving thanks to the entire HRA community of students and their families, faculty and staff, alumni and friends. On campus, we were delighted to be able to celebrate the occasion with our HRA Day Assembly, at which we honored our Wall of Honor inductees and recognized our faculty and staff for their years of service. The student-run Philanthropy Committee joined in the spirit of this "day of giving" by awarding their first ever set of grants to area nonprofits.

Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the entire HRA community came together to meet and far exceed our goal of 300 gifts. We received 406 donations from family members, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends, raising over \$82,000. We are so proud of what our community accomplished together, and thrilled that every contribution will be invested directly into our students' experiences.

The day started off with a bang with two matching challenges from Keith Vander Vennet '83, former Chair of the Board of Trustees and HRA parent that initiated some spirited competition between alumni to become the first alumni decade to raise \$1,000 (it was the 1960s at 6:56 am who beat the 1970's to the post by just two minutes). By 7:30 am, Keith's other \$5,000 challenge was met.

Donald Patten, Trustee and HRA grandparent, then issued another \$5,000 challenge that was also met within 90 minutes. These two generous challenges propelled us to reach our goal of 300 donors by midafternoon and secure an extra \$15,000 match donated by Jean Ann Wensell '72, Bobby and Dorothy Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Brian P. Hutchens, Sr. and Steven and Elizabeth Scott.

Special recognition and thanks also go to:

- The 16 HRA Day Ambassadors who "raised" 35% of all gifts received for HRA Day
- Top Ambassador: Tasha Rose, who raised 23 gifts
- Lower School students and families who achieved over 90% participation in giving
- Middle School SCA for donating the proceeds from their Puzzle raffle to HRA Day
- Top Team: Faculty, with 43 supporters
- Top Alumni Team: 1960s Alumni
- Our wonderful HRA faculty and staff who gave it their all!

Thank you to everyone who took part, including the many who worked so hard behind the scenes. It was a fun event and we look forward to next year's!



HRA Day Assembly

We were fortunate enough to have our first in-person assembly for HRA Day where we celebrated the Wall of Honor inductees, honored the In Memoriam and for the first time, the student Philanthropy Committee awarded their non-profit grants. But first, we recognized Faculty and Staff for their milestone "years of service" at HRA - 5, 10, 15, and 20 years! Huge congratulations and thank you to them!

Faculty and Staff Recognition

5 YearsWayne Ducksworth Rachel Hennessy Josephine Kovalcik Henry Morgan



15 Years Kimberly Baust LaVena Clark John Hilburger Kathy Shepherd



10 Years
William Caulford
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20 Years Jenn Clemons



In Memoriam

Unfortunately, we lost a valued member of our Wall of Honor and HRA community. Mr. Charles "Charlie" R. Spencer, Jr. passed away on January 2, 2022. Mr. Mertz spoke to how "Charlie's influence on HRA and the lives of all who knew him has been profound and lasting. So many of us were touched by his kindness, his humor, and his eagerness to share his passion for all things HRA." Charlie was a member of the HRA Board of Trustees from 1978 -1989 and served as Board Chair from 1984-1986. In 2006, he was inducted into the HRA Wall of Honor, for being "An HRA leader whose commitment and involvement spans two generations". Charlie was the father of Charles R. "Tripp" Spencer, III '80 and Edward G. S. "Ned" Spencer '85, and grandfather of Charles R. "Charlie" Spencer IV '10, Anne Waverly Spencer '14, Edward G.S. "Scott" Spencer Jr. '19 and Noelle P. Spencer '21. His name lives on in the Charles R. Spencer, Jr. Gymnasium and a Foreign Language room is named in honor of his son's Tripp and Ned. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Anne Douglas Spencer, in whose memory Charlie had dedicated HRA's front Commons. His loss will be felt but the mark he left on our lives will endure.

Student Philanthropy Committee

The Hampton Roads Academy Philanthropy Committee presented four grants to area nonprofits at the HRA Day Assembly. This student-run group reviewed 28 grant applications in a competitive grant application process of their own design and selected the four winners to receive a small grant each. The Committee is comprised of 10 Upper School students who have spent the school year learning about philanthropy and the role of nonprofits in addressing the needs of the community. They have taken field trips to charitable organizations, and spoken with nonprofit leaders in the area, to get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to run a nonprofit successfully. Funding for the grants is provided by the Mary P. Blalock Philanthropy Fund, a component of HRA's endowment fund.



Wall Of Honor Induction

Peter W. Mertz recognized Karen L. Gillespie and R. Maxwell Gillespie II. Karen and Max were added to the HRA's Wall of Honor, joining 25 other dedicated members of HRA's community. Max began coaching Varsity Basketball in 1980 and became Athletic Director shortly after. During his tenure, HRA teams won 64 TCIS championships and 33 state championships, was TCIS president twice, and served on the board of the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association at HRA. Throughout the state Max distinguished himself as a coach of coaches. He retired from coaching in 2013 and retired from HRA in 2020. Karen started at HRA in 1987 teaching Spanish and would do so throughout her 33 years at HRA. She also taught German for 7 years and was the Foreign Language Department chair from 1992 until 2008, only to become the Head of Upper School up until retiring in 2020. For several years, she also coached/was statistician for softball and basketball, sponsored SCA, the Cum Laude Society and the Varsity Club. Karen is still known at HRA as a Teacher of teachers.

Through their combined 73 years of leadership, while teaching, coaching, and nourishing decades of students, the Gillespies significantly shaped HRA's philosophy, programs, and traditions. The Wall of Honor was created to honor individuals who have influenced in a lasting way the direction and quality of HRA, and Max and Karen are the epitome of Navigators. We have been fortunate to have them at the helm.



Donor Spotlight

Wendy C. Drucker '76

Stroll through campus and you will see the Drucker family name attached to a serene and inviting courtyard, inscribed on the walls of the new Lower School wing and what was the Col. Dick Science Lab, and etched on the Wall of Honor (in not one, but two places, for two generations of Druckers). The Drucker family relationship with Hampton Roads Academy is long and deep, spanning three generations and stretching back to the end of the school's first decade when Rona Mound Drucker served on the Board of Trustees, from 1969-1978.

Wendy Drucker '76, who accompanies her mother on the Wall of Honor, joined HRA in 1971 in 8th grade, following her brother who was in the class of '72. Wendy would serve on the Board of Trustees from 2001-2007 and again, from 2008-2018, serving as Chair from 2012-2017. Wendy's twin children, Evan and Nicole, would follow in her footsteps graduating in 2015. Today, Wendy is the Managing Director at Drucker + Falk, the multifamily property management and commercial services company with 1,100 employees managing 42,000 apartments in 12 states. Wendy is quick to credit the company's successes to her team saying "one person can't do it all." After 41 years with the company, Wendy says what she values in her work is the collaboration and watching her team members grow and mature. In spite of its size and reach, to Wendy, Drucker + Falk retains its close-knit family feel.

This same sense of a safe place where people are encouraged to discover their passion is what Wendy values the most from her years at HRA as a student. "It was always so wonderful to see a great athlete on one of the teams also be in a play, or be in the orchestra, or be in the chorus. You really could very safely explore all sorts of things." Wendy readily admits that for her, HRA was a great environment for "not so stellar students" to gain confidence. Having come to HRA from schools where she was told she was "stupid", she discovered teachers who allowed her



to believe in herself again, saying "HRA changed my life." This she attributes to the low student to faculty ratio and a caring faculty, teachers who made a lasting impression on her and whose names she effortlessly reels them off even now, one after another. "Kitty Booth took me under her wing, taught me how to study and gave me a love for learning which has carried me through my entire life."

Participating in three HRA capital campaigns, two of which she led, Wendy has both witnessed and contributed to great change on campus since her student days, when she played Varsity hockey in her gym outfit because there weren't enough uniforms, or watched plays performed in the storage room, off the girls' locker room, off the gym. Part of that permanent change is the Rona Mound Drucker Courtyard, an oasis of calm amid the bustle of school life. Following the death of Wendy's mother, it was important to her father that she be recognized for her deep involvement with the school and her advocacy for the school as the only non-parochial independent school on the Peninsula. Wendy sees the garden as an important space for students and teachers to come together. To this day, she funds its maintenance and is

together. To this day, she funds its maintenance and is delighted that students have embraced it, with one student, Wilson Waddill '12, creating its first fountain and the Senior Class of 2018 giving furniture as their class gift. As Wendy says, "I think everybody should be surrounded by beauty."

