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September

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October

8th Walsingham Academy Annual Golf Tournament

November

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December

2nd Lower School Christmas Concert

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9th Upper School Christmas Concert

January

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Catholic Schools Week

February

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26th 50th Annual Dinner & Auction

March

11–12th Spring Musical

April

10th Easter Egg Hunt on the Green

May

6th Upper School May Crowning

13th Lower School May Crowning

June

4th Walsingham Academy's 75th Commencement Exercises



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From the Pen of Sister Mary Jeanne...

Dear Walsingham Family & Friends,

This past academic year marked my 30th at Walsingham Academy. It was certainly a most unique year—one filled with challenges. I can truly say, though, that every member of this Walsingham community turned these challenges into opportunities. The 2020-2021 academic year was the ultimate team effort with faculty, staff, students and parents all rising to the occasion to keep everyone safe and in their classrooms for the entire year.

While we were unable to hold our fall production this year, we did hold a cabaret-style event in March. Students on both sides of the green entertained a small, socially distanced crowd in McAuley Hall—as well as community members at home who tuned in for a livestream—with an evening of song and dance. It was wonderful to see students gracing our stage once again, expressing themselves through their incredible talents. If you'd like to watch the performance, it's available by going to Walsingham.org/cabaret.

In February, our own Neil Bailey was named Virginia's Independent Schools Athletic Administrator of the Year by the VIAAA. What a tremendous and very well-deserved honor! I am so proud of Neil, Assistant Athletic Director Mike Brantley, and all of our coaches for their hard work ensuring our student-athletes had opportunities to safely play year-round. We often talk about developing the entire child at Walsingham Academy and, surely, providing students with the chance to compete and exercise is an integral part of that mission.

Also in February, we held our first-ever virtual auction fundraising event. Truthfully, I had no idea what to expect from a virtual auction, but thanks to the generosity and support from our supporters and sponsors, a total of \$140,000 was raised. The funds will go toward purchasing a new sound system for Mercy Hall, overhead projectors for Lower and Upper Schools, an automatic kiln for the Upper School Art Department, and new collaborative desks for Upper School classrooms. While the virtual auction was a success, nothing can beat having the Walsingham community together each year for our in-person event. I hope to see many of you at our *actual* 50th Dinner & Auction on Feb. 26, 2022!

On June 5th, our 74th graduating class received their diplomas in a traditional Walsingham commencement ceremony. I have been saying this Class of 2021 is small but formidable. The 22 graduates earned acceptances into nearly 100 colleges and universities and more than \$2.7 million in merit-based scholarships and awards as of mid-June. I congratulate them all on their many, many accomplishments.

Looking forward, the future of Walsingham Academy is bright. All over the country, Catholic schools are struggling to stay open. Walsingham, however, exceeded its enrollment goal for the 2021-2022 school year before the end of April! Your support absolutely helped make that possible. Thank you. You are all such a blessing to our students.

Sincerely,



Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle
President



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INSIGHT FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER

A Reasonable Doubt

by Ann M. Efimetz

In my favorite movie of all time, *"The Sound of Music,"* there is a quote a character says that I have always remembered, which has provided me with comfort over these many years. One of the nuns at the abbey is pictured complaining to the Reverend Mother because of Maria's (Julie Andrews) continued actions of leaving the abbey without permission.

"Well, Reverend Mother, I hope this new infraction ends whatever doubts you may still have about Maria's future here," the nun snipes. Without missing a beat, the Reverend Mother replies, "I always try to keep faith in my doubts, Sister Berthe."

"I always try to keep faith in my doubts."

That is a line I often repeat to myself when things aren't going exactly my way and I doubt that God is guiding me along the path.

Doubt. The dictionary defines it as a "feeling of being uncertain or unsure of something." Doubt is a part of life. But how does it fit in to a spiritual life? Is doubt contrary to faith?

In John's gospel, we hear the story of "Doubting Thomas." John is the only gospel writer who includes this account, and it is one that we likely have all heard before. The scene takes place in the Upper Room where the disciples had been hiding since Jesus' arrest and death. After the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to them, but Thomas was not there. When Thomas returned, the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

The next week when the disciples were again together and Thomas was present, Jesus appeared and said,

"Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Thomas and his doubt, his questioning, is really a story that represents all of us who try to live lives of faith. We probably all will admit to having our own "Doubting Thomas" moments. We want to know with certainty, we want a guarantee that God is there, that things will work out, and that when we die, we will go to heaven. We want to know. We want tangible proof. That's human nature.

Even the greatest saints have admitted to having doubt from time to time. In the 2007 book, *"Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light,"* a collection of letters written to colleagues and superiors for more than 65 years, Mother Teresa revealed in letters to a close friend that she suffered prolonged periods of doubt.

But despite her dark valleys of spiritual dryness, she also expressed her deep commitment to her faith and her desire to help and serve the poor through her vocation as the head

of the Sisters of Charity. She persevered, even in the face of doubt and her example continues to be an inspiration for us. Saint Teresa of Calcutta was canonized a saint by Pope Francis in 2016.

Lives of many great saints, like the apostle Thomas and Mother Teresa, are dotted with times of doubt, when all hope and assurance seemed lost. That's because we live in a difficult world that is often painful and disappointing. There are things that we may think about that we know will never be fully understood during our life. There are questions that will never be answered.

But in a way, doesn't doubt keeps us praying? Doesn't doubt keep us searching, wanting to know more about God and our faith? Doesn't doubt ultimately strengthen our faith, so that we more firmly believe?

Over the past year, since COVID-19 has turned our worlds upside down, we likely all have had more doubt than ever before. We have all been dealing with troubling circumstances, separation from friends and loved ones, concern about staying healthy, the inability to participate in the activities that we have grown accustomed to. All these things have sown doubt and confusion. We have likely all wondered when things are going to get better.

The Psalmist David constantly beseeched God for his help and grace. His words of Psalm 77 written thousands of years ago still echo with how we may be feeling during the difficult year:

*"Will the Lord reject forever?
Will he never show his favor again?
Has his unfailing love vanished forever?
Has his promise failed for all time?
Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"*

This kind of doubt written by David and experienced by extraordinary spiritual masters can provide us with comfort as we continue our walk, because their doubt tells us that we are not alone in our thoughts and feelings. We are not the only ones who have ever had misgivings.

When the angel Gabriel appeared to the Mary and told her she would be God's mother, Mary was troubled. She didn't understand how this could happen, as she had not yet been married. But despite her own doubts, her questioning, Mary said yes to God and to His plan. She wasn't sure. But in a true leap of faith she said, "Be it done to me according to your Word."

As we make our way through our days, may we take heart, even when we doubt. God knows our hearts. He knows our struggles. It's ok to admit we don't know all the answers. It's ok to be unsure sometimes. But, if we take our own leaps of faith and continue to have *faith in our doubts*, we can assuredly know through the steadfast promises of our God, that when we leap, He will always be there to catch us.



'PILLAR OF WALSINGHAM'

Inspired Others with Her Faith

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by Jennifer Neville



Sister Rose Morris has been a "pillar" at Walsingham Academy, Williamsburg, as she taught with joy, comforted people in distress and lived her faith. She has retired after 33 years at the school, and she will be missed.

School president Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle said Sister Rose is "a magnificent teacher" and "a beautiful religious, a beautiful Sister of Mercy" whose "faith life is an example to everyone she meets."

"She is beloved, and people will say that they have grown closer to God or have been brought back to God because of her faith and

her spirituality," said Sister Mary Jeanne, also a member of the Sisters of Mercy.

Susan Morelli, lower school reading specialist, called Sister Rose "a pillar of Walsingham" who "humbly" cared for teachers, students and parents.

Growing up in Philadelphia, Sister Rose, 88, received a Catholic education and lived in a family where "religion was very much practiced" at home, she said. She remembers going to weekly Masses and praying the rosary for world peace at alternating homes in her Catholic neighborhood during World War II.

She had a younger sister who died of leukemia at age 7 and a younger brother. The tragedy helped Sister Rose in later life when comforting those in sorrow after a loved one passed away, she said.

When Sister Rose was in the fifth grade, she began considering becoming a religious after reading a book about St. Therese, known as the Little Flower. As the years passed, that thought "went on the back burner," especially in eighth grade when she was interested in boys and social activities, she said.

She was an upperclassman when she again felt called to be a religious. She prayed, read books, talked to and observed sisters of various communities and toured convents. She felt called to the Sisters of Mercy, which has a motherhouse in Merion, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. She joined the community in fall of 1951, soon after graduating high school.

At the time, the sisters were restricted to being teachers or nurses in hospitals. She chose to be an educator because she wanted to work with children. She said the job was "fun" and introduced her to "wonderful people."

Sister Rose earned a bachelor's in literature from Villanova University and a master's in curriculum development from Temple University, both in the Philadelphia area. She began teaching in the mid- 1950s.

Over the years, she taught every grade from pre-K to 12th in Catholic schools in Philadelphia, Florida and Williamsburg. She spent the last several years teaching religion to students from pre-K to fifth grade.

Sister Mary Jeanne said students looked forward to Sister Rose's religion classes because she made learning fun. She taught about faith in terms and methods tailored to each grade level. She especially enjoyed having students act out Gospel stories.

Sister Rose taught Bible stories, faith values and how to "talk to God quietly in their hearts," Sister Mary Jeanne said, adding that Sister Rose told the students, "If you need anything, turn to God. That is where the help will come from."

Students at Walsingham are encouraged to live their faith by being the hands and feet of Christ. Pre-COVID, Sister Rose took small groups of students from fourth through seventh grades to nursing homes to cheer the residents. Sister Mary Jeanne said the students loved the opportunity and hoped to be among those selected to go each week.

"Jesus said go forth and teach all nations, and that is our task really as Christians, to go forth and do what we can in our little corner of the world," Sister Rose said. She also visited Catholics in nursing homes on her own on Sundays and offered them Communion.

Marian Gansler, school nurse who has known Sister Rose for 17 years, said she is a woman of great faith, knowledge and devotion and that she is "a giving, giving person" who "embodies the mercy charism" and is "a Sister of Mercy through and through."

Morelli, who has known Sister Rose for 25 years, called her "the comforter" at Walsingham because whenever someone, be it a student, teacher or parent, was sick, in sorrow or facing some other strife, Sister Rose was one of the first people to respond with a phone call, a card or a visit. She also sent people cards "just to bring some joy."

Similarly, Sister Mary Jeanne said, "She just has a gift for reaching out to anyone who just has a need of someone to say, 'I care. You are not alone, and you're loved by God.'"

When Morelli's mother died, the cards Sister Rose sent her were so "beautifully written" that Morelli "treasures them" and rereads them when she needs "to feel God's presence."

Morelli said Sister Rose is always positive and unassuming. "We were blessed to have her," Morelli said. Sister Rose also feels blessed.

"It's really a privilege to teach," she said. "I've had so many good experiences really, and all I can say is thank you."



FRESHMAN BRYCE MCHOSE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF Virginia's Top Student Volunteers

by Ryan Cane



Bryce McHose, a member of Walsingham's Class of 2024, has been recognized as one of the top student volunteers in Virginia for his "exceptional initiative in service to the community."

Bryce was awarded a Certificate of Excellence by the judges in the 2021 Prudential Spirit of

Community Awards, the United States' largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service.

This certification means that Bryce's volunteer activities were judged to be among the top 10 percent of all of those considered in Virginia this year.

Based on the number of volunteer hours Bryce completed, he has also qualified for the President's Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered a significant portion of their time to serve their communities and country.

Last year Bryce started the Williamsburg Area Thirst Project. The Thirst Project is a non-profit organization that works with the support of young people—like Bryce—to end the global water crisis by building freshwater wells in developing areas. Bryce was inspired to begin a Williamsburg chapter after learning about the organization in Ms. Bergamini's class. Bryce's Williamsburg Area group predominately consists of other Walsingham students.

The first Williamsburg Area event—a car wash—was held in October at Walsingham and raised more than \$1,000!

"It was our first event and in just a few hours we raised a

twelfth of the cost for a freshwater well," Bryce said.

Bryce says he is now working on a new online course to help educate teachers and students about the Thirst Project and the water crisis.

"I was motivated to start working with the Thirst Project by the whole idea that you can save people who are dying from a lack of something we have and may take for granted," Bryce said. "Getting water to people quickly can change a life."

He is currently working on plans for future fundraising and awareness-boosting events.

Bryce also helps with the Trojans Spirit Store. This year he put all of the store's stock into an online gallery that may be accessed on any device, allowing potential shoppers to see the most up-to-date information on what is available. He plans to resume in-person sales at basketball games when it is safe to do so.

Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals created the Spirit of Community Awards in 1995. Since its inception, it has honored 140,000 students who have made a difference.

"Bryce is an outstanding example of servant leadership in our ninth grade class," Upper School Director Angie Baker said. "He has worked hard in the organization of local events for the Thirst Project, helped with our Trojan Spirit Store, and many other behind-the-scenes efforts here. We are delighted to know that his leadership and service has been recognized."



Retiring Faculty and Staff



Mrs. Denise Bowman
5 Years



Mrs. Kathy Eanes
12 years



Ms. Marie Stone
17 years



Mrs. Mary Johnston
35 Years

MR. NICOLOFF WINS VA SOCIETY SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION'S Teacher of the Year Contest

by Ryan Cane

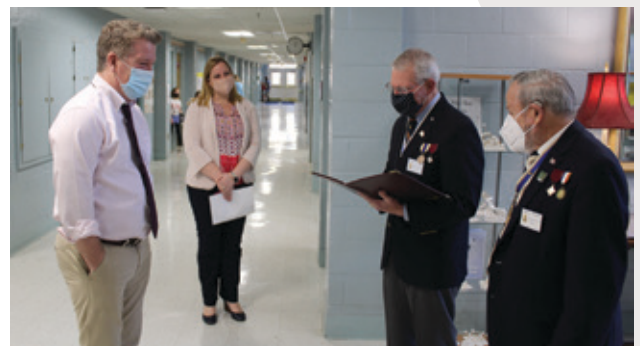


We are thrilled to share that our own Mr. Jeffrey Nicoloff has won the Virginia Society Sons of the American Revolution's Teacher of the Year contest! The award recognized Mr. Nicoloff for "excellence in teaching American history in the Revolutionary War era." The Williamsburg Chapter of the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) also thanked Mr. Nicoloff for his work with their middle school brochure contest that helps promote patriotism and preserving our nation's history.

Additionally, the Sons of the American Revolution has a national competition for the Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher award. By virtue of winning the state contest, Mr. Nicoloff was a finalist for the national award.

"Mr. Nicoloff has a contagious spirit that he uses to teach his students about history," Lower School Director Mrs. Naswadi said. "He is a wonderful middle school history teacher, one who is eager to make a difference in the lives of his students."

Mr. Nicoloff was recognized virtually for these honors and was surprised with his physical awards during the school day on Thursday, Feb. 25 by the Williamsburg SAR president, Roger Cross.



DIVERSITY & ANTI-RACISM Transformation Team

Last summer, Walsingham faculty and staff formed a committee focused on the Sisters of Mercy Critical Concern of anti-racism. Racism in all its form contradicts Catholic Social Teaching, which calls for the respect for the human dignity of every person.

Over the course of the last academic year, the Diversity and Anti-Racism Transformation Team has:



- Organized celebrations of Black History Month, Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, and Women's History Month

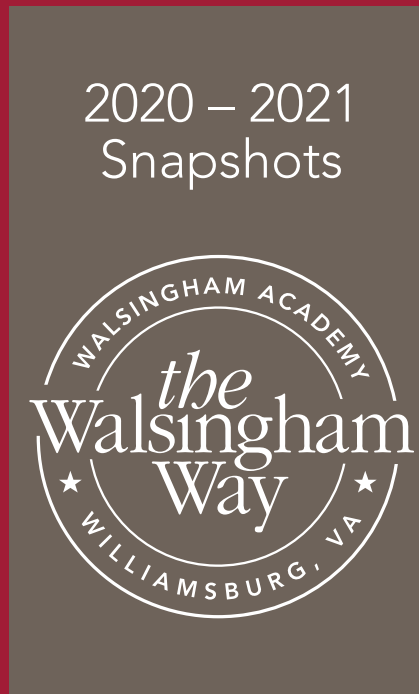
- Created a page on Walsingham.org with the group's mission statement, resource links and a feedback form

- Invited guest speakers to faculty meetings, including local community members and higher education professionals

- Introduced discussion topics to Upper School theology students

The committee will continue to seek new ways to promote diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the Academy.





SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Q & A with Olivia Robinson



Olivia Robinson attended Walsingham Academy for fourteen years, making her one of five "Walsingham Lifers" in the Class of 2021. During her time at Walsingham she participated in varsity swim team, track and field, and most recently, field hockey. Olivia says, "teamwork is such a valuable skill to have, and I have loved participating alongside so many amazing people". Not only has she been involved with Academy sports, Olivia also has been an active member of the theatre department since

5th grade, starring in productions such as *Godspell*, *Pajama Game*, *The Cabaret*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, *Music Man*, and *Footloose*. Olivia had lead roles in *Annie*, *Anything Goes*, and *42nd Street*. Olivia states that "being in the theatre community has helped shape my presentation and speaking skills as well as my confidence". Over the years, she has been involved in the World Cultures Club, Spirit Club, and National Honors Society.

Olivia was an All-Virginia State Chorus nominee and participant for two years of her high-school singing career, nominee for the Virginia district 8 chorus for four years, received the William & Mary Leadership Award, and was awarded the Female Scholar Athlete of the Year.

This fall, Olivia will attend The University of Tennessee and major in Political Science with a concentration in pre-law.

Following her undergraduate education, she intends to go to law school with the goal of becoming a lawyer and working in politics.

Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?

A. Most of all, I will miss the people with whom I have spent my school days. Some

of these classmates have been with me since Pre-K and elementary school. We have gone through so much together, and I will miss all the fun times we had going through the trials and celebrations of school together.



Q. What has been your favorite memory of your time at Walsingham Academy?

A. My favorite memory at Walsingham was when the varsity swim team played laser tag after the first day of races at the 2020 state meet.

Q. Do you have a mentor at Walsingham Academy? Who inspires you or who has been a positive influence in your life?

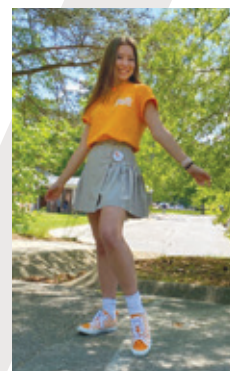
A. My most inspiring teacher is Mrs. Broderick. She is always very positive and cheery which really helps me get through my day. Having someone like her around has reminded me to be positive and kind to people because of how much of a difference she has made for me.

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be? And why?

A. My advice is to take good notes and handwrite them. Although it can be easier to have electronic copies of your notes, handwriting helps the information stick in your mind, and I find that notes are more thorough when handwritten.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote? Why does this quote resonate with you?

A: My favorite quote is, "Quality means doing it right when no one is looking," by Henry Ford. This speaks to me because it shows the value of integrity and reminds me that success does not come from pleasing others but from doing your very best all the time, even when no one else knows.



SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Q & A with André Morgan

After transferring from Prince George High School to Walsingham Academy his junior year, André Morgan quickly became a standout member of the Class of 2021. During his time at Walsingham, he participated in the Recycling Club, Medical Students of Tomorrow Club (Vice President), Key Club (Officer), and Track and Field. Morgan writes "Key Club and Mrs. Thomchick gave me the opportunity to work on my leadership skills while giving back to the community. Although the virus canceled many events and made it difficult for us, we prevailed by raising hundreds of dollars for the CHKD Hospital via snack cart sales. André and the rest of the Key Club officers were awarded first place for the 2021 Single Service Award at the Capital District Key Club convention, which a Walsingham student had not received since 2003.

André Morgan was most recently nominated for the Army Reserves Minuteman Scholarship. Other accolades include JROTC Academic and Parade ribbons, the Highest GPA in History award, Honor Roll all 4 years of high school and was the recipient of the Walter Gannon Diocesan Scholarship for his service.

Come fall 2021, André Morgan will attend Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, FL, where he will major in Architecture with the goal of becoming an architect after college. "As a child, I've always loved building with Legos and creating new and innovative gadgets, such as a miniature trebuchet and a shield out of common objects. Although choosing my major was difficult, I decided that it had to be something in the engineering field, and something that would help people while being unique at the same time. My end goal is to revolutionize the industry by creating buildings with unique designs in places such as mountains, lakes, and other areas that were previously deemed as unsafe for structures. I believe in innovation and that there is always a better way to do things. With this in mind I hope to reduce the cost of buildings while increasing their safety and structural integrity."

of my legacy and have helped nurture me into who I have become. Although I have only been here for two years, I have made many lasting memories that I will never forget.

Q. What has been your favorite memory of your time at Walsingham Academy?

A. My favorite memory at Walsingham was our AP Physics project. We were tasked with creating a trebuchet and launching a pumpkin on Thanksgiving. The trebuchet was more than 6 feet tall and held the Trojan logo on its base. It was a very fun project to complete with my fellow seniors and we were all happy when it worked.

Q. Do you have a mentor at Walsingham Academy? Who inspires you or who has been a positive influence in your life?

A. I have had many amazing teachers at Walsingham. The one who inspired me the most was Mrs. Zielinski. Her positive attitude always brightens the classroom. She has always had high expectations of me and pushed me to live up to those expectations. Even when I believed that I had done my best she pushed me to go past my limits and do better.

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be?

A. The best advice I could give is to not stress and have fun. In high school, homework, tests, and AP's can bring you down. You have to remember that you are still young, and in a maximum of 4 years you'll be an adult and on your own. It's best to enjoy your time now and try new things. Life isn't fun if you do the same things over and over again. You have to live a little to make life worth it. Try new things and make mistakes while you have direct help and support from others.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote? Why does this quote resonate with you?

A. My favorite quote is from Thomas Edison who once said, "I have not failed. I just found 10,000 ways that won't work. This quote resonates with me because I'm an optimist and I like to see the bright side of the world. Life itself is a mind game. Every day you have to get up and say, "today will be the best day ever." Then life will be amazing every day.



Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?

A. The thing I will miss most about Walsingham is the community. I have made many friends here both in students and teachers. They are part



GRADUATION The Class of 2021



22 graduates...

Awarded more than \$2.7 million in Merit Based Scholarships & Awards.

Received 93 College & University Acceptances

Quincy Mattern Allen – *University of Lynchburg*
Elizabeth Grace Arruda – *George Mason University*
Elizabeth Reid Barry – *Clemson University*
Max Andrew Baskin – *University of Virginia*
David Donovan Carter – *Virginia Tech*
Jiaying Chi – *University of Washington – Seattle*
Jocelyn Nicole Covaney – *Sewanee: The University of the South*
Michael Edward Dye – *University of Mary Washington*
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Katherine Colleen Haines – *University of Virginia*
Trevor Jay Alexey Jahn – *Radford University*

Lincoln Orendorff Lubsen – *Randolph-Macon College*
Joshua Daniel Mardis – *James Madison University*
Declan McNamara Miller – *American University*
André Keno Kossally Morgan – *Florida International University*
Shiv Vijay Patel – *James Madison University*
Jake Anthony Rinaldi – *Virginia Tech*
Olivia Claire Robinson – *The University of Tennessee – Knoxville*
Jaiden Catherine Smith – *Christopher Newport University*
Samuel Santiago Villeda – *Liberty University*
Margaret Bryant Weber – *William & Mary*
Dominick Joseph Yacono – *Ohio State University*



Katherine Haines
Valedictorian



Jocelyn Covaney
Salutatorian

GRADUATION The Class of 2021



We bid a fond farewell to our 'lifers!'



From left to right: Jake Rinaldi, Olivia Robinson, Lincoln Lubsen, Elizabeth Barry, and Shiv Patel

These members of the Class of 2021 have attended the Academy since pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. These students have experienced all that Walsingham has to offer over the course of their time with us. Lifers hold a special place in the hearts of our faculty, staff, and community, and we take great pride in their growth and development at Walsingham.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT – CLASS OF 1998

Q & A with Erin Massie Hogge

Erin Hogge attended Walsingham Academy from 4th grade until her graduation in 1998. During this time, she was active in Key Club and ran on the track team for a short period of time, but her true passion was in showing horses, which she continued throughout college. After graduating from Walsingham, Erin attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College (now Randolph College). She graduated in 2003 with a degree in Sociology and minors in Business and Studio Art. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Delta (international sociology honor society).



These days, Erin works with her family at J.S.G. Corporation and serves as the Office Manager/Corporate Secretary. J.S.G. Corporation is a construction firm that operates a dirt mine on Centerville Road in Williamsburg, VA. Erin says, "As a small business, everyone wears multiple hats, but the most rewarding times are when I am able to help an employee or our local community." Erin remains an active member of the Walsingham community; her daughter Maddie (class of 2026) and son Conor (class of 2028) are current Walsingham students. Erin was a member of the Board of Trustees from 2011-2020 serving as secretary from 2017-2020 and Chair of the Nominations and By-Laws Committee from 2013-2020.

