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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear R-MC Community,

As we move closer to the College's third century, it is important for us to think about Randolph-Macon's continuing legacy.

At Randolph-Macon, there are so many who have been—and still are—engaged in creating our legacy. Most especially in the profound impact that the College has had on students during our 193-year history.

Today's R-MC students continue to benefit from outstanding faculty who combine the core tenets of a strong liberal arts program with engaging, hands-on learning environments. And our student experience is enhanced through supportive relationships built with our exceptional staff.

Survey after survey show that our graduates value the personalized instruction with authentic learning experiences that they have received; our commitment to providing real-world experiences through internships and undergraduate research opportunities through our SURF program; and the chance to learn from our excellent, highly knowledgeable faculty.

Randolph-Macon's success is deeply rooted in a strong academic program; very connected alumni who remain engaged and supportive years after your own graduation; and substantial financial support that has allowed our College to grow and flourish.

This fall, the College's alumni, families, and friends helped us exceed our goals for Macon Day, our annual day of giving. Thanks to your generosity, we bested our goal of raising \$550,000. In one day!

And our legacy of support for new facilities remains strong and is demonstrated today with the opening of Duke Hall, which now houses our new Physician Assistant program and our outstanding athletics department.

Indeed, the success of a vibrant college is most often found within those who support its upkeep and growth. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide students with state-of-the-art programs and spaces—including 12 new majors and 18 new or renovated facilities in the last 10 years.

"...a strong academic program, very connected alumni ... and substantial financial support has allowed our College to grow and flourish."

Our campus transformation has significantly increased our ability to attract and retain students, with access to cutting-edge scientific labs, modern residence halls, and top-notch athletic facilities.

And Randolph-Macon's Refer a Yellow Jacket program provides still another important outlet for alumni to alert us to a high-performing high school student whom they think would be a good fit at R-MC. This fall, 166 students enrolled at Randolph-Macon who had been referred through this special program. Those 166 students made up 36 percent of new students on campus and represented the largest, one-time enrollment of Refer a Yellow Jacket students in the program's history.

Now we are preparing for a strategic planning process. One that will help us develop a plan to best attract and serve the next generations of R-MC students, helping them to adapt to a rapidly evolving world and become future ready. And one that will allow us to continue to leave our mark on the world.

No doubt we will continue to depend on the "secret sauce" that has always made Randolph-Macon's legacy most impactful—the support of our wonderful faculty, staff, alumni, families, and friends. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Bob Lindgren". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Bob Lindgren

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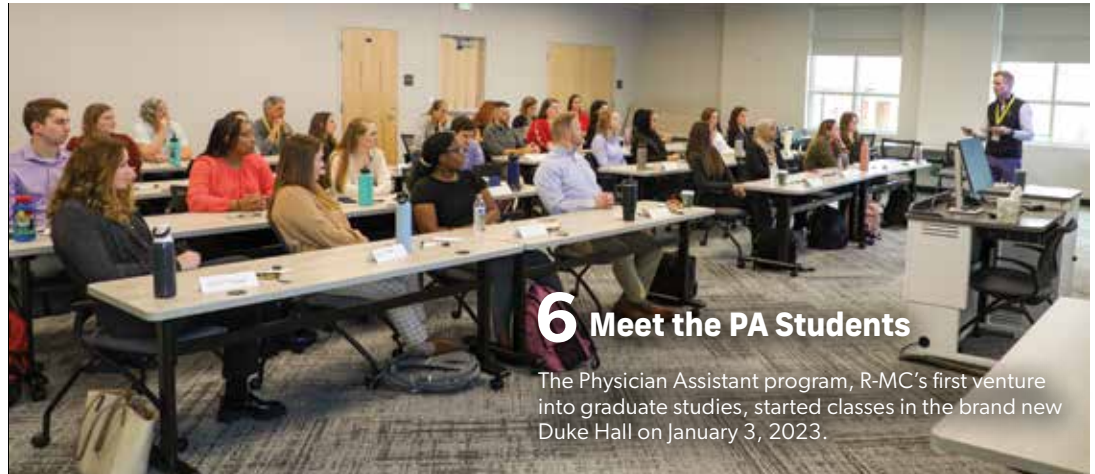
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What's New @R-MC



R-MC Adds Exceptional Education Major

The Virginia Board of Education has approved Randolph-Macon College's addition of a major in exceptional education, designed to prepare future teachers for immediate licensure in K-12 classrooms when they graduate with a B.A. degree from R-MC.