Similarly, the Rona and Erwin Drucker Lower School wing of twelve classrooms is a tribute to both Wendy's mother, who so wanted a lower school at HRA, and her father, who was heavily involved in bringing Hampton Roads Country Day School to HRA. Wendy and her brother David came together to help fund the wing, along with a donation from their parents' charitable foundation. Yet, for all the excitement and satisfaction that comes from a successful campaign, Wendy still maintains, "It's not the building that makes the school, it's the students and the faculty, the cleaners and the administrators. It's the whole package. If you don't have the teachers with the passion and the caring, you don't have a school."

Asked about her wishes for HRA's future, Wendy hopes that the school will continually evolve, not just in its physical infrastructure, but also in its programs, so that it may take advantage of new opportunities as they appear. She hopes that HRA continues to value how important athletics, the theatre and the arts are to the education of the whole child; "There's so much more than just academics to being a whole person."

In that same vein, she hopes HRA will continue to encourage students to become involved in and give back to the community, by volunteering for nonprofits. She champions her son Evan's involvement with Rachel's Challenge, the club he founded at HRA to raise awareness of and prevent bullying. Wendy herself finds great purpose in her own work for the underserved, especially her work on behalf of refugees, which started with the Lost Boys of Sudan, and her work for Transitions Family Violence Services in Newport News, and the Samaritan House in Southside, providing support services and housing for victims of family violence and human trafficking. Then there is her participation in Impact 100, a group of women who come together to pool their resources to bring about change in the community, who hold their annual Big Give event at HRA. It is Wendy's hope that future students at HRA learn the importance of giving to the community and through giving, experience personal growth and fulfillment. As a member of the Heritage Society, having named HRA in her estate plans, Wendy is committed to making these hopes and dreams a reality by providing for future generations of HRA families.





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If you have ever wondered about Annual Giving at HRA...

Why do we have it?

HRA does not charge families what it costs to educate a child; we set tuition low to make it competitive, as affordable as possible, and to promote diversity. Tuition and fees cover just 87% of the cost of the HRA education. This gap between tuition and cost is closed through gifts to Annual Giving, along with grants, endowment income, and other sources. Gifts to Annual Giving are critical to providing the full HRA experience.

What does Annual Giving pay for?

The people and programs that make HRA so special:

- Talented teachers
- Small classes
- · Cutting edge technology
- Athletics
- The Arts
- Tuition Assistance
- Field trips and so much more.

What do our students receive?

- Personal attention
- Stronger parent-teacher relations
- Intellectual stimulation and character development
- An education for the future
- Strong academic credentials for life

Annual Giving Quick Facts

60% - The percentage of Annual Giving that goes to teacher salaries and support
100% -Our goal each year for Trustee, Faculty and Staff and Parent participation in Annual Giving – a key factor when HRA applies to foundations for grants.
\$1.56 million - Granted in tuition assistance each year. 10% of Annual Giving

5% - The percentage of HRA's annual budget that comes from Annual Giving

44 - The number of athletic teams supported by Annual Giving22 - The Number of visual and performing art presentations supported by Annual Giving

supports this total.

By the Numbers:

Total Giving in 2022: 740 donors gave \$1.482,479
Annual Giving: 611 donors gave \$504,947
Restricted Giving, Capital Campaign: 104 donors gave \$854,468
Restricted Giving, Other: 25 donors gave \$123,064
Corporate Giving, all funds: 48 donors gave \$70,150
Annual Giving over three years has totaled \$1,454,697
Endowment contributions over three year totaled: \$491,458



2021-22 Special Recognitions

TCIS Sportmanship Award Varsity Basketball, Boys Varsity Sailing

2022 VISAA DII State Champions!

HRA is extremely proud of our 4X100m State Champions: Danielle Stowell, Alex Warren, Jackie Matalevich, and Angie Schmidt! Their time of 51.57 was not only the best in the state this year, but also a new school record. Additionally, we are proud of Angie Schmidt for being the VISAA DII State Champion in the 100m with a time of 12.53 which is also a new school record! Great job, Navigators!



2022 Senior Student Athletes

Congratulations to Madeline Amthor, Cameron Barlow, Jay Barreto, Colyn Crowe, Emma Doherty, Zoe Epstein, Will Fan, Erin Ferrare, Cole Frankenhoff, Holden Gardner, Nick Goldberg, Ethan Hall, Erin Holloway, Ellie Hooker, Blaine Hutchens, Farrell Keel, Hannah Klich, Tara Knighton, Michael Kokolis, Claire Kutner, Jackie Matalevich, Ryan McCauley, Monroe Middleton, Will Patten, Nathan Ramer, Allie Reed, Ryan Reid, Bryce Rouzie, Siena Short, Addy Silberhorn, Christy Slate, Olivia Slider, Will Ternes, Alex Warren, Olivia Wasson, Will Wilson, Alexa Zarraga-Miran, and Helen Zhu!

Three Seniors Committed to Athletics at the Next Level

Congratulations to our three student-athletes who committed to play their sport at the collegiate level: Addy Silberhorn, Alexandria Warren, and Bryce Rouzie. We are so proud of you!

Addy Silberhorn joined the Women's Cross Country team at Hollins University. **Alex Warren** joined the Women's Basketball team at Winston-Salem State University. **Bryce Rouzie** joined the Men's Swimming team at the College of William and Mary.



2021-22 Team Awards

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY Coach's AwardJay Barreto
GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY Coach's AwardAddy Silberhorn
FIELD HOCKEY Most Valuable Player - OffenseSabrina Post Most Valuable Player - DefenseEllie Hooker Most Valuable Player - MidfieldFarrell Keel
BOYS SOCCER Workhorse AwardNick Goldberg Offensive MVPRiley Usher Most Valuable PlayerJackson Underwood
SAILING Most ImprovedOlivia Slider SportmanshipPierce Brindley Most ValuableParker Moore
GIRLS TENNIS Most ImprovedSilin Yi Coach's AwardMomoka Yoshida Most Valuable PlayerJosephine Chang
VOLLEYBALL Coach's AwardErin Ferrare Coach's AwardAddie Amott Most Valuable PlayerJackie Matalevich
BOYS BASKETBALL Coach's AwardCarson Frank Most Valuable PlayerCallen Morrison Most Valuable PlayerSean O'Connor
GIRLS BASKETBALL Heart and Hustle AwardEllie Goldberg Leadership AwardLexi Pabon Most Valuable PlayerAlexandria Warren
CHEERLEADING Most ImprovedEllianna Florakis Team AwardEmma Donavant Coach's AwardErin Holloway
BOYS SWIMMING Coach's AwardRyan Cherry Most ValuableBryce Rouzie
GIRLS SWIMMING
Coach's AwardAddison Detwiler Most ValuableAllie Reed
BASEBALL Coach's AwardMichael Kokolis Most Outstanding Defense AwardCharlie Overman Most Outstanding PlayerColby Motley
GOLF Newcomer of the YearCameron Barlow Best Match Scoring AverageHenry Hutchens Best Match Scoring AverageJackson Underwood
GIRLS LACROSSE
Coach's AwardEmma Doherty Most Valuable PlayerCayden West GIRLS SOCCER
Heart and Hustle AwardAllie Reed Coach's AwardOlivia Slider Leadership AwardClaire Kutner
BOYS TENNIS Most Improved PlayerEric Wei Coach's AwardRyan McCauley Most Valuable PlayerWill Fan
BOYS TRACK AND FIELD Coach's AwardRJ Henderson Coach's AwardAlex Kuzma Coach's AwardNathan Seeley
GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD Coach's AwardKeira Holloway

Coach's Award......Aanya Khayat

Coach's Award......Alexandria Warren

2021-22 Special Awards

Most Valuable Senior Female Athletes



Allie Reed



Alexandria Warren

Most Valuable Senior Male Athlete



William Fan

The Joseph C. Moorman Award



Jackson Underwood

R. Maxwell Gillespie Award: Michael Kokolis

2021-22 TCIS 1st Team All Conference Teams

BASKETBALL - Girls Alexandria Warren

CROSS COUNTRY - Girls
Ellie Goldberg

Field Hockey - Girls Farrell Keel Campbell Lemmink

SAILINGPierce Brindley
Parker Moore
Olivia Slider

SOCCER - Boys Nick Goldberg Riley Usher Jackson Underwood **SOCCER - Girls** Ellie Goldberg

SWIMMING - Boys Bryce Rouzie

> **TENNIS - Boys** Will Fan Ryan McCauley

TRACK AND FIELD - Girls
Jackie Matalavich
Angelina Schmidt
Danielle Stowell
Alexandria Warren