Q. Tell us about a favorite Walsingham memory.

A. There are so many to choose from! One of my favorite times was the end of senior year, and not just for the obvious reasons!

As the finality of high school loomed in front of us, any past drama and indifferences slipped away. Between our senior trip, retreat, and graduation rehearsals, we became an even closer group. It is a time I will always treasure.

Q. While here at Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher or mentor who was particularly inspiring to you?

A. Sister Gabe! I took Honors and AP art with Sister Gabe, so I spent much of my free time in the art room. Though she could be hard to please, her love for the students was clearly evident. One incident I remember very clearly, was the day a computer was installed in the art room. We tried to show her how to use it, but as soon as we told her what the mouse was called, she refused to use it since she was terrified of mice. I still smile every time I think about her.

Q. What lessons from your time as a student at Walsingham Academy do you still carry with you in your career?

A. Service to your community. I started volunteering my time through Key Club and continue to make it a priority in my life. I have been fortunate to serve on several local boards, including Literacy for Life, Avalon Center, and of course Walsingham's Board of Trustees. Service to others is so rewarding and needed; and will bless you with lifelong connections and friendships.

Q. If you could give current Walsingham Academy students a piece of advice, what would it be?

A. Slow down and breathe! You do not have to have all the answers right now and you have years of personal growth and learning ahead of you. Focus on the things that really matter to you and make those things your priority.

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to share with our Walsingham Academy community?

A. As an alumni, current parent, and past Trustee, I have a unique perspective into the Walsingham community. As parents and students, we do not always have a "behind-the-scenes" glimpse of the inner workings. The love that our school's leadership has for every single student, and the Walsingham family as a whole, was evident in each report, meeting, and interaction I had during my time as a Trustee. There is a tightknit bond between those in management and staff positions that is fundamental to the strength of our community, and so refreshing to witness firsthand.



THANK YOU Excellence in Action



Greetings from an open and vibrant Walsingham Academy campus! The 2020-2021 school year was successfully in-person during a most challenging time because of extraordinary investments to keep our community healthy and safe. Everyone in the Walsingham Academy family is to be lauded for making this possible. "Everyone," without question, includes those who philanthropically supported the Academy this past year.

We were blessed to receive contributions for the Annual Fund for Excellence, specific purposes (restricted gifts), the Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle Endowment for Student Excellence, Booster Club membership, Walsingham Academy's 2021 Virtual Auction and 2020 Golf Tournament, respectively, as well as gifts-in-kind. In nearly every fundraising category we saw significant increases over the prior year.

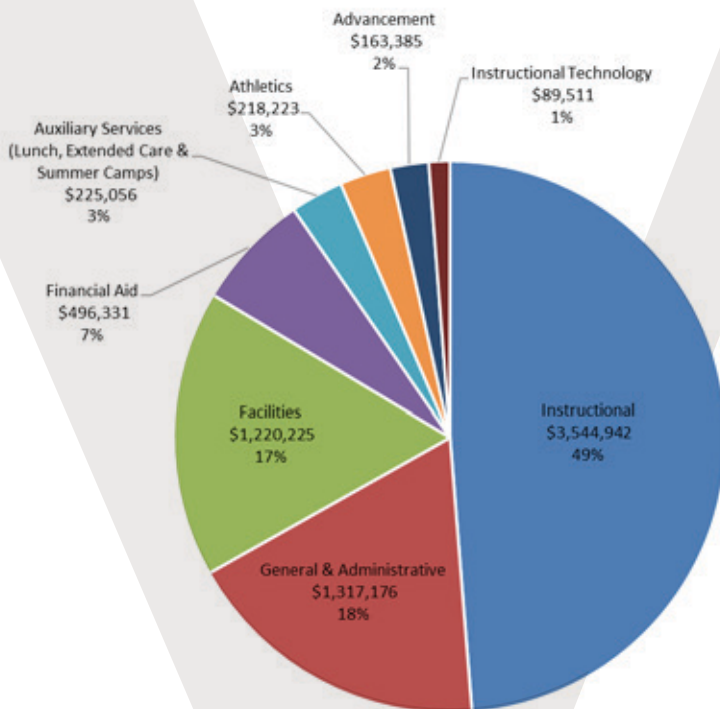
Tuition only covers about 90% of the funds required to provide an exceptional learning environment that encourages students from pre-K to 12 to pursue their full potential in a culture of excellence, critical thinking, and curiosity. The Annual Fund for Excellence is essential to carrying out our mission and remains our top fundraising priority. I am pleased to share that during the 2020-2021 fiscal year, \$307,639 was raised for the Fund. My colleagues and I are profoundly grateful for the outpouring of support that allowed us to finish the year strong.

Your loyal and continuing dedication to Walsingham Academy is a beacon of hope and optimism. My sincerest gratitude to those listed in the pages that follow.

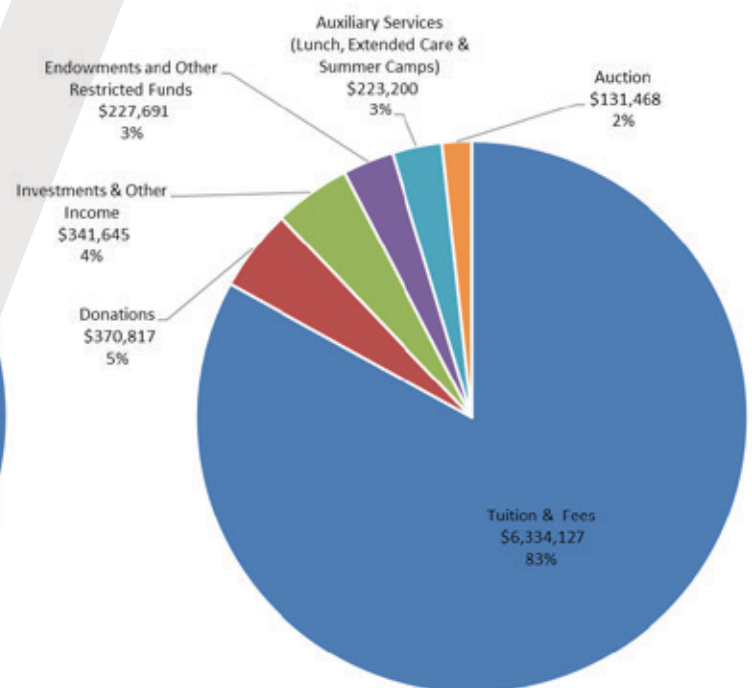
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Walsingham Academy Expenses
for 2019-2020 \$7,274,849



Walsingham Academy Income
for 2019-2020 \$7,628,948

Note: The above charts represent the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Income and expense reports for 2020-2021 will not be available until the completion of our annual financial audit.

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The Athletic Booster Club's 2021 Annual Golf Tournament is right around the corner on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, at Williamsburg National Golf Club. Take a day off and join us on the links! It is always a wonderful afternoon of golf and a great way to connect with other members of the Walsingham community. Bag lunch, drinks, and reception are included in your registration.

This event is the Athletic Booster Club's primary fundraiser. The Booster Club is committed to supporting the athletics program by promoting spirit among the greater Walsingham community and raising funds to improve the Trojan athletic experience. Last year's contributions funded sports equipment, travel expenses, uniforms, Hudl membership for the basketball and field hockey teams, VISAA and TCIS dues, to name a few. Despite the difficulties of the COVID pandemic, the Trojans were able to

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**Registration may be completed online at
www.walsingham.org/golftournament before Oct. 1.**

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Walsingham Academy's Booster Club held their Annual Golf Tournament at Williamsburg National Golf Club on Oct. 9, 2020. Due to all our generous support from our sponsors and those who played in the tournament this year, nearly \$15,000 was raised! This year's contributions went towards offsetting the cost of new equipment and supplies needed due to Covid-19, as well as other facility improvements.

"I really appreciate everyone in our Walsingham family who supported our student-athletes through participating in this year's golf tournament," Athletic Director Neil Bailey said. "It was terrific to see our community come together for such a great cause." To all of those involved in the Golf Tournament, thank you for your generosity, sponsorship, volunteerism, and participation.

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February 27, 2021, marked Walsingham Academy's first-ever virtual auction. Thanks to the support from our supporters and sponsors, a total of \$140,000 was raised! "Not knowing what to expect from a virtual auction, I was overwhelmed by this community's generosity during such a trying time" Walsingham Academy President Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle said. The funds will be used to purchase a new sound system for Mercy Hall, overhead projectors for Lower and Upper Schools, an automatic kiln for the Upper School Art Department, and new collaborative desks for Upper School classrooms. We are deeply grateful for everyone who made a monetary and/or auction item donation, as well as for our dedicated Parent Board volunteers.



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Q & A with Tanner Schobel

Tanner Schobel attended Walsingham Academy from 8th grade until his graduation in 2020. While a student at Walsingham, he served as Student Body President as well as Spirit Club Vice President. His real passion, however, has always been baseball. Tanner began playing baseball for Walsingham Academy in the 8th grade. He was a four-time captain and helped the team win two state championships. He was a four-time all-state player, a three-time first team All-TCIS, and a two-time VISAA DII player of the year. He set the single-season school records in hits, runs, and at-bats, as well as career marks in hits, triples, and runs. As a pitcher, Tanner holds the single-season school record for ERA, strikeouts, and WHIP.

Tanner recently completed his first year at Virginia Tech where he is majoring in Public Health and is a member of the Hokies baseball team. He had a remarkable freshmen season. Starting every game and anchoring the middle infield defense for the team. At the plate, he led the team in at-bats and finished second in home runs and third in runs, triples, and total bases. Tanner accepted an invitation to play in the prestigious Cape Cod Summer League with the top college baseball players in the nation. When Tanner graduates in 2024, he hopes to play baseball professionally or explore a career in Hospital Administration.

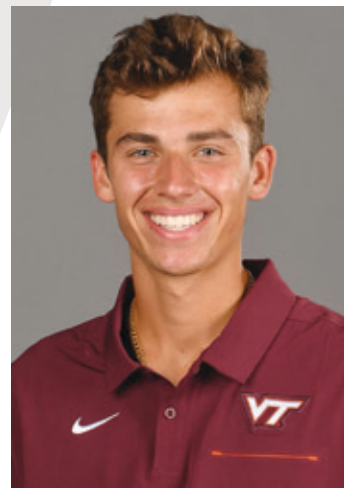
Q. How did Walsingham Academy prepare you for college and sports at the college level?

A. One thing that Walsingham did to prepare me for college athletics was show me how important hard work is. If you do not work hard in college you will not be successful. Walsingham paved a path for me to be successful on the field as well as off, and it stemmed from having great coaches and a great group of teachers who were very supportive.

Q. While a student at Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher or mentor who was especially inspiring to you?

A. I had support from every one of my teachers. The teacher

I always enjoyed having conversations with, and who helped me figure out what I wanted to be in life, was Ms. Davenport. She who introduced me to the medical field. In my health sciences practicum, I was able to attend a local hospital every day and learn about its daily operations. This experience sparked my interests in Hospital Administration; I think it would be rewarding to run a hospital and help patients receive the treatment and support they seek.

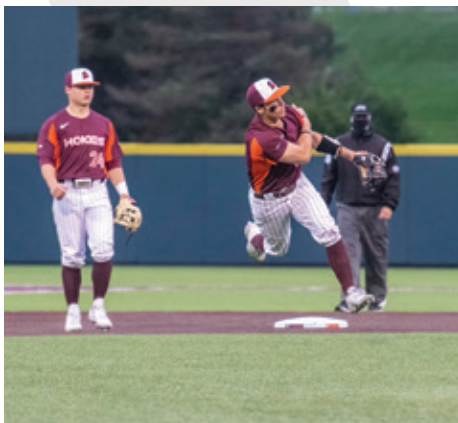


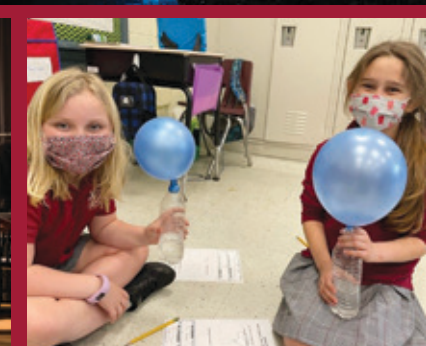
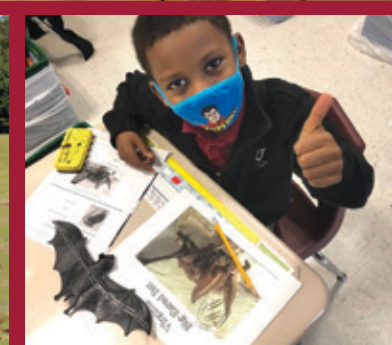
Q. How did your experience as a student-athlete influence who you are today?