The new exceptional education major is one of several pathways for future teachers studying at R-MC and will replace the previous special education track of the education minor. The first graduates of R-MC's Special Education Teacher Preparation Program completed the program in 2016, with

21 total alumni in the past six years. In that time, several of those Yellow Jackets have earned New Teacher of the Year and Teacher of the Year awards at their schools, ranging from early childhood education to high schools.

The new major also addresses a significant need in the field – the Virginia Department of Education identified special education as the top critical teaching shortage every school year from 2006-07 through 2021-22.

"We're excited to add the exceptional education major to our robust education offerings," Provost Alisa

Rosenthal said. "Our graduates are already highly sought-after teachers and this major will help address the critical shortage of exceptional education teachers in our schools by continuing to provide outstanding educators whose commitment to supporting all students lies at the heart of what they do."

While the term "special education" is still used by some school districts and is found in state and federal regulations, "exceptional education" is increasingly favored as being more positive and inclusive.

White Named Interim VP for Enrollment

In September, Randolph-Macon College President Robert Lindgren announced that R. Douglas White '80 will serve as the Interim Vice President for Enrollment while the College conducts a national search for a new leader for the College's offices of Admissions and Financial Aid. David Lesesne, who served as Vice President for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid for 13 years, announced the end of his tenure in the summer. During his tenure, the College experienced 25% growth in overall enrollment.

White, a successful businessman and entrepreneur, has served as a member of the Board of Trustees for 20 years, including 10 years as chair of the Board's Enrollment Committee. He steps down from his post on the board to step into the important role on an interim basis. "I view this as an opportunity to help with the transition," White said. "It's always a critical time in the College's history. We can't afford to drop the ball, so I want to make sure that things run smoothly until we can find David's successor."



White

Plans Drawn For Crenshaw Gym Upgrades

Architectural plans have been drawn to make upgrades at the College's Crenshaw Gym to elevate the experience of R-MC student-athletes, matching the excellence they achieve on and off the court.

The first phase of the plan calls for the men's basketball team to move into a renovated locker room space that will include a video screening room and a lounge area with televisions. The women's basketball locker room will be enlarged to include a video screening room with premium recliners, and the women's volleyball team will move into a renovated locker room space. Each program will receive new spacious lockers, upgraded showers, and a laundry facility. Once additional funds have been raised, phase two will involve moving the men's soccer team to a new, renovated locker room on the second floor of Crenshaw and enhancing the men's lacrosse locker room.

The project, which would rely on fundraising support, would also have the goal of strengthening the atmosphere in the spaces for student-athletes, coaches, and fans alike. For more information, please visit rmc.edu/crenshaw.



Rendering of women's basketball screening room



Rendering of men's basketball locker room



Rendering of women's basketball locker room

R-MC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Randolph-Macon College President Robert Lindgren and Board of Trustees Chair Sue Schick '84 are pleased to announce the appointment of three distinguished alumni to the College's Board of Trustees.

Dr. Thomas M. Hubbard '75 earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Randolph-Macon, a DDS from the University of Maryland, and an MD from the Medical College of Virginia. He continues to practice medicine at the Ashland Medical Center and the Hanover Interfaith Free Clinics, which he established with his wife Susan '76 in 2006.

Michael L. Roberson '87 graduated from Randolph-Macon with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Today, Roberson is a human resources consultant across a variety of industries for small- to medium-sized organizations.