2021-22 VISAA 1st Team All State Teams

CROSS COUNTRY - Girls Ellie Goldberg

FIELD HOCKEY - Girls Farrell Keel

SOCCER - Boys Jackson Underwood

> SOCCER - Girls Claire Kutner

SWIMMING - Boys Bryce Rouzie

TENNIS - Boys Will Fan

TRACK AND FIELD - Girls
Jackie Matalevich
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Alexandria Warren

HRA Varsity Teams 2021-2022



Varsity Cross Country



Varsity Field Hockey



Varsity Sailing



Varsity Boys Soccer



Varsity Girls Tennis



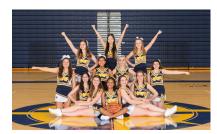
Varsity Volleyball



Varsity Boys Basketball



Varsity Girls Basketball



Varsity Cheerleading



Varsity Boys Swimming



Varsity Girls Swimming



Varsity Baseball



Varsity Golf



Varsity Boys Lacrosse



Varsity Girls Lacrosse



Varsity Girls Soccer



Varsity Boys Tennis



Varsity Track & Field



Ada Scarborough and Tommy Yevak '83



1987-88 HRA Varsity Boys Basketball team members



R. Maxwell Gillespie II and wife, Karen

New Class Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame 2022

After the postponement of the Fall 2021 event due to COVID-19, Hampton Roads Academy held the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Brunch on Saturday, April 30, 2022, in the Mary and Larry Pope Dining Hall. Friends and families of honorees gathered and enjoyed brunch for the official induction into the Hall of Fame.

Although Lee Ann F. VanOrmer '81 couldn't attend in person, she sent ahead a heartfelt video introduction of the honor **Nancy L. Richwine** would have received. Nancy, who passed away in December of 1999, was the godmother of Lee's daughter. From 1974-1999, Nancy led the physical education department and coached field hockey and tennis. Among numerous special moments in her career were her 1978 undefeated tennis team, her 100th career victory in 1987, the year her team became TCIS champions, and her selection as TCIS Field Hockey Coach of the Year in 1987-88. Throughout her career, she not only fielded superb teams; she also helped shape HRA girls into successful young women. Sadly, she lost her battle with cancer in 1999, but to accept and share stories on her behalf, friend and fellow HRA coach, Ada Scarborough was there to pay tribute to her.

Former coach R. Maxwell Gillespie II introduced the members of the 1987-88 HRA Varsity Boys Basketball team. He brought everyone right back to the team's 24-6 record which was, at that time, the best in the school's history, being the first school from the Peninsula to ever make it to the TCIS Championship and most notably being the first team from HRA (and the Peninsula) to win the TCIS final. The people that made up that winning team were Coaches: R. "Max" Maxwell Gillespie II, Gene Arcand, Dennis Vail and J. "Don" Donald Woodruff; Players: William "Chad" C. B. Green '88, Sean P. Kelley '88, R. "Bruce" Warrington, Jr. '88, Michael A. Wynne '88, James "Jim" J. Reid '89, Charles C. Wentworth III '89, Thomas "Tom" A. Cantrell '90, Joseph "Joe" D. Cantrell '90, Benjamin "Ben" B. Hill '90, Stephen "Steve" J. Leong '90, Beverly "Chipper" H. Scott II '90, Everette M. Seay IV '90, Carl M. Beale IV '91, William "Chris" C. Harvey '91, David B. Holt '91, John "Caldwell" C. Warley III '91; Managers: Jacqueline "Dawn" D. Fields '89 and Jennifer L. (Quackenbush) Badish '91; Scorer: Holley (Proctor) Miller '90; Statistician: Courtney (Jacobson) Rowlands '90; Video: Frederick U. Longwood '91.

The last inductee was introduced by current Athletic Director Laura Stoner, Michael Kirkpatrick '02 and a video compilation of many professional friends made throughout his 40-year career at HRA. Former Athletic Director and Varsity Boys Basketball coach, **R. Maxwell Gillespie II** retired from coaching in 2013, having amassed 551 wins, 26 winning seasons and multiple Coach of the Year awards. Among many highlights of his coaching career were the TCIS championship in 1988, an undefeated conference campaign in 2008, and ending as Division I state runner-up in 1991.

It was a wonderful day to celebrate all of the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and their plaques now hang in the Alumni Hall at HRA.





HRA's Alumni vs Varsity Soccer Game was a huge success on October 23, 2021. The alumni were victorious with the final score of 4-2. Thank you to **Barclay Shepard '87** and everyone who made this event possible! The alumni roster included:

Ryan Weisiger '94

Mark Overman '87

Jeff Katz '91

Marko Yang '15

Raymond "Scott" Herbert '06

Robbie Lanier '92

Ken Tankersley '87

Barclay Shepard '87

Richard "Scott" Ashe '99

Michael LoCicero '15

Kelly Alford (coach)

Baki Oncu (parent)

Mario Kokolis (parent)

2 players from Barclay's Indoor team





HRA Golf Classic

A Navigator Club Tradition in honor of Svein J. Lassen

The HRA Navigator Club sponsored the 2021 HRA Golf Classic, in memory of Svein Lassen, on Monday, October 25th, 2021 at the James River Country Club.

The tournament brought together current HRA parents, HRA alumni, past HRA parents and several businesses who all helped to support and enhance the Academy's athletic program through their participation. The proceeds from this tournament will go toward additional soccer and lacrosse goals so that HRA can host multiple games on the same day. Proceeds will also be used to add finishing touches and additional storage to our locker rooms. A special thank you goes to our Sponsors , Donors and Volunteers who made it possible.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

First place team:

Jason Messersmith, Alex Coletrane, Chris Malone and Jennifer Stevens

Second place team:

Timothy Whitlock, Patti Brown, Phillip Brown and Patrick Brown

Third place team:

Kevin Hutchens, John Martin, Hank Hankins and Robbie Lanier

The Putting Contest winner, Chip Trieshmann, had to be drawn out of a hat! Four players made a Hole in One on the putting green: Chip Trieshmann, Jacob Trent, Doug Lia and Hank Hankins!

Closest to the Pin: Vicki Lanier and Josh Dornan

Longest Drive: Sarah Johnson and Allen Tanner

A special thank you to all of our Sponsors:

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Rudder: Tidewater Family Dentistry, Mark and Lorie Sarrett

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2022 Alumni Basketball Game

HRA hosted an Alumni Basketball game on Saturday, April 30th, 2022. With a lot of back and forth action, the Odds vs Evens Alumni Basketball Game went to double overtime! **Quincy Mock '14**'s 3-pointer gave the Evens team the win! Thank you to all the alumni who came to play and all the fans in the stands!

ODD Team: Asa Jackson '07, James Spencer '07, Trevor Topping '11, Dean Chioros '13, Andrew Canavos '14 and Greg Arcand '17.

EVEN Team: Kevin Hutchens '92, Robbie Lanier '92, John Martin '92, Chuck Young '94, Jocelyn Spencer '08, Quincy Mock '14 and Tyler Peterson-Rose '14.

Join Us For:

HRA's 2022 Homecoming Weekend!

October 21-22, 2022

2022 HRA Golf Classic

Monday, October 24th
James River Country Club,
Newport News, VA
For more information, please text
HRAGolf2022 to 71777



Article by Rachel M. Hennessy '13, Director of Alumni Relations / Events

Hampton Roads Academy is the one location and experience that all HRA alumni share, no matter what year you graduated. One of the main purposes of HRA is to prepare students for life, but what does life look like after graduation and beyond? What does an HRA Alumni look like? We caught up with some alumni who attribute some of their inspiration and success to HRA.

J. S. "Trip" Gilmore III '16

"What's it like having a secret superpower that's invisible, misunderstood, and sometimes way too powerful?"

When many people hear that someone has Attention Deficit Disorder/ Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, otherwise known as ADD/ADHD, there's an overwhelming stigma that paints a picture of what it's supposed to look like in a person. The stereotype is an overly talkative child who is lazy because they can't do their work. J. S. "Trip" Gilmore III '16 is an advocate for those who struggle with the condition, especially the approximately 5% of adults who have ADHD, which represents over 11,000,000 people in the US. He's learned and honed in on some mental tools to help use the disorder to one's advantage.