A. My experience as a student-athlete has shaped who I am today; I better understand that there will always be struggles, but there is always a way out of them. As a baseball player, I am constantly dealing with failure each and every day. This has helped me learn that there, almost always, will be opportunities to make up for previous mistakes and to continue improving.

Q. What is the best piece of advice you can share with a Walsingham Academy student-athlete?

A. The best piece of advice I can give to a student-athlete would be to fall in love with the grind and the work you put in. If you think high school sports are too physically or mentally demanding then you will most likely struggle in college. The only way to be successful as an athlete in college is to love to work at your craft and make sure you take care of yourself off of the field as well as in the classroom.





VIRGINIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR Coach Bailey

by Ryan Cane

Walsingham Academy Athletic Director Neil Bailey has been named Virginia's Independent Schools Athletic Administrator of the Year by the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (VIAAA).

Bailey was selected at the annual meeting of the VIAAA's Past Presidents' Council.

Walsingham Academy President Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle credits Bailey with recognizing the important balance required at a college preparatory school.

"He will be the first to say that academics always come first, but he is passionate about helping to develop students fully, including athletically," Sister Mary Jeanne said. "His enthusiasm toward every aspect of the Academy is unwavering. We are truly blessed to have him."

Bailey, who is currently the President of the Tidewater Conference of Independent Schools (TCIS), has had to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on Walsingham and the entire TCIS.

In a letter recommending Bailey for this award, T.W. Johnson, Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Director of Athletics, wrote that Bailey "set the tone" regarding communication and collaboration for the good of the student-athletes during an unprecedented time.

During Coach Bailey's tenure, Walsingham's girls' track and

field team has won five state titles and the baseball team has won two state championships. Other accomplishments include introducing the annual "Under the Lights" game, expanding the Academy's J JV programs, and a modern refresh of the Trojan logo. Further, 35 graduates have gone on to play collegiately during Bailey's time with Walsingham.

"This is a tremendous honor—one that I share with the entire Trojan community," Bailey said. "My position is all about giving our students the opportunity to learn, to grow, and see success from their effort. That can't happen without motivated student-athletes, a committed team of coaches, and devoted parents. I must also acknowledge Mike Brantley, our assistant athletic director, who has been with me at Walsingham from the jump and has been an extraordinary partner. It is truly a team effort."

Elizabeth Barry, Class of 2021 and member of the Varsity Girls' Tennis team, said representing the Trojans under Coach Bailey has been a "privilege."

"Coach Bailey's commitment to growing a strong and inclusive athletics program in a safe and healthy environment has allowed us the opportunity to compete under the toughest of times," Barry said. "We are thankful for his vision, dedication and leadership."

Before arriving at Walsingham in 2013, Bailey, a Virginia native, was the first-ever athletic director at East Georgia State University. While at EGSU, he also coached the head men's basketball team, leading them to a 31-3 overall record, a state championship, and a National Junior College Athletic Association Elite 8 appearance.

Under normal circumstances, Bailey would be honored at the VIAAA's conference and awards banquet in March. Instead, the accomplishment will be celebrated when it is again safe to do so.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TROJANS WHO WILL BE COMPETING AT THE NEXT LEVEL!

Lincoln Lubsen
Randolph Macon College
(Baseball)

Jocelyn Covaney
Sewanee: The University of
the South (Track & Field)

Michael Dye
University of Mary Washington
(Cross Country/Track & Field)



Lincoln Lubsen



Jocelyn Covaney



Michael Dye

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Trojans' Athletics took on some unprecedented challenges this year as we navigated the COVID world, but our coaches and student-athletes did an excellent job adjusting and making it through the year safely. The Tidewater Conference of Independent Schools (TCIS) adjusted the usual calendar this year, moving the "fall" season to late January through mid-March, and shortening all three seasons by a few weeks. The Trojans adapted admirably and worked as hard as ever as they competed throughout the year.



WINTER 2020-2021

Due to the adjusted schedule this year, it was in fact the Trojans' winter sports that had the opportunity to compete first. Unfortunately, the winter season was cut short as rising COVID rates in the community brought the season to a halt around Christmas, but not before the Trojans showed a tremendous amount of potential. The Varsity Girls' Basketball team finished their season with two wins and one loss as the program showed signs of improvement yet again. This very talented group of girls has shown that they are ready to compete at a high level moving forward. The Varsity Boys' Basketball team also went 2-1 with their only loss being by just three points to a Peninsula Catholic team that went on to reach the TCIS Finals. Cooper Jones '22, Jordan Horne '22, and Paul Williams '23 headline a strong group of returners that are ready to make a run next season. The Varsity swimming teams were limited to just one meet this year, but participation numbers were on the rise under new head coach Anna Krus. Seniors David Carter and Olivia Robinson provided great leadership for this young Trojans team.

The JV and JJV basketball all held winning records as well when their seasons came to a close. The JJV teams competed this year in the Norfolk Christian Saturday League and were a combined 5-0 in league play.



FALL 2020-2021

This year's fall teams faced adversity in many ways including stringent COVID protocols, freezing cold temperatures, and the cancellation of TCIS/VISAA championship tournaments. Despite these challenges, the Trojans pushed on and competed, and achieved many individual and team accomplishments. The Varsity Field Hockey team celebrated two big wins this year, including a big 2-0 win over HRA. Varsity Boys' Soccer looked to be rolling when they defeated Norfolk Collegiate, Norfolk Christian, and Catholic High School in a one-week span, but injuries and the loss of a few key players tested the Trojans down the stretch. Nick Alves '23 flirted with the school record by scoring an incredible six goals in an 8-3 victory over Norfolk Christian. Varsity Girls' Tennis finished with an impressive record of 4-3 including a commanding 8-1 victory over HRA. Senior Liz Barry provided excellent leadership and freshman Jordan Thomas showed that she has the potential to be a top player in the TCIS over the coming seasons. Varsity Volleyball displayed great team spirit and resilience throughout the year despite having to play against a tough TCIS schedule. The Boys' Cross Country team ran two great meets and finished in a close second place both times. Parker Shonka '23 had the individual highlight of the year when he beat his opponent from Peninsula Catholic by just 27 hundredths of a second to win the race at York River State Park. The Girls' Cross Country team won the meet at the WISC, led by a tremendous first place performance by Kate Digges '23.

Participation was very high for our JV and JJV teams this fall as many of our student athletes were excited to return to play after the long COVID pause. JV Girls' Tennis had a very young but motivated team, and defeated HRA 6-3 for the highlight of their season. The Trojans fielded both a JV and JJV Boys' Soccer team



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due to such high interest in grades 5-8. The JJV Field Hockey team worked really hard in practice all year and were rewarded with an intersquad competition at the end of the season after all of their games were cancelled throughout the season. The Trojans also put together a JJV Volleyball club team that allowed dozens of promising young players a chance to learn new skills and prepare them for competition in future seasons. JV Boys' and Girls' Cross Country runners braved the elements and learned the perseverance that will make them great runners for years to come.

SPRING 2021

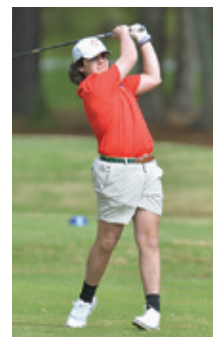
After the loss of our spring season in 2020, Walsingham and the TCIS made it a priority to give our spring student-athletes the most "normal" season possible. Not only were we able to do that, but our spring teams picked right back up where they left off by continuing to win championships.

Varsity Girls' Track & Field continued their run of a dominance with a sixth consecutive VISAA DII State Championship. The team also had outstanding performances in the TCIS Championship Meet and the State Catholic Meet, finishing in second place in both meets. Jocelyn Covaney '21 was named most outstanding athlete in both the TCIS and State Catholic meets as the top overall scorer. The Trojans also broke several school records with Jocelyn setting the record in the 100m hurdles in the State Championship and Emma Lobash '22 setting the record in the TCIS Championship meet and then again in the State Championship meet. The Varsity Boys' Track & Field team also had an excellent season, culminating in a very impressive fifth place finish in the state meet. The team was led by a trio of Juniors in Elias Carr, Everett Digges, and Jordan Horne who all had outstanding performances in the championship meets.

Varsity Baseball continued their winning tradition as well with the most successful year in program history. The Trojans won their third consecutive VISAA DIII State Championship and won 20 games for the third season in a row. The Trojans also won the TCIS Championship for the first time in school history, defeating Steward 1-0 in the championship game after knocking off the #1 seed Greenbrier Christian 5-4 in the semifinals. Lincoln Lubsen '21 had a historic season that including a walk-off grand slam against Norfolk Collegiate on his senior day, a no-hitter against Steward in the TCIS Championship, and a complete game 2-hit shutout with a game-clinching home run against Carlisle in the State Championship. Lincoln was named 1st team All-TCIS, TCIS Tournament MVP, and VISAA Division III Player of the Year. Jacob Miller-Bopp '22, Cody Christman '22, Trey Christman '23, Davis Neighbor '24, Ayden Evans '24, and Paul Williams '23 also earned All-TCIS or All-State honors. Coach Ian Heisel was also named VISAA Division III Coach of the Year for the fourth time.

Varsity Golf improved throughout the season and finished by qualifying for their first state tournament appearance in years. Isaac Miller-Bopp '22 had an outstanding performance at Williamsburg National in the state tournament, shooting a team best 83 and helping the team on their way to a fifth place finish. Varsity Boys' Tennis showed signs of a promising future under first year coach Dale Young. Xavier Jones '25 excelled on the court as the team's #1 player despite being in just 8th grade. Varsity Girls' Soccer persisted through a tough rebuilding year and showed signs of improvement when they scored their only three goals of the season in their final two games. Goalkeeper Clara Riggs '23 was named 2nd Team All-TCIS for her performance.

JJV Boys' Tennis had a good season highlighted by wins against Nansemond Suffolk Academy and Cape Henry in their final two matches. JJV Girls' Soccer had great participation and enthusiasm and it showed with an outstanding 5-0 record on the season. JJV Baseball focused primarily on teaching the sport to a young group of players and the team battled their way to an 11-10 victory over Ware Academy in their only home game of the season.



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Have an update for the Class Notes section? Contact your class correspondent or Kaitlin Sorrentino at alumni@walsingham.org.



Class of 1957

'57

Deirdre Malone Westgate writes: Bonjour de la France! The only noteworthy news is shared by us all: thanks to the pandemic, there were no trips, no visits with children, but happily no illnesses either. We have been stuck in our Normandy home for over a year, and so we adopted a mischievous Maine Coon cat. He's getting bigger every day, especially his tail! Old timers will have reported that **Adrian Lemmers '54** has passed away. His wife **Kathleen Williams Lemmers '53** is moving from the family home to Blacksburg, VA. **Trudy Shilling Moyles '57** suffered from a fall and is now residing in an assisted living facility in Williamsburg, along with her husband **Tom Moyles '55**. Having had news from **Sandy Berg Shirey '54**, **Tom Guthrie '55**, **Jim Tinsley '55**, and **Peggy Campioli Dement '58**, I can report that all of them are alive and well. All the best to you!

'61

Andy Ringgold writes: After 23 years of work and retirement living on the beautiful Smith River in the redwood country of the "real" northern California coast (where in an amazing small world coincidence, my classmate **Annabelle Eaton Walkley '61** lived a few miles upstream of us), in 2018 Barb and I made the very difficult decision to make the cross country move back to Virginia to be closer to families and accessible quality medical care. We've built a house in the Lake Monticello community near Charlottesville and have been enjoying the typical geezer activities of travel (prior to COVID), golf, swimming, pickleball, kayaking, various volunteer opportunities and watching grandsons grow. Since moving here, we've had the pleasure of reconnecting and joining with **Ken Lucas '63** over UVA basketball, and **Burt Moncrief '62** and his wife **Anne Sheldon '63** who live in North Carolina.