R. Randolph "Randy" Weis '88 earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business from R-MC. After a successful leadership career at Reynolds Metals Company/Alcoa, Weis founded a greenfield aluminum manufacturing company, Service Center Metals, from which he retired in 2019.



Dr. Thomas M. Hubbard '75



Michael L. Roberson '87



R. Randolph "Randy" Weis '88

Seen & Heard



Dana Goff Christians '92 won the best tailgate award at Homecoming. Also pictured are Rachen Forrester Sterling '92, Libby Armitage Hall '93, Melissa Bacon Lee '92, Jeannine Reese Wright '92, Ariel Schulz '91, Stacey Dash '93, Shauna Tavares Cassidy '92, Sonya Peretti-Hull '93, Kristin Addleman Pepper '93, and Susan Zitzer Clayton '92.



Griff Sims '81 caught up with Professor Emeritus of English Dr. Ritchie Watson during his **class reunion** in October. Sims was regaling friends with stories about how much he loved Dr. Watson's classes, which he took as electives, when he learned Dr. Watson was just across the room. Their warm reunion is, well, just what reunions are for!

"I was moved to tears re-connecting 40 years later with my beloved English department chair, Dr. Ritchie Watson. He took interest in me as a student, counselor, and person. He came to our soccer games and supported me immeasurably in and out of the classroom. I'm grateful for his intellect and passion in American English history and so grateful for my R-MC family."
- Griff Sims '81



The **Keeble Observatory** was re-opened to the public this fall to view objects in space.



92 alumni were part of the cohort of volunteers who helped make this fall's **EDGE Boot Camp** a success. The twice-yearly program gives sophomores the chance to learn practical job-seeking skills like interviewing, networking, and business etiquette.



The **Randolph-Macon College Entrepreneur Achievement Awards**, presented by the Board of Associates, recognized Rodney A. Jefferson '94, Charleita M. Richardson '00, and Dennis "Duke" K. Dodson II '02.

"It's really about trusting your team, it's about building up the work of the organization and building up the individuals that you're working with. It's also about making sure you bring your best self to any role." - Charleita M. Richardson '00 on her career and work that garnered the Non-Profit Executive of the Year Award



The **Franklin Debating Society** defeated rival Hampden-Sydney College in The Big Debate, arguing the question of whether Greek life should be abolished on college campuses. Olivia Redman '24, Grace Holderman '23, DQ Tracy '23, and Dr. Ruth Beerman posed with the trophy after their win.

"It was fun to be included in the Rivalry Week festivities and to get to know some of the men from the Hampden-Sydney debate team. But, as always, it's great to beat H-SC! Go Jackets!"
- DQ Tracy '23, Franklin Debating Society member



Under the direction of new choir director Dr. Antonio Hunt, the **Concert Choir** held their fall performance, "The Essence of Hope."

During **The Big Event**, Jacob McCaleb '23 and other R-MC students gave back to the Ashland community through service projects.





24 **TOTAL STUDENTS
ACCEPTED**

14 **FROM VIRGINIA** (Others from Texas,
Illinois, California, Maryland, Pennsylvania,
New Jersey, North Carolina, Florida)

4 **R-MC
ALUMNI**

MEET THE PA STUDENTS

THE FIRST CLASS of Randolph-Macon's new Physician Assistant (PA) program matriculated on January 3, 2023. Housed in the brand new Duke Hall, the PA program is the College's first venture into graduate studies.

PAs are essential members of our healthcare systems, trained to deliver patient-centered care of the highest quality to individuals of all ages and from every background. After completing the 24-month program that combines modern health science preparation and inter-professional training, with infusions of liberal arts and community service, students will be prepared to pass the national certifying exam and obtain state licensure.



Several key benchmarks achieved for the program's goal to develop a diverse student body of academically qualified PA matriculants.