First, what is ADD/ADHD? According to the Attention Deficit Disorder

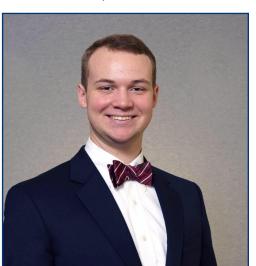
Association, it's a highly genetic, brain-based syndrome that has to do with the regulation of a particular set of brain functions and related behaviors. There's more than just one type of ADHD, but the most recognizable symptoms are lack of attention to details, an inability to follow or remember instructions, getting easily distracted, fidgeting, and/or talking too much. More than 1 in 10 children in the United States have been diagnosed with ADHD, many of whom will have symptoms that persist into adulthood.

As someone who was one of the 6.4 million kids aged 4-17 with ADHD, Trip had to learn how to manage being overwhelmed and overstimulated, especially in new environments such as private school. Often people with ADHD will have an overabundance of ideas they are eager to explore, but have a hard time organizing their thoughts to get directly to the finish line.

Trip, who studied Physics and Business Economics at Hampden Sydney College and is currently a Data Analyst at Virginia Green, has always loved learning about how things work. His most recent project has been developing their new dashboard system and helping the company become more efficient with data usage. His desire to work with dashboards and other data analytics systems gives him the energy to directly focus on those projects. "Hyperfocus", when used to one's advantage, can arguably be one of the best aspects of ADHD. Sometimes one becomes so fascinated by a subject/task that their full focus is directed entirely on it. For many to "activate" this hyperfocus, they must be interested in the topic. One technique Trip uses for learning is to find ways to make it interesting to him. If the subject is not particularly stimulating, he will think about the results of learning the subject. That often helps him stay motivated and focused.

One of Trip's best pieces of advice is to start using your smartphone smarter. When your brain is trying to focus on juggling tasks, you forget that chore you've been meaning to do, that doctor's appointment, or even what day you're hanging out with your friends. To combat that, use your phone's calendar to schedule and categorize all events ahead of time so it will remember for you. Routines and structure are also very helpful. One of Trip's responsibilities at work is to build data collection sheets every two weeks. He sets a calendar reminder to do this every other Friday so that it helps keep tasks organized. This can be used for other tasks at home as well, like laundry, dishes, and grocery shopping.

J. S. "Trip" Gilmore III '16



On the other hand, our brains tend to wander on social media, playing games or browsing the internet. By checking the "Screen Time" section in your phone's settings, you can learn exactly what your habits are. To prevent extraneous time on distractions, the downtime function will limit how long you can use an app during the day. If that fails, Trip says biting the bullet works as well. He deleted the social media short video app, TikTok, for this very reason, as he noticed himself becoming absorbed in it because the videos are the perfect length to satisfy his brain.

Unstructured projects tend to be difficult for people with ADHD. While at HRA, he learned to be bold, to take more risks and never be afraid to try something new. So, it's no wonder why Trip wants to be a pathfinder and discover methods to make an unstructured project easier and more productive. Having ADHD can make life a bit frustrating, but Trip likes to view it as a challenge. Using these tools, he says his work performance has accelerated, his confidence has grown, and his lifestyle has improved. Going forward, Trip plans to lead a team of data professionals in the coming years, wants to keep on learning and bettering himself. He hopes to help more people who have ADD/ADHD learn how to use it to their advantage

Caroline Thatcher '16

"Follow your dreams before it's too late." That's what everyone says, right? It's an easy enough saying but going out and doing it is the trickiest part. Caroline Thatcher '16 is one of those that can say they've done it. It, being following your dreams and for Caroline, that meant road tripping, solo, across the country.

Shortly after graduating with a Master of Science in Education from Old Dominion University in May of 2021, Caroline was physically and mentally drained. Add in a pandemic and it really took a toll on her. She realized that she needed some type of 'reset button'. Thinking back to her days at HRA, she says that her teachers believed in her and told her to do what she loves, and what she loves is to explore and travel. So, she knew what she had to do.



Razor Clamming in Astoria, OR

Initially, Caroline just wanted to get out of town and explore. She had traveled a lot when she was younger, but this trip was special because she was able to explore the United States as an adult. She'd be able to visit friends and family that she hadn't seen in years as well as to have the opportunity to truly appreciate the country she lives in. So, she set out on her 5-month solo road trip across America. On her journey, 15,322 miles were driven over the course of 152 days total. She visited 33 states, 2 countries (USA and Canada) and 19 National Parks. Caroline was fascinated by all that she was seeing and experiencing. She said, "The geography is so vast across the country, that I have visited what used to be the bottom of the ocean and seen dinosaur fossils that are 150+ million years old."

During her trip she became an aunt and since returning home, she's watched her nephew during the day and helped coach HRA's Girls Varsity Soccer team in the afternoon. She was secretly hoping that her trip would lead to finding "a new home" and relocating permanently, but upon her return, she decided that Virginia is her home. Caroline is excited about starting a new adventure right back on campus, where she will be teaching Kindergarten at Hampton Roads Academy. She hopes to get some summer traveling in before the school year starts but is looking forward to sharing all that she's learned from her journeys with her future students!



Grandview Point Trail, Moab, UT in Canyonlands National Park



Wiki West '14

When you have several different passions and look to pursue them, it can be tough to find a career or project that encompasses them all. That's why you sometimes must create your own. For Wiki West '14 (Formally known as Wiktoria Plawska), her love of the outdoors, adventure, global travel, and film/photography, all tied together with her entrepreneurial spirit, is how she founded her own media production company.



Wiki West '14

Wiki's idea blossomed around 2020 with the onset of the pandemic, which is when she felt the need to be more self-reliant. She had an anxious passion to see every part of the world in a localized manner and to truly take the time to connect with local communities. Her company, Mosquito Media, films nature, developing country street life, non-profit organizations, adventure sports, and the most extreme and remote regions of the world. It specializes in aerial drone cinematography and brand narrative promotional videos. Wiki has traveled to over 45 countries and produces images, videos, and compelling stories of the journeys, hardships, unique life perspective, and gripping shots of reality.

Her goal with this company is to use film to raise awareness, improve understanding, and encourage action, whether it be health, self-fulfillment, outdoor adventure, or sustainable economic and childhood development. Speaking four languages allows her the ability to communicate with the locals, participate in the customs and appreciate their culture. "When filming, you have to story-tell, and to story-tell you have to understand," she says. "I spend extended periods of time in communities learning and filming. It is special to me because I am often providing voices to

those who may not otherwise have them. I love working with nonprofits and underserved communities in developing countries since that is where the media is lacking the most."

Looking back, Wiki realized that HRA provided her with a myriad of tools that she uses every day, many of which she didn't realize she had until she needed them. She specifically recalls AP English because it was key in her ability to story-tell. The learning of a new chapter of vocabulary words each week is now more valuable. Classes with Art teacher Jennifer Clemons was a highlight because of her optimism and positivity about Wiki's work. Jenn helped her foster and grow her artistic spirit and made her feel like a great artist, even as a teenager. Jenn continues to follow her work and recently featured some of Wiki's photos in the HRA Art Gallery.

Another aspect that she continuously appreciates from HRA is honesty, trust, and integrity. She says that it is vital in building



Wiki West '14 with kids

a business. In some ways, she learned that people are like mirrors in that when you trust in people, people can trust you back. In her business this is crucial because she is constantly running around with expensive filming equipment. "I have had drones, laptops, and cameras in the Panamanian gang-ridden ghettos, sleeping in open air bungalows in the jungles of Botswana or Madagascar without any problem because I trusted the community and then ensured trust back. If I came in with distrust or with a distrustful attitude, it would likely be mirrored."

As you can probably guess, Wiki isn't going to be slowing down anytime soon. She just started a nonprofit that uses athletics and travel as motivation for underserved children. At the time of this article, she is heading back to South Africa to spend more time filming for various clients. She's working full time for two months for the Madagascar Research and Conservation Institute, filming conservation and community development efforts in the field in Northern Madagascar and various remote islands, now pursing underwater filming. You can find updates on her Instagram: @wiki.west (https://www.instagram.com/wiki.west/?hl=en). Plans moving forward include building her portfolio to potentially join the ranks of a larger media production company like Silverback productions, BBC, or National Geographic. As Wiki reflects on her time at HRA, she has some advice for HRA's newest alumni: "Dive into your niche passion, there is money and opportunity in absolutely everything."

To follow along with all of Wiki's journeys, check out Mosquito Media's website https://mosquitomedia.co and her blog https://wikiwest.co.



Wiki West '14 with a monkey



Wild dogs from Madagascar

Alumni, we love to hear from you!