My brother **Alan Ringgold '63** and his wife Marcia recently made a cross country move of their own (the opposite of ours) from Cape Cod to the Methow Valley in Washington. We're looking forward to the new "normal life" whatever that turns out to be. Hope you and yours are doing well.

'62

Gerald J. Greeve writes: Our whole family has been spared COVID so far; most are in the vaccination process or finished. Margo and I decided to explore the Northwest even more. I moved here in 1981, yet we were able to hit some new places: Glacier National Park, Steens Mountain, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and the San Juan Islands. Even got to Maui twice and numerous day trips - all well separated, sanitized, and masked. So we have been fortunate and our best wishes go out to all.

Marilyn Meyer Wolfe-Kirk writes: While I have been retired for 14 years, my husband Harry is still enjoying his work and fortunate to be able to work from afar. So, we have taken many trips to our ranch in southwest Texas. We enjoy seeing all the wildlife, birds, and spring wildflowers everywhere. It is so relaxing and safe from crowds. We have now both been vaccinated and have spent time also with a lot of family members, those who drove here, **Carolyn Meyer Schutte '62**, her husband Jon, brother Andre and wife Jean, and daughter's family who flew from CO. We are fortunate to have avoided COVID and stay healthy, active and well. We are blessed.

'65

Giles Ryan writes: After graduation from Walsingham in 1965, I went to William & Mary and then graduated college in 1969. I joined the Peace Corps and went to Korea as a school teacher, which led to over twenty years working in Asia. In those years I married, and my wife Kyongsook and I had two boys who are now grown and on their own, and they have married and each have two boys. Fortunately, I hear there are people out there having girls. For the past two decades and more we've lived in Bellevue, WA, outside Seattle, and I retired five years ago. Several years ago I walked across northern Spain for the first time, walking along the old pilgrimage roads to Santiago de Compostela, and I enjoyed this so much that I did it again, two more times. On these journeys, I wrote essays which I put together in an ebook, *Three Caminos*, and put this out on Amazon. In more recent years and before the



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pandemic, my wife and I spent some weeks each year in Portugal and Spain, and we hope to do this again when travel returns to normal, perhaps next winter.

Patricia Hiegel Klaas writes: After Walsingham and William & Mary, I flew with an international airline for 22 years. Then I spent the next 22 years as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. My military husband and I enjoyed many wonderful trips. Now I'm retired and living in Ocean View, DE where I love spending time at the beach. This photo is of the first class to graduate in 1965 from the brand-new Upper School. Great memories!

'66

American University in Washington, DC, established the **Elizabeth A. Sherman** Annual Awards for the Advancement of Social Justice. On April 27, 2021 the first monetary prizes were presented at a special ceremony to two graduating undergraduates and two graduate students. Professor Sherman taught for many years in the Department of Government in the School of Public Affairs at AU. Dr. Sherman is also the founding director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at University of Massachusetts Boston which she led for over a decade. Her husband, the Honorable Mickey Edwards, former congressman from Oklahoma, is now a professor of politics and public policy at Princeton University.

Cynthia Zodda writes: Have seen several classmates prior to the lockdown due to COVID. Saw **Stephanie Panzera** at the Port Warwick Art Show and last January spent time with **Pam Fives Myers** in Florida. It was fun reconnecting. Will retire for good in October of 2021 and along with a friend purchased an RV to explore and have fun. Sending my best to all my former

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classmates. Lost my Dad, Vic Zodda in January at the age of 99. Grateful to have had him as long as we did.

'67

Patti Kane Carini and husband Jim traveled to Ohio at the end of April to visit family and were able to celebrate their grandson's Confirmation and their granddaughter's First Communion.

Jeanie Wolaver, **Janette Dow Haybert's** daughter, advised in March that her mother had tragically passed away on January 31, 2021.

LuAnn Witty Klein writes: I continue as a primary caregiver to my Mom. Mom (96) had a stroke in October but has recovered all but her former mental activity. She is mostly self-sufficient. We have had our vaccines and life is becoming more normal. I now have 12 grandchildren. We added a baby girl in November. I just returned to church last week and we can now sing – Yay. I have been playing tennis and pickleball. Great fun.

William "Buddy" Mann writes: Liz and I have got a lot going on with our grandchildren. We were very happy to celebrate last Christmas with our oldest grandson, Specialist 4th Class Joseph Mann, who was returning from Camp Humphries, South Korea, on his way to his new duty station at Fort Hood, TX. He is a member of the Signal Corp and currently assigned to the 3rd Cavalry Regiment. We are told they will be deploying to Iraq next year. Joey's twin brothers, William, and Samuel will both be graduating from Bruton High School here in York County this year and are planning to enter the U.S. Army Reserves. They both scored very well on their ASVAB Test and have qualified for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Specialist MOS. After completing their basic and advanced individual training, they plan to continue their education at Thomas Nelson Community College. We have two other grandsons graduating from high school this June. Liam Mann, who will also be graduating from Bruton, is planning to attend the Culinary Institute of Virginia. He plans to become a chef with his own restaurant. His cousin Nolan Kauffman, who lives in Pennsylvania, will be receiving his diploma and completing his training as an Emergency Medical Technician. He is planning to enter the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation. We are also very proud of our oldest granddaughter Anastasia Mann who graduated from Christopher Newport University (my

legacy) this past May 15. She received a B.A. in History, with two minors, one in Psychology and the other in Women and Gender Studies. She is planning to move to Richmond and is pursuing employment as a research assistant. On a more personal note, our family celebrated my mother's 97th birthday last month and Liz and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 26. I have also retired from my position as the Executive Director for the Greater Peninsula Workforce Board on June 30. That will cap off a 44-year career administering federally funded workforce development programs here on the Peninsula. Liz and I agreed the time had come to take it a little easier and have more time to spend together to pursue our interests and keep up with family and friends.

Dennis McNelis writes: I am rocking along going into my 32nd year as a National Board-Certified Counselor, 18 at Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg, MS. I will not retire because I don't want to work for my wife FULL TIME (already part time) LOL. My wife, Joye, is going into her 18th year as Head Women's Basketball Coach at The University of Southern Mississippi while battling stage 4 lung cancer. The medicine she is taking has been effective containing the cancer so far. Daughter Whitney works at the Cancer Center in Hattiesburg as a Nurse Practitioner. She has graced us with two sweet granddaughters, Emma Grace and Caroline. Our son Connor has followed his mother and dad in the coaching profession. He is an assistant coach for the women's basketball team at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA. My older daughter Jennifer is a nurse in Roanoke, VA.

Robert Ryczak writes: The Coronavirus really did a number on our activities over the last year, as it did on the nation. Sonia and I got our Moderna vaccine doses in March and hope our immunity lasts longer than the 6-months currently advertised. Sonia fully retired last July, so we took AMTRAK's Auto Train to Florida to visit her family and leisurely drove back north to Maryland, stopping off to visit the Whiteheads in Beaufort, SC, and a college friend in NC. We did enjoy a fall trip to Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, then on to the Shenandoah Valley, touring Monticello, and several limestone caverns. Our daughter graduated in December from the University of Alabama in Birmingham's School of Public Health with her Master's in Public Health. We started the process to move out of Maryland to the Auburn-Opelika area of Alabama. We hope to be completely out of Maryland mid-summer and in our 'forever home' next spring, at

which time we will move Sonia's Mom into our home to care for her in her senior years. On a sad note, my brother, Paul, suffered a series of strokes early in 2021, had surgery, and is going through various therapies and medications now. He lost some motor function but more serious is the vascular dementia that has robbed him of some basic comprehension and decision-making abilities. He is not expected to regain those abilities. Please pray for him.

Darlene Woolery writes: My husband Dan is living back in our Oklahoma house. The doctors and nurses call him Miracle Man after surviving a horrible accident in January 2020. He is able to do basic things like make easy meals, bathe in his handicap bathroom, etc. I still have my condo in Richardson, TX, and I continue to substitute teach and watch grandkids from time to time. My daughter has a new job with Moore Supply. The parent company is Hajoca. Wow! The salaries sure have gone up since the 70's, but so has the cost of everything else. Hope everyone in our class is doing well. I hope to read news from other classmates, and trust that we can all get together again in 2022.

'68

Geraldine McCall Kaufman writes: Hello to all! I graduated from William & Mary in 1971 and Purdue Veterinary School in 1975. Been practicing ever since. Still married, 44 years, to Dave Kaufman. We have two sons, Paul and Adam. Each of them has two sons. We live in southern New Jersey and Asheville, NC. So glad we are emerging from COVID. Fingers crossed!

'69

In November 2019 the Class of 1969 had a mini 50th Reunion. Pictured is **Bobby Savarese, Susan Rawson Rose, Burton Kaufer, Christine Elchinger, Tom Brady, Jean Lucas, Richard Baker, Steve Graham, and Nelson Smith (Ralph Courage left early!)**



Class of 1969 mini reunion

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'71

Doug Minnerly writes: Well, 2021–1971 = 50 Years! Yes, the early/mid Baby Boomers of the class of 1971 are all turning 68 this year (give or take a year here or there) and wistfully remembering when we were 18 and were immortal and knew everything. Personally, I have discovered to my wonder and amazement, how much dumber and mortal I seem to have become over the 50 years since then. I will, however, fight bare-fisted anyone who tries to contradict my conviction that we had the best music. Still do. Due to the uncertainty we have all lived with over the past one and one-third years, we have not planned any events to celebrate this milestone for the 49 of us who graduated in early June (I think) of 1971. I personally only know of two of us who have left this mortal coil behind and are now exploring the undiscovered country: **James (Jimmy) Gordon Savarese** (d. 2011) and **Kathleen (Kate) Riley Novakovich** (d. 2018). May they rest in peace and may eternal light shine upon them and may the Lord bless their families. If there are others of us who have left us, I am unaware, but would appreciate being informed. I "keep up" with a handful of my classmates through Facebook but have not been terribly successful getting my old friends to respond to requests for information, so I'll just have to talk about myself. This year will mark 42 years of marriage for me and my favorite wife, Susan Marrash-Minnerly. We have one son, Nathan, who turned 25 last September. We were supposed to travel to Australia for his birthday, but God said, "HA!" and we went into quarantine/isolation instead. Nathan was a good sport about it, which is significant as Nathan has autism and changes in routine and planned events can often cause severe anxiety and adverse behavioral actions. He's a terrific young man with what a friend calls "a heroic beard," quite a bit fuller and longer than mine, which I have been cultivating throughout the pandemic. I also fulfilled a years-long desire and shaved my head. There wasn't that much to lose in the first place. A tattoo may be next up as I think I have worn Susan down at least to the point of not filing divorce papers if I get inked. In conclusion, dear friends from the Walsingham Class of 1971, if you don't always want to read about the minutiae of my life in our alumni journal, send stuff to me for the next round. dminnerly@gmail.com; or, if you want to relive our glorious past, by mail: 1108 Kanawha Blvd. E, Apt. 106, Charleston, WV 25301. Grace, Love, and Peace to all. The Rev. Doug Minnerly, Honorably Retired (Presbyterian Church (USA))

'72

Before delving into the shenanigans of our classmates over the last year, we want to note the loss of some beloved parents in the last year. While it is the time of life for these sad events, hopefully it is a time to celebrate a wonderful life. The mothers of **Brian Rose, Susan Hughes Lindstrom, Lisa Jones, Denise Dahl** and **Lauri Dahl '75** as well as **Nancy Kennedy Byrd** and **Teri Zodda's** fathers passed away. All were amazing parents and had a special kinship with our class. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Rob Lorigan writes: Hey Classmates! First of all, I hope this finds you and your loved ones well during this (still) very challenging time dealing with the impacts of COVID-19. I hope every one of us has been vaccinated. COVID impacts from the last Alumni Update are still a common thread in most of the inputs received. However, as you will read, there is also a lot of positivity as we moved from the dire situation of 2020 to now. There are stories of new grand babies, new hobbies, new adventures, professional accomplishments, getting healthy, community service, reconnecting with best friends and even some traveling. Second, I wanted to say thank you to those that once again, submitted inputs and photos for the WA Alumni updates. It was great to hear all the good things happening and once again the Class of '72 will take center stage in the magazine.

Things are well on my end with Kim and me. We took the next step towards retirement and purchased some property in Winchester, VA. We are building our dream home and putting together all the things we liked from the various homes we have lived in over the past many years. We have mountain views, apple orchards and wineries close by and a backyard pool and spa. It is a smaller house, but the critical item is that it is all on one floor and NO stairs. We decided to go completely solar, so we are approaching things in a more environmentally sensitive manner. The biggest challenge we have now is downsizing and figuring out what to do with all the "stuff" we accumulated over the years. As an example, there is an entire cabinet devoted to coffee mugs collected during our travels. Goodwill, the Salvation Army, and the kids are enjoying the benefits of our donations. I have almost seven years now with International Registries and overseeing their quality management program. Last fall they switched me to part time and gave me quite a bit of flexibility in my work hours.

This was a blessing in disguise as we have been busy with the house construction. Like all of you, Kim and I are still trying to navigate the ever-changing COVID requirements and are hopeful that things will ease up even more to allow some traveling and getting back to some sense of normalcy. At least now we can get real hugs from family and not just virtually. I hope all of you are in good spirits. I am so thankful for the connections we have maintained over these many years. Every time I read the inputs, my batteries are recharged. I am in awe of how exceptional each and every one is. I wish you and your families good health. We are a very special group of friends that I hold near and dear to my heart. Keep your sights and calendars open for 2022 when we will have the good fortune and opportunity to once again gather for the 50th Reunion! Can you believe it! Stay tuned for additional information. Until then - Stay Well – Stay Strong.

Teri Zodda writes: I am still trying to figure out how I got on this amazing list of people! Maybe it's because I attended a wonderful gathering a few years ago and must say, it was awesome seeing some familiar faces like Susie B., the famous Johnny C and Rob to name a few. I enjoy reading your correspondences. Had dinner with **Betty Swindler** in Charlottesville with long-time friend Eileen Donne. We go way back. Some may remember, I left after 8th grade to find out what life was like outside of Catholic schools. Whew an eyeopener! Figuring out what to wear everyday was excruciating and to think I despised those uniforms. I was a Warwick Farmer, now politically correct Raiders, until I was bused out to Ferguson my senior year. Living in Yorktown with my mini 11 mos. old Aussie Doodle, River. We are getting ready to start therapy dog training in hopes to bring him to children's hospitals and senior facilities. Wow, I really am a senior citizen! Yikes! Also, the training is to be able to have him travel along and be my constant companion. Girl's best friend! Marriage gave me two beautiful daughters, Madeline and Galen, along with twin grandsons 7 and a 9mos. old granddaughter SJ. Life is good. Johnny C. knows my hero was my dad and some may know he passed away in January 2021 at the tender age of 99. I was one lucky lady to have had him in my life that long. Thanks for putting me on the list with such an elite group. I am honored and look forward to seeing you all at the 50th

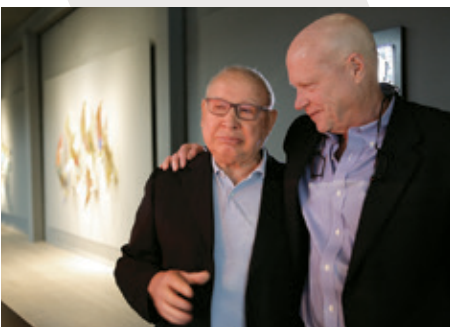
"It's me baby," **Andy Hord** writes from what he calls the "Glass Half Full" side of the aisle. "I am so delighted to know how amazing our little class was, is and/or will continue to be." Living now in Sarasota, FL,

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Purple Heart Sculpture

Andy has been able to devote time and artistic effort to his "Purple Heart Project." The seeds for this were planted over forty years ago and started out a tribute to three gentlemen who had an enormous impact on him. These gentlemen were his best friend's father, Max Kurbjun; the WA high school coach, George Balanis; and Larry Pettit, his finance professor at UVA's McIntire School of Commerce. While not knowing it, each of these gentlemen impacted his development in a positive way. In Andy's words, "Power lies in challenges that stretch you into places you never thought you could ever go. It was George Balanis running beside me as I was within reach of passing the number three runner at the William and Mary Invitational and saying -'Hoyt' (as George B always called me), you can do it.' It seems rather appropriate, in looking back, that George Balanis spent his most productive years working for Nike, the "Just do it" athletic wear company." Another life lesson for Andy was from Max Kurbjun, whose artistic talent took him from his day job of designing NASA simulators to woodworking. He was bigger than life and his mantra was, "If something doesn't fit, hit it with a hammer. If it still doesn't fit, get a bigger hammer." Andy has an assortment of hammers and has honed his talent both in woodworking and glass blowing.



Andy and his artist friend Leni Tagliapietra the recipient of the second Purple Heart - Class of 1972

Andy has been able to reconnect with a few classmates including **Lindsay Powell** who was a great friend and provided help during a challenging time. He also caught up with **Betty Swindler** at the memorial service for Lindsay's sweet mother. Andy enjoyed a visit from **Brian Rose** and extends an open invitation to all classmates at any time. As we approach retirement stage (not age!), Andy may be swamped with visitors! Maybe we need a destination reunion in FL - although we'd miss our kumbaya moment in the Upper School. Andy ends with, "I am looking forward to seeing everyone. If anyone knows how to reach Ray Webb or Whit Richardson, please let me know. All the best and hugs to those that hug." I know Whit has been spotted in Williamsburg over time but Ray is not on our radar at this point. If anybody has any leads, go for it or let us know and we'll get "our people" on it.

Linda Resca writes that life is good in Portland, OR and she provided a very heartwarming personal story. "As some of you know, after many years of searching, I met my biological father (Wally) just a few days after our last reunion. As you might imagine, this was an experience like none other. It was unspeakable - the moment of finally standing in front of someone I look like. While standing on the airport sidewalk looking at Wally in the front seat of the car that my biological brother was driving - I kind of froze for a second. It was very different to be standing there in front of him vs. talking on the phone! Wally saw that I was momentarily stuck, threw his arms open, and exclaimed, "It's me baby!" That year I also met Wally's sister and her 2 kids - my new cousins. Back home here in Portland, we had a challenging year with COVID, fires, and riots. Fires have begun again, but so far, not in the Portland area. During the fires, I helped my 85 year old client evacuate and had the good fortune of my friend/neighbor opening her home as a place for my client to stay for a few days. My condo is too small for a visitor unless they can sleep on the floor. In the work part of my life, as a professional caregiving coach and private caregiver, I'm crafting a talk and am almost done. The talk is about "Awakening Through Crisis." I was so blessed to spend a week at the Oregon coast last year and have the time to do a lot of writing. The talk will be for family care-givers but I am very hopeful that at some point I can turn it into a podcast. Sending wishes for peace and love. Hoping to see all of you for the next reunion we'll see what's happening in life at that time."

Linda Wallace Fosdick writes: "Despite the global challenges of the last year, Bill

and I skirted the obstacles and fared quite well. **Bill Fosdick '71** and I will celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary at the end of this year, and often recall the fond memories we share, and how it all began at Walsingham. In the last 17 months we have enjoyed the arrival of two new grandchildren. Of course, they are being indoctrinated into the joys of seaplane flying. Our 17-month old granddaughter is already an aviation enthusiast and willing passenger to fly with her Grandpa! Daycare keeps asking her parents why she points at every airplane that flies over! Her younger brother will enjoy his first flight very soon. Just prior to the lockdown last year, we leaped into the RV world, and have begun to take to the roads "Roughing it Smoothly." Last summer we were parked at home for a couple of months while I recovered from a broken leg, incurred while working. I hear rumors of retirement age, but surely, I'm not that old yet! Earlier this year we spent a month in Florida, and I feel certain that will become an annual migration. We also hope to make a cross country RV trek later this year, if I can figure out how to hopscotch through the campgrounds. We are trying to go for all the gusto we can get, while we still can! We have so much to be thankful for. Cheers and best wishes to you and your families!"

Clair McNelis Folkes writes: "2020 was a wild ride for sure. I feel blessed to be able to go to work. It's impossible to Zoom nursing care. That said, I do love my 'semi-retirement' 3 day/week position in a low stress Recovery Room! The flexibility allows me to professionally interact and have time for the most important thing - family. We did manage a short trip to the beach last summer with family. It was such a great time just being outside and enjoying the sun and surf! We proudly welcomed our seventh, yep 7th, grandchild in November! We totally love being GiGi & Poppy! Life is great indeed. Hope we all continue in good health to celebrate our 50th together! See everyone then!"

John O'Connor writes that he finally "... moved back to Blacksburg after 16 years in Salem, VA to be near our growing population of grandchildren...3 + one on the way. We are blessed to have our 3 girls happily married, gainfully employed, and living nearby. Still teaching graphic design/digital art at Radford University and most importantly NO plans to retire. Teaching online (thanks COVID) allows for extra time at home and when not working or with grandkids, my days are filled with disc golf, ball golf, pickleball, basketball, shooting astrophotography, and an occasional craft beer experiment to round out the weekly schedule. All is well and good in the New

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River Valley! My best to you and your families and look forward to our 50th!"

Susan Anthony starts out by saying, "It's great to hug people again. Just great!" I feel fortunate to have been able to get out over the last year in my quest to become a tennis player. I am on the C3 team/Line 5. That would be the lowest rung of all rungs, but it is still so difficult for me. I stay for the cute outfits." (No surprise there Susie!) "COVID did not interrupt our travel plans as she and Rob (NOT Lorigan) and I spent a month in Florida this winter. After spending a month during the last 2 years in San Miguel, Mexico and Cartagena, Columbia, we decided to stay home in the USA. Well, to me, Florida is very underrated in the wintertime. I was actually sad to leave the Gulf of Mexico. It's a lot easier to work while viewing the water! It was chilly to warm in Florida, but it wasn't Alexandria where it was dark, cold and wet. I was supposed to be heading toward retirement - and I am. My work is with those I have worked with in the past. I didn't work for at least 6 months and loved every single minute of it. This leads me to health. May God bless each and every one of you over the coming years. Let's appreciate each bird that sings, each blooming flower and each other. I look forward to seeing all of you and reconnecting at the 50th.

Mall Sears Fraser-Seay writes: "Lawsy Mae, I may need to live vicariously through Suzie B with all the traveling. In my retirement, I'm attempting to be 'Gladys, the Gardener.' My herb garden and tomatoes make me very happy. I can make wonderful dishes with those ingredients. BUT my success with peonies, Caan Lilies and hostas take the cake. Simple pleasures, I guess! Best wishes to all of you and stay safe!"

Jane Scherer Haake starts by reminding us to seize and find happiness each and every



Jane Haake with son Chris and his wife Laura and daughter Caroline

day. "I have been busy this year tutoring via Zoom. My dear students, most of whom have attention and learning challenges, have had such a hard time being away from friends and the school setting. What an incredible challenge this year has been! Since I can teach anywhere with Zoom, I have spent a good amount of time in Williamsburg taking care of my mom and in Florida looking out at the Gulf and sunsets over the beautiful white sand. My husband and I are very lucky to have all our family near us in DC. No grandchildren yet, but we do love the three grand-pets. I just can't make sense of the idea that we are soon celebrating our 50th reunion, but I am so looking forward to seeing you all. I have not kept in touch with Elvis but I hope many of you will be there! Stay well everyone!"



Jane Haake with her daughter Victoria

Helen McKay Lopez writes that she and BFF **Lindsay Powell** stay in touch via Zoom almost on a weekly basis. Lindsay is heading to Helen's for a West Coast vacation and hop-scotching to Helen's various houses in Baja Beach and getting to Loreto via San Ignacio. And talk about advance planning, the two have reservations at the Grand Hilton Times Square to watch the ball drop on New Year's Eve. Helen says she is getting militant about her (Lindsay) retiring sooner than later so they can play more. We sure hope they can find time to travel to the reunion in 2022! Other travels were to Cabo last fall. What started out as a fun trip took a turn when Helen's daughter in law and grandson got COVID. Her daughter also had it but all OK now. She and hubby also did a bit of off-road trips to Baja and went to see the majestic baby whales in Magdalena Bay. Helen and husband are fine as one would expect after receiving four (yes four) vaccines each. Why you ask? They volunteered for the Astra Zeneca research group and then when their turn was up, received the Moderna shot. So in Helen's words "We are likely Teflon when it comes to COVID, but this virus is not over by a long shot (no pun intended)."

Frank "Pancho" Villa writes: "Since our last update I'm sure everyone had an unusual year. Aside from getting COVID, getting vaccinated, being grounded with none of the usual travel adventures, there were some highlights and major changes over the past year. Two years ago, I sold my optometry practice to a large national group. After working the contracted two years as an indentured servant I transitioned into retirement, or mostly retired. Along with that change I moved to North Augusta, SC to be with my life partner, Barbara. We live in a very active and social community, with miles of running and biking trails along with wonderful restaurants just blocks from our door. Not wanting the neurons to lose synapsis, I obtained licenses in both South Carolina and Georgia and will be looking for some part time hours in eye care. Very proudly for this father, the world has another Dr. Villa as my daughter Jordan received her PhD in Biochemistry from the University of Texas. Lastly, and hopefully we will be able to travel again with our postponed trip to hike the Dolomites in Italy this coming fall as well as looking forward to the "it can't be 50 years" reunion for the WA class of '72. Stay well everyone!"