Our alumni are up to extremely impressive projects, careers and personal paths. Please keep us in the loop about your adventures by emailing rhenne@hra.org!

class NO

1961

David L. Ferguson

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1962

Rachel Hennessy '13

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1963

Ken Harkavy

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Hugh Although **Exton** '63 has retired from his 14 years as a cart boy, that doesn't mean he's staying still. He has begun a new pursuit as a Pickleball instructor at a local country club in San Antonio, Texas. Unfortunately, he recently had to undergo a knee replacement, making it his third replacement (both knees and an ankle). He now proudly holds the title of Bionic Man! He and his family came down with Covid-19, but thankfully recovered quickly.

1964 Rachel Hennessy '13

rhenne@hra.org **1965**

Bob Wanke

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Judy Kator

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Michael Dickens '65 and wife, Denise, are currently living in DC. Michael is half retired and Denise is designing women's clothing and running her company, Outside Designworks. Their two children, Daniel and Sarah, each have two boys



Richard Joyce '65 Exhibit Flyer

and are living in London and San Francisco.

The art exhibit of Richard Joyce '65 was hosted by Lynwood Artists at Piedmont Arts in Martinsville, VA in late March-early May 2022.

1966 Rachel Hennessy '13 rhenne@hra.org

1967 Trip Ferguson

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1968

Brad Carmines

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Helen Orphanidys Arnold

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Gary Anderson '68 has started his third nonprofit program and promotes excitement about reading across the entire community. The All District Reads program encourages reading aloud or listening in audio form in the households elementary-age all students in participating communities, with special advantages for low-income students. The program provides children across an entire school district with two new books each year to take home for parents to read nightly over a period of several weeks. By exposing all children in a school to the same book at the same time, it encourages crossage sharing about the story, improves comprehension and reading skills and creates enthusiasm towards a shared activity. All District Reads programs are unique in that they're offered at absolutely no cost to schools and over 10,000 books have already been distributed. The program focuses on mainly urban areas and started in Hampton, but Gary is excited to expand and is searching for additional members to create a board! To learn more, check out the website: https://alldistrictreads. org/, connect on their Facebook page: https:// www.facebook.com/ alldistrictreads, or email Gary directly at Gary. anderson@alldistrictreads. org.

1969

John Deal jdeal001@gmail.com **Gaye Mitchell Deal** gayedeal@gmail.com

1970

Debbie Tanner

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1971

Peggy Cooper Fuller peggyfull@aol.com

Cam Nerdahl

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Nancy Pile Griffin

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1974 S. Leigh Morris morrishenze@cox.net

1975 Ward Blalock

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1976

Wendy Drucker

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1977

Rachel Hennessy '13 rhenne@hra.org

1978

Michael F. Carpenter carpworld@aol.com

HRA welcomed Jonathan West '78 and Henry Prillaman '84 to campus during the Senior Transition Day on May 13th, which prepares the seniors for life after their upcoming graduation. Jonathan spoke to the seniors about what it means to be financially literate in college and beyond. Henry educated the males about taking care of their health, sexual assault and more.

1979

Mary Gibson Shumate Waddill samwaddill1@cox.net

1980

Fave Ferguson

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Jonathan West '78 speaking to HRA seniors



John Stout '82 Cover Design



Elizabeth Foxx '83



Mark Overman '87 and son

1981

Sherri Lascola Gretka sherrigretka@gmail.com Ray Suttle

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1982

John Stout

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In September 2021, John Stout '82 was featured in the Williamsburg's Next Door Neighbor Magazine, where the theme was "Arts". The article chronicles how John found himself doing four of his favorite activities: Emceeing, photographing, playing softball, and making those around him laugh... all at the same time! To read the article about John on pages 49-51, visit: https://www. williamsburgneighbors.com/ issues/september-2021/

1983

Eric M. Mazur

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On a normal workday, Elizabeth Foxx '83 works as a doctor in the operating room, but when she's not doing that, she is a competitive cyclist can be found pedaling her bike all over Virginia. She took up the hobby years ago after competing in triathlons to get back into personal fitness and it's become a more competitive endeavor for her than she thought it would be, in a good way. In May 2022, Elizabeth took home four first-place finishes at the National Senior Games in

Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She said that it was an "incredibly validating" experience having just completed her first Senior Games. She currently resides in Williamsburg, VA and is taking advantage of the abundant scenic trails to train on. To read more. check out the article in the Daily Press about her win: https://www.dailypress. com/virginiagazette/va-vgcyclist-senior-games-0622-20220622hsgohh2bvbwbb ov4taaxh6y3i-story.html

1984

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Tu Ritter

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1985

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1986

Norma C. Barrett

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1987

Jane N. Woods

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Barclay Shepard

HraAlumniSoccerTeam@gmail.com

Mark Overman '87 played against his son and current HRA student, Charlie Overman (Class of 2024), in the annual Alumni vs. Varsity Soccer Game during Homecoming weekend 2021.

1988

Courtnay B. Gilmore

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David Cross '88 and Nancy LeCuyer Beach '88 joined Kim Allison Cestari '88 as proud parents of students that attend William & Mary. Kim's eldest daughter, Anna, is a Junior there. Dave and his wife, Debby, met up with Nancy and her husband, Bill, on a humid weekend in August 2021 for dropoff and family orientation for Lucy Cross and Hannah Beach.

1989

Laura E. Freed

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Tom Pinotti '89 has become Senior Product Manager for ALM Media LLC in January 2022.

The Middle School football team had the opportunity to meet with James "Jim" Reid '89. Jim played football at HRA, at UVA, and in the NFL with the Houston Oilers. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015, the inaugural year. He is a valued member of our Navigator family, and we appreciate the time he took to share his experience and



David Cross '88

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Jim Reid '89 visits HRA Football

his advice with the 2021 Middle School Football Team.

1990

Stephen J. Leong

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Cynthia Glavas '90 became the Executive Director of Auxiliary Services at William and Mary in January 2022.

1991

David B. Holt

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Thomas Brashears '91 is the Chief Operating Officer at the VMI Alumni Association as well as the Public Address Announcer at VMI.

As of January 2022, **Jed Wible '91** is a Developer for Vivlio Health in Atlanta, Georgia.

1992

Allison Parks Hale

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Bill Blount '92 is about to open a brand-new restaurant in Norfolk called Blue Ribbon Brews and BBQ. Check out their Facebook page for the latest updates here: https://www.facebook.com/blueribbonbrewsandbbq

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1993

Mary Beth Anderson Sherwin mesherwin@kaufcan.com

Nelson Warley '93 has launched a new company called True Places. Nelson has created an innovative new outdoor foldable chair that is both comfortable and durable. Check it out here: https://trueplaces.com/

1994

Petra Buzzell
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1995

Kate Wassum Whitehead kwassum@mindspring.com

Daniel White '95 was a guest speaker in 2 HRA chorus classes back in September 2021. He loved being able to catch up with his former chorus teacher. Mrs. Steinberger, talk to the students about his career in acting, what their dreams are and advice as to how to pursue them. Some of his filmography credits include General Hospital, Law & Order: True Crime, Barbershop (TV), Clarence (TV, voice over) and the Far Cry series (Videogame, voice over).

1996
Katherine M. Wheeler
kate wheeler@mac.com

Christopher Hollomon '96 is now the Marketing Director of Babylon Micro-Farms, which builds innovative indoor all-inone hydroponic farms in



Dan White '95

Richmond, VA. He is also a Cub Master for 125 kids in Pack 876 and a Scout Leader for girls BSA Troop 888 in Midlothian, VA.

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1998
Tasha Young Rose
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William D. Francavilla

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Bill Francavilla '98 was recently featured on the cover of the November 2021 edition of Williamsburg's Next Door Neighbor The month's Magazine. theme was "Thankfulness", and the article follows Bill's journey from being a History major in college, to selling insurance, to him becoming a Pastor at Living Hope Church in Williamsburg. To read the article, visit: https:// www.williamsburgneighbors.com/ issues/2021/Nov21NDN.pdf Photo

Joanna Martin '98 was a Recruiter with Legal, Public Policy & Communication for Meta and since, January 2022, has taken on Executive Search for Core Business at Meta in Washington D.C.

1999 Stacey Chin Lake chin_stacey@yahoo.com Dena Heath Kota denakota@me.com



Bill Francavilla '98 cover feature

2000

Courtney Tanner Salters courtney.tanner@gmail.com Will Allaun wallaun@gmail.com

2001William G. Ligon

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Taylor Dee '01 joined Toyota North America 3.5 years ago and was recently interviewed by FairyGodBoss, which is the largest career community for women. She speaks about how her company encourages Career Development and getting experience across disciplines. She also expresses how Toyota has supported her in the transition from Officer in the Navy to a civilian career. You can read her interview here: https://fairygodboss. com/articles/my-companyencourages-career-developmentand-getting-experienceacross-disciplines-from-aveteran?utm_source=link&utm_ medium=content-share#. YY1igXvOZRk.link

2002

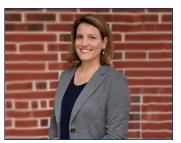
Gray Bowditch

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Daniel Hofmeister

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Aaron O'Brien
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Alison Foley '02 has been



Taylor Dee '01

promoted to Vice President, Investments with Davenport & Company in Williamsburg and was recently featured in the Virginia Gazette.

Leticia Foster '02 is now a Senior Product Marketing Manager at AvidXchange, Inc. as of November 2021.

2003

Cary Micthell

carymitchell@mac.com

Lesley Hogg **'03** working as a business analyst before enrolling with Skillcrush, an interactive online learning community for creatives, thinkers and makers. She's a classically trained violinist who studied music performance college. Music and programming might seem totally unrelated, but, in fact, the combination of analytical skills and creativity needed to be a musician is quite valuable in tech careers too. She's now a software engineer at Toast Inc. and enjoys the flexibility that transitioning to software engineering has brought to her life.

Nathalie Cooper Rose '03 was featured in a Daily



Alison Foley '02 Virginia Gazette Feature

Press article in April 2022. Nathalie, an elementary instructional specialist for literacy, is part of a team in Newport News that created a book club for students in kindergarten through the second grade to improve student literacy and to teach kids how to handle their emotions and interact with others through a series of tips and activities. The program is called the Building Character Book Club and the idea stems from the loss of learning that students had when schools shifted to virtual learning during the pandemic. She talks about how exposing students to the characters in those books may be able to inspire the kids to solve problems and manage feelings in a healthy way. To read more about the article, visit: https://www. dailypress.com/news/education/ dp-nw-newport-news-book-clu-20220417-bnd5nd4nd5pwyxtzrf bjlyhh4xzgap2ti-story.html

2004

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Back in December 2021, Brittany Hall '04 was featured in a live video how discussion about Alibaba.com is partnering with Hello Alice to award 50 x \$10,000 grants to small businesses with innovative product or goto-market ideas. Brittany is the Senior Director of Impact at Hello Alice, which helps small business navigate owners world of entrepreneurship through free resources and community. Brittany was an Alibaba.com Grant Program judge along with 2 others. They discussed how to take your business to the next



Nathalie Cooper Rose '03

level as well as announced their 50 grant recipients.

2005 Andrew Hamer

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Catherine Cotrupi '05 is currently a Graduate Research Assistant at Virginia Tech.

David Schmidt '05 works with Filmmaker, Ken Burns, and has been part of numerous projects with him, the most recent being "Benjamin Franklin" which aired on April 4-5, 2022 on PBS. Make sure to look in the credits for him! Vist the link for more info: https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/ benjamin-franklin/?utm

2006 Raymond S. Herbert scott.06@cox.net Will Ouzts

wouzts@scottstringfellow.com
Mackenzie '07 and
Miles Suttle '06 not only
welcomed their newborn
into the world, but they
were featured in a Wavy
TV article for the occasion!
Shepard Miles Suttle
became the 2021st baby



Brittany Hall '04 Feature

born in 2021 at Riverside Regional Medical Center in Newport News, VA on September 22nd. Click here to see the article: https://www.wavy.com/news/health/2021st-baby-born-at-riverside-regional-medical-center/

2007
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2008Robert D. Abbott rda4zf@virginia.edu

Sarah Kashtan '08 is now the Senior Director of National Accounts at Apex Systems.

In December 2021, Lucas Pervan '08 became the Solutions Architect for Dropbox in Dublin, Ireland.

Chris '08 and Sarah Vogt '08 welcomed their son, August, in October 2021. They live in Arlington with their two pugs, Fergus and Rory. Chris works for the U.S. Department of State, and Sarah is a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

2009

Megan Gretka Duran mgretka13@gmail.com Mario Buffa mbuffa88@gmail.com

Megan Duran '09 and husband, Juan Pablo, welcomed their first child Matteo Alexander Duran on September 24, 2021.

2010

Marshall Jordan emarshalljordan@gmail.com

Cole Brundage '10 and Abby Smith '13 were married on May 14, 2022 at the Tides Inn in Irvington,





David Schmidt '05

Virginia. HRA alums Emily Hilburger '10 and Mara Chandler '11 were in attendance. Cole works at Ferguson Enterprises as a Corporate Security Specialist and Abby is a Social Worker at Eastern State Hospital. They live together in Newport News with their three cats: Coco, Pearl, and Grace.

Liz Dunnigan '10 and Will Harris IV '10 got married on June 19, 2021, at Keswick Vineyards in Charlottesville, VA. Liz is the owner of Ella James, an online women's lifestyle boutique, and Will is employed by The Boston Consulting Group. The couple is currently residing in Washington, D.C. Photo

Nick Livingstone '10 graduated from VCU in December 2021 with a



Chris and Sarah Vogt '08 newborn



Mackenzie and Miles Suttle with their new born baby

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Megan Duran '09

double major in Economics and Political Science. In March 2022, he began working at CoStar Group as the Tenant Research Associate.

After dating long distance, moving to Northern VA, and getting engaged outside the Governor's Palace gardens in Williamsburg, VA in May 2020, Katherine Lockwood '10 married Hunter Hinnant. They're grateful that they were able to navigate the past 18 months of challenges in the world together and celebrate their wedding safely, vaccinated with family and friends, at the Williamsburg Inn on August 21, 2021

2011 Nicole Rento nmrento@gmail.com After her July 2021 wedding, the following



Brundage and Smith Wedding



Dunnigan and Harris Wedding

month **Jordan Lipinski**'11 started her position
as News Producer for
KOMO 4 News in Seattle,
Washington. KOMO 4 News
is an ABC News affiliate.

2012 Jack Geddy

jack.geddy@gmail.com

Marshall Bagley '12, and
his father Rick Bagley
Jr. CRPC, are happy to
announce the launch
of the Bagley Wealth
Management Group of
Wells Fargo Advisors. Their
team looks forward to
serving the Hampton Roads
region with professionalism
and integrity for years to
come. To learn more about
their group, you can visit

their website here: https://

Inkd.in/ghcZbXHR.

On February 26, 2022, Danielle Bebout '12 married Colin Schroeder in Arizona, which is where they live. Danielle works in property management and Colin is in construction after having retired from firefighting and team roping. HRA alumni in attendance were Miranda Gilbert '12 (Bridesmaid) and Andrea Straughter '12.

Marnie Blalock '12 graduated VCU/MCV School of Medicine on May 13, 2022. Her father Ward Blalock '75, sister Nora Blalock '09 and cousin Morgan Blalock '12 were in attendance to cheer her on.



Katherine Lockwood '10 Wedding

She's excited to announce that she'll be moving to Houston, Texas to start her pediatrics residency at Baylor University.

As a member of Save the Children's US Emergencies Surge Team, Kim Jurczyk **'12** was the Site Lead for the organization's Afghan Refugee Response at the Dulles Airport in Chantilly, VA in September 2021. She oversaw distributing diapers, rash cream, wet wipes, baby formula, and other priority items to mothers and babies coming into the US. If you'd like more information or to support these efforts, click here. Kim also got married to Andrew Jackson at the Philip Merrill Center in Annapolis, MD on May 22, 2022. HRA alumni in attendance were Matthew Rivera '12, Stephanie Parker '12. and Chris Hunt '12. Kim and Andrew are currently living in Washington, D.C.

On New Year's Eve (2021), Bree Kitchens '12 tied the knot with David Neuberger in Atlanta, Georgia. Alums Matthew Rivera '12 and Megan Shuford '12 were also in attendance. Bree and David currently live in Atlanta, Georgia and Bree is working for Zoo Atlanta as



of Wells Fargo Advisors

Marshall Bagley '12 Logo



Danielle Bebout '12 Wedding

the Sales Manager

On October 9, 2021, Lena Nguyen '12 married Kevin Li at Norfolk Botanical Gardens. Lena works at CMA CGM, a maritime logistics company and Kevin works at Capital Group. They currently live in Chesapeake.

Dr. William Steinberger'12 earned a PhD in
Nuclear Engineering and
Radiological Sciences from
the University of Michigan
on June 4, 2021. Will is
employed by Siemens
Medical Corporation as a
research scientist and living
in Knoxville, Tennessee.