Susan Hughes Lindstrom sends a quick note. "Finally vaccinated and happy to be out of jail. We look forward to traveling to Virginia for some long overdue family time. And the best news is I am getting healthier by the day. Stay well everyone!" And, true to history, Susan has been on the go since getting out of jail traveling from GA to VA to SC several times over keeping up (literally) with her grandkids.

Brian Rose did not let COVID hold him back from his passion for photography. His next photo book is about the last days of the Confederate statues on Monument Avenue in Richmond, VA. He writes that after a career focused mostly on New York architecture scenery, he felt compelled to return to Virginia when he realized that the statues were likely coming down. He made two trips with his son Brendan, one



Brian and his camera

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at the height of the Black Lives Matter protests, and one in the fall, to photograph the now empty pedestals, save for Robert E. Lee, which remains standing awaiting a final court judgement. While controversial, as always he approached the subject in an objective, factual way, though clearly an undercurrent of emotion runs through the book. An essay accompanies the photographs that expresses that emotion more directly. The book is also an exploration of his deep roots in Virginia, his reasons for leaving, and his telling the story of discovering previously unknown family history. In the end, the book presents a case for the need to remove these objects from Monument Avenue, but at the same time, he thinks those who feel differently may still appreciate the care brought to the documentation of this moment in history. The book of photos and essays is tentatively scheduled to be published in July 2021. There is a short blurb in the Circa Press website: <https://circa.press/books/photography/monument-avenue/brian-rose>.



Richmond Monument

Laura Townsend (always the witty one) writes: "Really? What I've been doing since the last submission? The same thing I've been doing for the last 365 plus days, that's what." Her routine is fairly simple and includes – reading, sleeping, eating, shopping online, occasional walks or a bike ride, rinse and repeat. She did manage to run into **Lisa Jones** and nearly had a panic attack as they were not six feet apart and almost hugged. She had a driveway visit with **Jane Scherer Haake** last fall, and she, Jane and **Sandy Scherberger Griffith** have had several good phone conversations in the last few months. They have discussed the potential for a little vaccination reunion party sometime in the near future! Over the past year Laura has mastered a number of skills including; mask wearing, handwashing and social distancing (except for encounters with Lisa). It's going to be really hard to go back to whatever comes next! She did want to give a shout out to **Lou Oliver Brooks** about volunteering for clinical trials for the COVID vaccine (much like **Helen Lopez**). Thanks Lou! To the rest of

the Class... "Stay well and look forward to "real" hugs at out 50th next year."

Charlee Gordon Tramonte starts out with a prayer and the hope that all of us and our precious families are in excellent health and high spirits. She has enjoyed keeping in touch with several classmates over the past several months and talking up the plans for getting together for the epic 50th reunion. She has also maintained a close connection with **Robert Amsler** and wife Julie through Zoom and the weekly virtual Hispanic Bible Study group that Robert directs. Robert had sent her an invitation to join the Thursday night study group and she has been participating for over a year. She makes a special comment that Pastor Robert's Spanish is better than hers! Her plans are to make it to the reunion and also have the opportunity to attend one of the Bible study groups "in person." 2021 will be a busy year with many things planned and God willing, all will go according to plan. COVID cancelled the Mission Honduras for last year and Charlee is hoping to travel back to the villages there and help with the ministry and community service. In the fall, she, **Sheila Bacon** and **Gayle Seward Boothe** will share precious time together at Gayle's home. This will be a long-awaited reunion of a couple "WA boarders." One can already hear the stories of what really went on in the boarders-quarters under the watchful eye of dear Sister Gabriel Mary! And there are other travel plans in store. For her upcoming birthday, she will be traveling to Kihei, HI to visit her son Sam and his fiancé. Charlee ends with extending God's blessings to us all and our families and to definitely count her in for attending our 50th reunion next year.

Lou Oliver Brooks writes: "Life on the farm has actually been the perfect place to ride out the pandemic as we are fairly remote out here in the country. We are fortunate to have very nearby both of our daughters and their families including our perfect, precious and precocious grandchildren. (Aren't all grandchildren that way, right?) The event venue on our farm took a HUGE hit last year but is showing increased activity and bookings now that our NC governor has loosened the reins. I am quite excited to be able to participate mask free in the upcoming Spartan obstacle race held on our farm each year (except last year). 7,000 participants over 2 days and all mask-free! As Helen mentioned, I participated in the Moderna clinical trial with my first of two injections in August 2020. I could tell immediately that I had received the vaccine, not the placebo. From then on, it was really hard but necessary for me to

hold back because no one else had been vaccinated in my immediate family. Now, I'm actually a part of the worry about how long the antibodies last as I approach the 9-12 month post vaccination phase. As Rob mentioned above, he and I already have the reunion on our radar....and it better be on YOURS! In the not-so-distant future, we'll be seeking input about the event details. We are so excited that we will be enough past the pandemic that we'll be able to celebrate with reckless abandon! Because we do that so well! It seems like it is so far off – but it's not! The next alumni magazine will be this time next year – and we'll likely only be a few months out from the gathering! Between now and then, don't behave (but maybe be careful!) and live your best life!"

'73



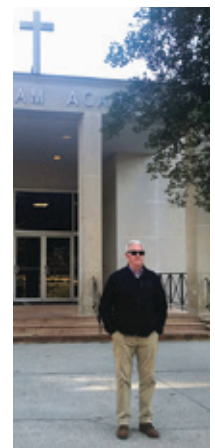
Joe Ryan and Michael McDevitt - Class of 1973

Classmates **Joe Ryan** and **Michael McDevitt** enjoying their 38th Annual Golf Trip in Myrtle Beach in April. They started the trip in 1985 and have met each year every year since except for in 2020.

Two of **Joe Ryan** and **Dorothy Rapone Ryan's '74** 4 children are getting married in the next 5 months.

Michael McDevitt and his wife became grandparents with their first grandchild (boy) born in December 2020.

Michael McDevitt took a road trip to Williamsburg in March 2021 and stopped by Walsingham Academy, 48 years after his graduation. His picture below was taken outside of the Upper School.



Michael McDevitt
Class of 1973

'74

Never stop learning! **Michael Mann** proved that when he earned his doctorate in Cybersecurity last July. This is on top of serving as the program head for Cybersecurity and Networking at Thomas Nelson Community College, teaching

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classes, and speaking regularly at conferences – via Zoom for over a year, of course. Three years ago, he shepherded Thomas Nelson through the year-long process of being named a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security. Currently he is involved with the Coastal VA node (ODU) of the Commonwealth Cybersecurity Initiative: a partnership between academic and industry entities to improve Cybersecurity education to provide better qualified candidates to the industry. Michael wrote, "I really enjoy teaching and speaking at conferences. The cyber industry changes so rapidly it never gets boring. And I find it very satisfying to help prepare a new generation of network engineers and cyber analysts for careers in the industry." So what about retirement? "I am looking forward to retirement, but not for a few more years! I get to meet so many interesting people and stay current with the industry, I'm probably just worried about being bored. I do get to spend time with my grandson and family so I'm OK."

'76

Lynda Colaizzi is enjoying time in sunny Florida as she pursues her favorite sports. She has fond memories of Miami, but she has jumped into a new community and all that it offers! You can find her on the tennis court.

Schatzi Condon Fitz-James is finding joy in being a grandmother and looks forward to spending time with her grandson in Seattle.

Gordon Copland has been living in West Virginia for 37 years. When he is not busy with work, he enjoys time in Snowshoe, watching his nieces and nephews out ski him.

David White is currently living in Northern Virginia and continuing to work with the Treasury Department.

Michael McNelis reports that he is still in Charlotte and after 35 years of practicing anesthesiology, he is looking forward to retiring this summer.

Tom Chalkley is still located in NOVA but maintains roots in Williamsburg. He is looking forward to becoming a granddad soon.

Clint Curtis is still living in RVA and has one granddaughter on the books! He is looking forward to retiring next June or sooner.

Tom Kent writes: Since Walsingham, Williamsburg, and the University of Richmond, life has blessed me with three entertaining, seldom-a-dull-moment, fairly-mature and responsible children, a daughter and two sons, as well as a granddaughter and two grandsons (Benjamin, Liam, and Mariah). My three sisters live relatively close, and we've all been fortunate to watch the extended family grow. After thirty-five years of daily adventures in advertising, it's still pretty easy to go to work each day. Partially, that's because it's pretty easy to go to work each day. The Richmond branch office of Kent Communications is just downstairs, and I don't see that changing. I can honestly say of each day, if it has not been fun, it has at least been different from any other. The plan is to mix as much travel with business as possible and see how far that plan can go, in both distance and time. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next soiree of '76.

Check out the link below to read the Hollywood Weekly "Power Couple" story about our very own **Jacquelyn Stone**. Jackie and her husband BK Fulton – an award-winning author and filmmaker – grace the cover of the popular magazine and share insights on living their best lives. The feature article is both touching and inspiring. Jackie and her husband's story remind us that anything is possible with faith, love and perseverance. Here is the link, https://issuu.com/hollywood/docs/hw_bk_j.

'78

Chuck DiMeglio writes: We will be empty nesters this fall when the youngest of our three children heads off to college. Shelly is now at the Marriott by Georgetown on 22nd street in Washington, DC. I am an independent consultant working in the business and IT strategy areas. I still enjoy playing golf and swimming. One year left on my quest to virtually swim around the world. Currently I am swimming 5 times a week for about 90 minutes and 6,000 meters per day.

'79

We begin our transition from our 50's to our 60's. Life has been a long journey, and we have miles yet to go.

Rob Brown, our avid Cleveland Indians fan, is now a published author. His book, "Truest Fan: Live, Love & Lead with Purpose & Impact" is available for sale and is for anyone looking to live with a purpose.

Wick Copeland owns the Colonial Truck and Trailer Service, and he and his wife, Tammy, have been married 38 years and live in Charles City, VA.

Betsy DiMeglio lives in Naples, FL and loves the sun, surf and seafood.

Lynn Stenzel Eckerson is enjoying the sunshine in Tampa, FL.

Chris Harris just celebrated his 26th wedding anniversary with his wife Amy. Chris retired in December and is looking forward to a final move to Naples, FL in the future.

David Jackson writes that he and his wife Ally are still living in Norfolk, still working and still enjoying walks on the beach.

Valerie Kashouty Sargent is an accomplished artist and lives in Charlottesville, VA.

Carla Morin lives in Newport News and enjoys spending her time with friends and family.

Theresa McClintock has come full circle, and recently moved back to Williamsburg.

Phil Ryan was seen strolling the Virginia Beach bayfront, and he seemed so relaxed.

Jonathan Topp's mother, Gloria Topp, passed away in 2020. She was 97 and always an avid supporter of Walsingham Academy. She was orphaned at a young age, lost her husband in 1967, and she was always grateful to the Sisters of Mercy for taking in her six children as she struggled to ensure a proper education. **Jon Topp** and **Alice Leclere Topp '81** celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary in June, and they live in Montpelier, VA.

Robert Wren continues to train like a Sasquatch. He and his wife Ann live in Richmond, VA.

'86

Liza Horan hosts The Mindstream Podcast, full of news, stories, and perspectives on the mind-body-spirit movement for greater health and happiness. It's part of MindstreamConnect.com. She'd love to connect with alumni who host podcasts or work in complementary and alternative medicine, natural health, spiritual growth disciplines, and personal development. Say hi on LinkedIn or email hello@mindstreamconnect.com.

Celia Klimock Bavier writes: Hi everyone! I hope you all are well and slowly recovering

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from this long year. I haven't updated in a while, so just letting everyone know that I'm currently doing fundraising for a humanitarian aid organization for migrants and refugees here in Tucson called No More Deaths/No Más Muertes. However, after four years here in Tucson, AZ, I'm getting ready to launch my own consulting business! I'll be providing fundraising know-how to non-profits in the southern Arizona area and nationally. Also sending my oldest off to college this fall....how can that be?! Please be well wherever this finds you.

'98

Christina Hagan Dahlman and her husband Jerry welcomed their second child, Julia Catherine Dahlman born May 18, 2020. Julia joins big brother Benjamin. The family resides in Charlotte, NC.