On May 9, 2022, Andrea Straughter '12 married Brice Jacobs at Malachi Meadows in Currie, NC. They live in Wilmington, NC, where Andrea is a therapist at UNCW's Counseling Center. Alumni Miranda Gilbert '12 attended and was a bridesmaid in the wedding.

In January 2022, Marissa Wheeler '12 became a Decision Support Analyst for the College of Charleston.



Marnie Blalock '12 Graduation



Kim Jurczyk '12

Jordan Witt '12 married Katie Smith at James River Country Club on October 2. 2021. There were a number of HRA alums in attendance, including Karsten Witt '07, Kelsey Witt '09, Matt Sarfan '12 (groomsman and officiant), Marshall Bagley '12, Murat Tosunoglu '12, Wilson Waddill '12 and Kyle Imhof '12. Jordan works at Chesterfield Physical Therapy, which is a small outpatient orthopedic clinic in Midlothian, VA. Katie is currently working with Sheltering Arms and VCU as she gets her NCS (neurological clinical specialist) certification.

2013

Allen Jones

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Taylor Ferebee

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Chandler Davis '13 is proud to announce that he will be going to Riverside Regional Medical Center for his residency training in Emergency Medicine!

Ryann DeChirico '13

has started as the new
Assistant Project Manager
at Facility Logix. Facility
Logix specializes in the
biotech industry and Ryann
will be responsible for
assisting Project Managers
from Phase 1 through
Design and Construction.

JP Gaffney '13

accomplished his goal of becoming an Air Force pilot in December 2020. After getting his wings, he was



Lena Nguyen '12

stationed at Hurlburt Field in Florida. JP is qualified in his airframe, the U-28, as part of the Air Force Special Operations Command and is heading to Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico to join his operations squadron. Aim High!

Courtney MacMasters '13 is excited to announce that she's accepted the position of Accessibility Specialist at the University of Virginia. She is looking forward to making a difference and calling Charlottesville home.

On May 21, 2022,
Geoff Marston '13
married Madison Kuiper
in Louisville, KY. HRA
Alumni in attendance
were Taylor Lawson '13
(groomsman), Trevor
Vonu '13 (groomsman)
and Claire Bresee '13. The
Marston's live in Greenville,
SC, where Geoff is an
orthopedic surgery resident
and Madison is in medical
device sales.

David Scheiderer '13 was promoted in April 2022 to Senior Consultant-Commercial Property Tax at Ryan Tax Services.

On May 14, 2022, Trent



Bree Kitchens '12 Wedding



William Steinberger '12

Topping '13 married Erin Fenton in Williamsburg at the Colonial Heritage Golf Club, HRA alumni in attendance were Clai Kenney '14, Ayden Canavos '14, Quincy Mock '14, Banks Wall '14. Paul LaPointe '13, Latane Harris '13, Sam Bateman '13, Phil Schwarting '13, David Maser '13, Claire Breese '13, Meredith Rauch '13, **Brittany Duguay '13,** Elizabeth LoCicero '13. Lauren Yevak '13, Taylor Lawson '13. Allen Jones **13**, Trevor Topping **11**, Andrew Maser '11, John **Dunnigan '11** and **Tommy** Yevak '83 (current faculty). Trent and Erin are currently living in Richmond where Trent is a Sales Manager for Ferguson Enterprises and Erin just finished her Master of Business in Health Administration.

Lucy Trieshmann '13

co-wrote the paper "The Breaking Point: A Critical Disability Analysis of Abolition" and it was published in late 2021 in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review Online. Winner of Penn's Public Interest Essay Competition, it discusses



Andrea Straughter '12 Wedding

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Jordan Witt '12 Wedding

the interrelatedness of disability justice and the abolition movement through a legal lens. To read the essay, click here. At the end of May 2022, Lucy graduated from NYU Law and she'll be joining the less than 1% of lawyers who are disabled. At graduation, she also won a Vanderbilt Medal for her contributions to the law school and the Jessica Klurfeld Prize for a paper she wrote on the rights of people with intellectual disabilities.

Rachel Waller '13 recently moved to Kansas City, Missouri and has started working at Children's Mercy Hospital as a physical therapist.

2014
Christian Burnett
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Rachel Braig

rkbraig@gmail.com Elise "Ellie" Ferguson '14 started in a new position



Chandler Davis '13

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Courtney MacMasters '13

in January 2022. She is now Fraud Specialist III at Capital One.

Katherine Galantich'14 works at Carahsoft
as a Senior Marketing
Coordinator. She's also
started a new position as
Founder at Oasis Mobile
App LLC.

In April 2022, **Clai Kenney '14** accepted a new position as a Medical Device Sales Representative at DJO (Medical Devices and Services) in Charlotte, NC.

2015

Courtney Montgomery courtneyannaleea.m@gmail.com

Tyler Jones

222tjones@gmail.com
Claudia Arce '15 will be
attending St. George's
University, School of
Veterinary Medicine in
Grenada starting in August
2022.

Nicole Piercy '15 is currently in the Physician Assistant Program at Rutgers University. It's a 3-year program, her program is ranked top 20 and she's in the didactic phase, taking science and clinical courses. Nicole's current interests are emergency med and women's health and after she graduates in 2024, she hopes to end back up in Virginia.

On December 11, 2021. **Thomas Roberson '15** graduated from Elon University's School of Law. He took the BAR exam in February and in May, was sworn in as an attorney in the state of North Carolina. Thomas intends to start his career in Eden, NC as private council doing all sorts of law (domestic, contracts, real estate, estate planning etc.) with a focus on criminal defense. He hopes to eventually return to Virginia to practice.

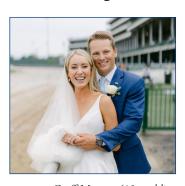
2016

Troy Clark

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meghan.k.lee98@gmail.com

Scott Jones '16 graduated from Duke University in 2020 with a degree in Public Policy, but he was finally able to celebrate at the Class of 2020 make-up Graduation Ceremony on September 27, 2021. He was also featured in Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy's Young Alumni video: "What Can You Do with a Degree in Public Policy?" In it, you can listen to 2020 Duke Sanford School graduates



Geoff Marston '13 wedding



Trent Topping '13 wedding

speak about their postundergraduate experiences and reflect on their time studying at the Sanford School. Scott is currently an Analyst at Deloitte Consulting, where he works mainly with energy, renewables, and mitigating climate change. You can find the video on Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy's webpage, https://sanford.duke. edu/. Scott was officially accepted to all the Law Schools that he applied to: Yale, Stanford, Harvard, Chicago, Columbia, NYU, Penn, UVA, Duke, Michigan, Northwestern, UCLA, USC, Vanderbilt, and Arizona State! In April, he decided that he'll be attending Yale University Law School.

Jess Miller '16 started his new job as a Recruiter at Epic Systems in August 2021. Epic is a healthcare software company in Wisconsin and in addition to recruiting, Jess also runs their TikTok account, which people can follow at @ lifeatepic



Lucy Trieshmann '13



Scott Jones '16

2017

Carter Gilmore

carterg199@gmail.com On June 5, 2021, Leigha **Arcand '17** married Evan Tabbi in Purlear, North Carolina. There were many HRA alumni in attendance. including Mr. Gene Arcand (Current HRA Science Teacher), Taitum O'Brien '16, Nick Arcand '14, Rhett Deverich '17, Leigha, Bella Salas '17, Nick Xu '17, Greg Arcand '17, Will Arcand '14, Rob Arcand '12, and Patricia Zarate '14. Leigha graduated Summa Cum Laude from Appalachian State in May 2021 with a degree in finance and banking. Evan is a motorcycle technician in Norfolk and Leigha is a financial advisor in Chesapeake. They currently live in Isle of Wight.

In March 2022, **Matthew Hardy '17** became a Police
Officer in the City of
Newport News, VA.

In early March 2022,
Alexandria "Alex"
White '17 married Kirill
Shevchenko. Claudia
Dockery '15 was a
bridesmaid in the wedding.
Alex and Kirill live in
Overland Park, Kansas and
Alex works in Eudora, KS as
General Manager of a local
coffeeshop business.



Thomas Roberson '15

2018 Eryn Gaffney

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Weezie Campbell
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In December 2021, Josh Higdon '18 graduated (in 3.5 years) from University of Richmond with 3 Bachelor of Arts degrees: LALIS (Latin American, Latino, and Iberian Studies), psychology and Cognitive Science. They also conducted research at U of R on bilingual linguistics, which led to them presenting at three national conferences and being published in Language Learning, which is one of the most prestigious journals in their field. They are proud to announce that they will start pursuing their PhD in Hispanic Linguistics at the University of Florida starting in Fall 2022.