Christina Hagan Dahlman - Class of 1998

'01

On July 10, the Class of 2001 celebrated their 20th Class Year Reunion at Bramble Park Winery in Richmond, VA. Local alumni came from Williamsburg, Richmond, and Charlottesville and out-of-state from Texas, Tennessee, and Connecticut came together for a fun evening of dinner, drinks and sharing memories. They can't wait to be back together again for their 25th Class Year Reunion!



20th Class Year Reunion - Class of 2001



20th Class Year Reunion - Class of 2001

Mary Simpson has finished her Masters in Education with a concentration in Math Leadership from George Mason University. Mary and her fiancé, Brian Rochester will be getting married in October!



Mary Simpson - Class of 2001

Brooke Cavanaugh Murray and her husband, Matt welcomed twin girls on November 17, 2020. Brighton Kate Murray (6lbs 9oz, 20.5 inches long) and Blythe Elizabeth Murray (6lbs 1 oz, 20.5 inches long). Brighton and Blythe join big brothers, Tucker and Preston, making the Murrays a family of 6!



Brooke Murray - Class of 2001

Jacqueline Langholtz and husband William Taylor welcomed their first child, Gloria Langholtz Taylor, born at home in Charlottesville, VA.

'02

Ryan Carpenter is currently in his tenth-year teaching mathematics at Christopher Newport University. He married his wife Kendall on August 4, 2013, with **Tommy Witty '02** and **Dan Bailey '01** as members of the wedding party. This past spring, Ryan published a research article in the *International Journal of Number Theory*.

'03

Bridget Seward Ullrich has welcomed two boys to their growing family! James Thomas Ullrich was born on October 16, 2018. He was 6 weeks early but now is a healthy, happy, 2-year-old. Isaac Gregory Ullrich was born on May 21, 2020 weighing 8 lbs, 5 oz and is sweet as can be. They join older sister Scarlett, who is 5.



Bridget Ullrich - Class of 2003

Gwendolyn Brantley and her husband Nick Fitzpatrick welcomed their daughter, Charlotte June Fitzpatrick on November 14, 2020.



Gwendolyn Brantley - Class of 2003

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Sterling Whitehead and wife Rachael Whitehead are relocating from Fairfax, VA to Burke, VA with their son Ethan, 9 months old.

'07

Louise Enright is currently a pediatric nurse at VCU Health in Richmond and will graduate with a Masters in Nursing in May from VCU's Family Nurse Practitioner program.

Felicia Flaum LeMaster married Alan LeMaster on December 12, 2020. The couple had a small intimate wedding ceremony with the bride's brother officiating. The ceremony was held outdoors at St. John's Golf and Country Club in St. Augustine, FL. The bride graduated from the University of North Florida and holds two Bachelor's degrees, one in History and one in Philosophy. She is employed by the Diocese of St. Augustine and works as a Development Associate at Catholic Charities Jacksonville Regional Office. She will celebrate 7 years with the office in September of this year. The groom has a Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Central Florida and is employed by Availity. The couple met through a mutual friend and have been together for 9 years. Due to the pandemic they have postponed their honeymoon but are currently residing in their home in St. Augustine with their 2 cats, Dimitri and Donovan.



Felicia LeMaster - Class of 2007

Megan Ngo Tran moved to Lorton, VA in July 2020 with her husband, Alex and 2 daughters (Emmaline 4, and Hailey 2). Megan is an analyst at a federal law enforcement agency in Washington, DC, where she has worked since 2012.

Casey Walker married **Emily-Anne Rigal '12** on October 17, 2020 alongside Best Man, **Brian Duke '08** and Maid of Honor, **Kelly Carr '12**. Casey and Emily-Anne reside in Williamsburg, VA.



Walker and Rigall Wedding

'10

Anthony Rieger was married to Jolene Rieger on October 10, 2020. They were married at Twin Lakes State Park in Green Bay, VA and reside in Henrico County in a house they purchased in January of 2020.



Anthony Rieger - class of 2010

'11

The Class of 2011 will be celebrating their 10 year reunion on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Precarious Beer Project in Williamsburg, VA!

Alex Watkins lives in Atlanta, GA and is now a showroom consultant for Ferguson Enterprises. She will marry her fiancé Cal Williams on October 2, 2021.

'12

Laura Copan graduated with an MFA in Writing and Producing for Television from



Laura Copan - class of 2012

Loyola Marymount University in 2020. She wrote, produced, and co-directed her comedy web series, Tango of Imaginary Friends, managing a team of about 20 cast and crew members. She is excited to attend Rocaberti Writers' Retreat at Marouatte Castle in France in May of 2022, where she will develop one of her original television pilots. She will lecture on creativity for Virginia Tech Honors College alumni in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland in July of 2022. In the meantime, contact her for any freelance writing needs: lauracopan@gmail.com. [Obviously, she is broke and single.]

'13

Mackenzie Karnes continues to practice law in Charlotte and has expanded her practice into South Carolina. She is currently engaged to William Duncan and plans to marry next spring.

'14

Despite a wild past year, the Class of 2014 has been thriving in new roles and stages of life!

Alex Kenney has accepted a new job with Deloitte Consulting as a Strategy and Analytics Consultant.

Maggie Harris recently got engaged to Tyler Hardee and they will be getting married in Williamsburg in 2022. Maggie just transitioned to her clinical year of chiropractic school and will be graduating in June of 2022.

Cole Sanderson has recently moved back to Williamsburg where he has accepted a job with Greystar as a property manager at High Street View Apartments.

Reilly Pieri has recently accepted a new job as a Speech Pathologist at a pediatric clinic.

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'17

Shelton Piland is working as an individual and family therapist at Healthy Minds Therapy in Fredericksburg and is currently under supervision to receive her Clinical Social Worker License.

Carley Alexandra McQuain graduated from Duke University with her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She did her undergrad at the University of Virginia and graduated in 2018. She will be moving to Philadelphia for a Residency in Sports Physical Therapy with NovaCare. She will be working with Rutgers Football as well as Temple and UPenn Athletics.



Carley McQuain - Class of 2014

'15

Molly Menoni is still living outside of Washington, DC working as a consultant on the Government Contractor Advisory Services team at Baker Tilly. Over the past year she has been volunteering at a local non-profit, Bridges to Independence, whose mission is to lead families in the area out of homelessness and into stable and independent futures. She has been a member of the fundraising committee along with a few event planning committees.

Alex Bolton is still living in Suffolk, VA. He bought a condo last year and has set up shop there with his dog, Sierra. He will be getting married this September to his wonderful fiancé Grace, and he still works for the Department of Defense as an Engineer.

Courtney Carpenter had a busy March 2021. She bought a house and got engaged, with plans to get married in 2023 after the pandemic has long been gone.

'16

Ali Ague moved to Denver and now works as an accountant at Messner Reeves LLP.

Emily Mauk is enjoying teaching 5th grade at Walsingham, as well as coaching field hockey and basketball.

Shelby Julien will be entering her first year at William & Mary Law school in fall 2021.

Jackson Pauley was awarded the *Robert B. Archibald and David H. Finifter Scholarship* by the William & Mary Department of Economics. Jackson accepted a full time offer from Grant Thornton LLP and will start this summer in their public sector advisory service at the DC Metro area office. Jackson was also initiated into Phi Gamma Delta's Rho Tau chapter.

'18

Colin Wilson is a rising senior at Hampden Sydney and has an internship in Richmond this summer.

Grace Vidlak has an aerospace engineering internship for Bell Helicopter this summer in Fort Worth, TX.

Julia Vidlak earned a Goldwater Scholarship at the University of Richmond! The University of Richmond newsroom published an article on April 5, 2021 about Julia's scholarship. Here is the article, "Two University of Richmond students have received Goldwater scholarships, the preeminent undergraduate award in science and math. This year, 410 Goldwater scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of nearly 1,300 students nominated by 438 colleges and universities nationwide. Julia Vidlak, a junior chemistry major from Williamsburg, VA. Vidlak is being mentored by chemistry professor Miles Johnson, a UR alum who received a Goldwater award when he was an undergraduate. Vidlak plans to obtain an MD-PhD degree with a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology. She aspires to study pediatric cancer treatments as a physician-scientist at an academic medical institution."

Anna Vidlak has a nurse externship this summer with Bon Secours at the Southside Medical Center.

Kiely Curran will be attending medical school in July at Nova Southeastern University under a Navy Scholarship.

Julia Grimson has a nurse externship this summer at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC.

Carson Cooper has two internships this summer. He will be interning as a park operations business intern at Busch Gardens, as well as a sales and marketing intern for Greek House.

Devon Joss made Dean's list this

semester and serves as the President of the club golf team.

Evan Gareffa served as a volunteer for Faith in Action during spring and summer 2020, delivering supplies and driving senior citizens to their medical appointments. Evan is a rising senior at James Madison University majoring in International Affairs.

David Pelei has been assisting in the Orthodontic Clinic at VCU for over a year now and tutoring an individual with autism. Research-wise he has been developing Organic Chemistry educational material with his professor. Recently, he founded Spikeball at VCU Sports Club and has been elected as a senator in the VCU Student Government Association. He is taking this summer off to prepare to take the DAT exam for dental school!

Bailey Ward is graduating a year early from William & Mary with her BA in history with a minor in finance. She is graduating summa cum laude and with high honors from the Lyon G. Tyler Department of History for her thesis work titled, "Commodities, Currencies and Counter-gifts: A Chronological and Compositional Analysis of Glass Beads from Ile-Ife, Southwest Nigeria." Additional honors include her selection as a William & Mary candidate for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University. She also became an All-American Mock Trial competitor at the collegiate National Championships. Upon graduation, she will be pursuing a career in law as a paralegal with the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice in Washington DC before attending law school.

Maggie Kauffman is a rising senior at Virginia Tech. This summer she is interning with a Dietician at Lewis-Gale Montgomery Hospital, as well as preparing for the GRE to apply to Physical Therapy school in the fall.

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Olivia LeJeune received an internship with University of Tennessee athletics through the Sports Medicine Student assistant program.

Emily Zielinski had an internship this past semester doing videography and editing for Compass Real Estate in Boston, MA. She was an assistant director, cinematographer, editor, and director of photography for Boston University on Broadway's "Put on Your Sunday Clothes" virtual show. She starred in a short film called "Smoke Signal" and in a Boston University advertisement project for Skull Candy headphones and auditioned for "The Voice" last fall.

Remembering Alumni, Friends, and Family

- The family of **Cornelius Adrian Lemmers '54**
- The family of Evelyn Marie Strong Brown, who worked for more than three decades in the food and custodial services here at Walsingham Academy
- The family of **Anne Peet '65**
- **Cynthia Zodda '66** and **Teri Zodda** on the passing of their father Victor "Vic" Zodda
- The family of **Linda Winters Gooch '67**
- The family of **Jan Dow Haybert '67**
- The family of **Lynda Nelson Via '67**
- To the family of **Paul Maxfield '68**
- **Brian Rose '72** on the passing of his mother, Julia Rose
- **Susan Hughes Lindstrom '72** on the passing of her mother, Genevieve Hughes
- **Lisa Jones '72** on the passing of her mother, Almira Jones
- **Denise Dahl '72** and **Lauri Dahl '75** on the passing of their mother, Jo Rae Dahl
- **Nancy Kennedy Byrd '72** on the passing of her father, Robert Kennedy
- **Sandra Walters '73** on the passing of her brother Joseph Clyde Bayne Walters
- The late **Deborah Topp Carlson '69**, **Kevin Topp '73**, **Jeffrey Topp '75**, **Kelly Topp '77**, **Jonathan Topp '79**, and **Raymond Topp '83** on the passing of their mother, Gloria Topp.
- The family of **Mike Maddocks '75**
- The family of **Lee Vanatta '76**
- The family of **Nanette "Nan" Vellines Burcham '77**
- **Chris Darling '78**, **James Darling '80**, **Jonathan Darling '81**, **Sarah Darling '84** and Elizabeth Darling on the passing of their father and mother, James Darling and Mary Lee Darling. Mary Lee Darling served as a guidance counselor and psychology instructor for many years here at Walsingham Academy.
- The family of **Thomas J. Kmetz '80**
- **Jill Allen '86** on the passing of her mother and Quincy Allen '21 on the passing of his grandmother, Janice Mattern.
- The family of **Meghan Ford '98**
- **Erin Mearns '05** on the passing of her father Edward Mearns III, a former religion teacher at Walsingham Academy.

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