On May 10, 2022, Adam Stein '18 graduated from Arizona State University, cum laude from the Barrett Honors College and the WP Carey School of Business with a degree in Business Management. He'll be attending the Berklee Master program for Global Entertainment and Music Business in Valencia, Spain.

Alexys Weihl '18 graduated (in 3.5 years) from Virginia Commonwealth University in December



Leigha Arcand '17

2021. She received 2 degrees: Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Bachelor of Arts in Music. She's currently applying to schools so she can attain her PhD in Clinical Psychology.

2019

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Layne Bartollbartol@clemson.edu

Carey Hutchens

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Gracie Campbell '19 is
excited to announce that
she has accepted a position
to return to YMCA Camp
Seafarer in Arapahoe, NC
for the Summer of 2022.
She'll be joining the team
as an Assistant Program
Administrator in charge of
the waterskiing program.

HRA's 12th graders took a class wide field trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond, Virginia on Tuesday, March 15th. HRA Faculty members, Mrs.



Alex White '17 wedding



Matthew Hardy '17

Laurie Hager and Mr. Scott George, thoroughly planned a self-tour for the students. Five faculty members were stationed throughout the museum near displays of their expertise and interest. The senior class was broken up into twelve groups and were given times to visit each of the five faculty members. In between those time periods, they were participating in a thoughtful scavenger hunt. Then, to make a great field trip even better, Chef Uwe prepared boxed lunches that the students were able to enjoy in the Sculpture Garden. Ford Silberhorn '19, who attends VCU, met up with his sister Addy Silberhorn '22 and joined them for the day as well. In the process of exploring this museum, Mrs. Hager happened to befriend someone who is affiliated with the VMFA's Board of Trustees and it happened to be HRA Alumna Anne Noland Edwards '68!





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Our condolences to the families of: (July 1, 2021 through May 31 2022)

Bennie Everson Barnett, father of Elizabeth "Beth" Barnett Hunt '78, August 18, 2021.

Ruth Gordon Hirsch Berman, grandmother of Rachel Hirsch Hennessy '13 and current Director of Alumni Relations/Events, December 27, 2021.

Wilma Latta Blalock, mother of Dr. Julian "Ward" Blalock Jr. '75 and Robert Blalock '77, grandmother of Nora Blalock '09 and Marnie Blalock '12, January 22, 2022.

Kenneth Wayne Bostic '81, brother of Bryan Taylor Bostic '79 (former trustee), stepbrother of Kay Peebles Ferguson '85, uncle of Lauren Ann-Phillips Bostic '08, Ellie Ferguson '14 and Scott Ferguson '17, April 21, 2022.

Margaret Louise Phelps "Marguerite" Bostic, wife of Bryan Taylor Bostic '79 (former trustee), sister-in-law of Kenneth Wayne Bostic '81 (deceased), and aunt of Lauren Ann-Phillips Bostic '08, May 12, 2022.

Rev. Nicholas J. Despotides, grandfather of Constantine "Dean" Chioros '13, January 23, 2022.

James "Jim" Lee Foltz, former HRA Bus Driver from 2014-2020, husband of current Bus Driver Debra "Debbie" Foltz, May 15, 2022.

Mary Jane Gillespie, mother of former HRA Faculty/Staff and Wall of Honor inductee Maxwell Gillespie III and mother-in-law of Karen Gillespie, former HRA Faculty/Staff and Wall of Honor inductee, grandmother of Kelly Gillespie '97 and Meredith Anne "Maggie" Gillespie Coppinger '01, January 29, 2022.

Yoko Marie Haas, grandmother of Lily Haas (Class of 2025), February 10, 2022.

Shirley Anne Tatem Hill, grandmother of Joshua "Josh" Puterbaugh '13, March 3, 2022.

Nancy Jane McBride Hogg, wife of former teacher and coach Walter Herman Hogg (deceased), mother of Rev.

Jason Hogg '98 and Lesley Hogg '03, March 28, 2022.

Mary Sherwood Holt, mother of Saxon Holt '70, Michael Holt '71, Maria Holt '77, Elizabeth "Beth" Holt '74 and Frankie Holt '86, September 27, 2021.

Martha Sue Bien Hunsucker, former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1980-1992, September 25, 2021.

Daniel Lewis "Dan" Knapp, father of Daniel "Dan" T. Knapp '93, October 31, 2021.

Charles Francis Lascola, father of Sherri Lascola Gretka '81, grandfather of Megan Gretka Duran '09 and Wyatt Gretka '16, November 9, 2021.

Jean Ellen Lau, mother-in-law of Keith Vander Vennet '83 (former turstee), grandmother of Katherine "Claire" Vander Vennet '18, Elizabeth "Grace" Vander Vennet '21 and Kenneth Vander Vennet (Class of 2024), February 4, 2021.

Michael Clark McDonald, father of Devon McDonald '19 and Baylee McDonald (Class of 2026), September 14, 2021.

Dr. Morris H. Morgan III, former HRA trustee member and father of Kristin Morgan '03, February 25, 2022.

Charles Meredith "Bags" Nichols '86, son of former HRA Faculty/Staff from 1975-1985 Mary Agnes

Aronsohn/Davis Nichols, November 11, 2021.

Andie Ourednik '67, sister of The Hon. Theodore "Ted" Ourednik '70, June 13, 2021.

Walter Cary Palmer III, father of Elizabeth "Liz" Palmer Keplesky '76 and Susan Palmer Harlow '79, December 14, 2021.

Danguole "Dee" Eugenia Pototzky, mother of Anthony Pototzky Jr. '13, March 17, 2022.

Barbara Kelly Riggins, mother-in-law of Bradford Brown (current trustee), grandmother of Jackson "Jack" Brown (Class of 2027), Darcy Brown (Class of 2030) and Brooks Brown (Class of 2032), February 20, 2022.

Clarice "Ranae" Ranae Blasingame Robbins '76, August 17, 2021.

E. Wesley Shumate Jr. '85, brother of Anne Shumate '76 and Mary Gibson Shumate Waddill '79, step-brother of N. Jones Macon '80 (deceased) and Richard Macon '82, uncle of Samuel "Sam" Waddill IV '08, November 1, 2021.

Charles "Charlie" Robert Spencer Jr., former HRA trustee member from 1978-89, board chair from 1984-86 and Wall of Honor Inductee, father of Charles R. "Tripp" Spencer III '80 and Edward G.S. "Ned" Spencer '85, grandfather of Charles R. "Charlie" Spencer IV '10, Anne Waverly Spencer '14, Edward G.S. "Scott" Spencer Jr. '19 and Noelle P. Spencer '21, January 2, 2022.

Dr. Thamer Eugene "Gene" Temple Jr., father of Thamer "Chip" Temple III '80 and Meredith Temple-O'Connor '89, December 25, 2021.

Guy Townsend '64, brother of Kate Townsend Wilbur '66, son of Dr. Bertram F. Townsend (former trustee) (deceased), November 15, 2021.

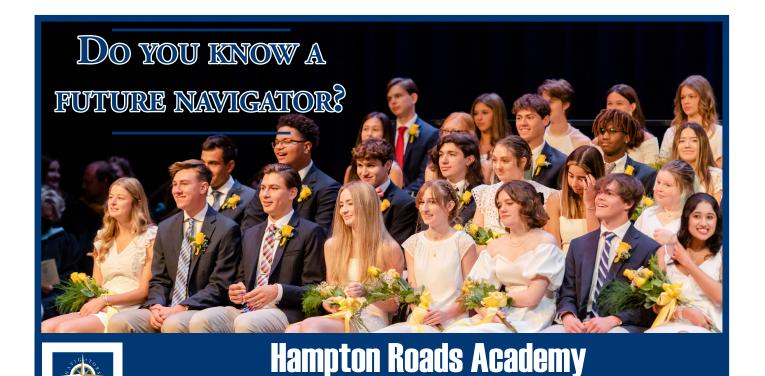
John H. Turlington, grandfather of Samantha Turlington '08 and Leigh Turlington Salazar '13, November 14, 2021.

Mary Randolph Scott "Ranny" Waddill, mother-in-law of Mary Gibson Shumate Waddill '79, grandmother of Samuel "Sam" Waddill IV '08, November 25, 2021.

Mary MacLeod Woodruff, former HRA Art Teacher from 1987-1992, wife of former HRA Head of School from 1987-1992 J. Don Woodruff, February 16, 2022.



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