4 (17% of incoming class) are the **FIRST GENERATION** in their family to attend college

6 (25% of incoming class) are from a **MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA** or a HPSA (health professional shortage area)

7 (29% of incoming class) reflect **DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS**

DUKE HALL HOUSES NUMEROUS SPACES EQUIPPED FOR THE INFUSION OF PROBLEM-BASED LEARNING, MEDICAL EDUCATION AND A LIBERAL ARTS CURRICULUM.



Skills Lab



Student Lounge and Café



One of six small group rooms



DIVERSITY AND OPPORTUNITY AT R-MC TODAY

By Carter Walton



A year ago, President Lindgren received and shared 31 recommendations made by the Racial Equity and Opportunity Commission he charged with reflecting on the College's history and identifying ways that Randolph-Macon can be a more welcoming and equitable place for historically underrepresented students. I was proud to staff that Commission, which worked for more than a year before offering those 31 recommendations to help Randolph-Macon make progress towards a stronger culture of inclusion and an increasingly diverse student body supported by more diverse faculty and staff.


In 2021, President Lindgren invited me to join his office as Special Assistant for Diversity and Opportunity. In my role, I help to advance the Commission's recommendations and other initiatives to nurture and celebrate diversity on our campus and to measure our progress. We are moving forward, and I want to highlight some of our progress here.

Student Recruitment

The Class of 2026 is the most diverse in the College's history, with 27% of students from historically underrepresented communities – a 5% increase from the prior year. This meaningful increase reflects the intentional work of the Admissions team to create more opportunities for students of color to connect with R-MC throughout the Admissions process. The College has also established relationships with community-based organizations that brought new students to campus for tours and panel discussions; those same organizations also welcomed Admissions counselors for visits in their communities.

The support of diverse student ambassadors who reach out directly to students has proven to be a meaningful addition to the Admissions process as well. Looking ahead, the addition of a Spanish-speaking counselor last summer will help support future engagement with Hispanic students and families.





Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Training

Intentional changes to the process of faculty searches helped the College recruit a diverse class of tenure track faculty in 2022, with four people of color (out of eight total). These faculty join a community that has demonstrated its commitment to inclusion, with training and research on a variety of important topics, including:

- equity in grading
- inclusive advising for study abroad
- addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion through the work of athletic training, coaching, and administration
- providing increased housing/residential communities and support options on campus
- the intersections of support for students with disabilities with academic and support services
- increased retention of STEM students from historically underrepresented areas

Mentoring

Mentoring programs are underway or being developed on several fronts, answering the REOC's call for more support for historically underrepresented students.

- The THRIVE Peer Mentoring program has been re-envisioned to reflect the needs of students in transition to college and designed to complement the work of other programs on campus that support orientation in general and specifically first-gen students.
- Faculty from historically underrepresented communities have personalized professional development and mentorship opportunities.
- A pilot program beginning this summer will connect Black students to Black alumni with a goal of creating meaningful support systems now, to carry on through our students' transition to the workforce.
- **If you are interested in being part of our founding cohort, please contact me at carterwalton@rmc.edu!**

Work across this exciting platform is increasingly being undertaken by faculty, staff, and students in departments and offices across our campus, which shows an outstanding commitment every day. Their progress is a part of a team effort—a community effort—which is allowing our community to become richer.

If you'd like to learn more, I'd be pleased to connect with any of our readers. Please find me at carterwalton@rmc.edu.


Intentional Places of Belonging

Part of creating a community enhanced by our diversity is creating places for Yellow Jackets to belong. Some new places for belonging at R-MC include:

- A private interfaith prayer space in Brock Commons
- An Interfaith Council, supported by the Chaplain
- Affinity programs for alumni at key events, like Homecoming
- Pride Partners, who support allyship

There is more communication about our resources, with new Web pages addressing Diversity and Inclusion at R-MC, in Admissions, and in Student Life, as well as pages with resources for first generation students, LGBTQAI+ pride, and anti-racism.

THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND
REPORT CAN BE READ AT
WWW.RMC.EDU/RACIAL-EQUITY-AND-OPPORTUNITY



DIGGING INTO THE PAST, UNEARTHING THE FUTURE

THE HANDS-ON STUDY OF ARCHAEOLOGY AT R-MC



John Camp II retired as both Director of the Athenian Agora and Stavros Niarchos Foundation Professor of Classics at Randolph-Macon in 2022.

AT THE ATHENIAN AGORA

In the stretch of history that has passed since the ancient Greeks roamed the city center of Athens known as the Agora, mere decades is a blip in time. But the period since 1994 is a consequential era for the study of the classics and archaeology at Randolph-Macon, during which time its students have had unique access to the world-famous site that dates back to the sixth century B.C.

The connection to the Athenian Agora was made under the supervision of John Camp II, who was Director of the Agora Excavation, through the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (ASCSA), which has overseen the excavation since 1931. Camp was connected to R-MC through his wife, Professor Beth Fisher; he began teaching as an adjunct professor at Randolph-Macon. He spent part of the year in Ashland, and the rest at the Agora, as director and a professor of archaeology

at ASCSA. Each summer, Camp and his team welcomed a cohort of student volunteers from across the United States to study archaeological methods and help excavate the vast site. Together, he and Fisher made R-MC part of that cohort of volunteers, with a handful of spots reserved for gritty, hard-working Yellow Jackets every year since 1994.

Of the selection process, Camp said this: "I didn't care if you could read Latin or Greek. You need to not fight with your roommate over a shower, you need to show up, and do the work."

And work they did. For the dozens of students who participated, the eight-week program was a dirty, often humbling, and universally transformative experience abroad. Days were spent in trenches, systematically removing layers of soil in search of shards, artifacts, and other items of significance. Evenings and

weekends were free to attend lectures, explore Athens, and travel in Greece. Since 2009, the program has been funded with the generous support of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), which promotes cultural education for ancient and modern Hellenic culture. The R-MC students, known as Summer Fellows, live and travel at little or no cost, thanks to the foundation.

Katie Chohan '22, who attended last summer, looks back fondly on many aspects of her summer in Greece, including her walk to work and the experience of tactically working with the dirt. "I think the one that rests at the top of my list is glancing up from digging and catching a glimpse of the Acropolis peeking out from behind a building," she recalls. "I am grateful to have worked under Dr. Camp during his final summer as the Director of the Agora, and especially enjoyed his lecture to the Agora Volunteers at the Hephaestion, wherein we had the rare opportunity to enter the building itself."

Like Chohan, who has gone on to graduate school, some alumni went on to pursue careers that were inspired by their summer (see page 14). Others saw their lives change in other, more personal ways, with lifelong friendships and more than a few romantic relationships too.



Stavros Niarchos Foundation Summer Fellows Parker Hylton '23, Alansa Allen '22, Aryn Hanna '24, and Katie Chohan '22 pictured alongside President Lindgren, Professor Camp, Professor Fisher, and alumna Amber DeLuca Laughy '04

Amber DeLuca Laughy '04 is one of several R-MC alums who met her husband at the site. Amber, who was a music major, met fellow volunteer Mike Laughy. They went on to marry, and his career in the classics kept them so closely tied to the Agora that she had her first child in Greece. "The Agora put me on a path to where I am today. It steered me in a direction that I didn't think I was going to go," she explained.

The Legacy of John Camp II

The 2022 cohort of Stavros Niarchos Foundation Summer Fellows was the last to dig at the Athenian Agora under the supervision of Professor John Camp II, who retired as excavation director at the end of the summer. Camp also taught his final course as the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Professor of Classics at Randolph-Macon in fall of 2022.

His 57-year career at the Agora began in 1966, when he joined as an excavator while still a student earning his bachelor's degree in classics at Harvard University. His appointment,

he later learned, was due to a misunderstanding from the director who hired him. "He thought he was getting a second-year graduate student. He took me by mistake, and once I got my foot in the door, he couldn't get rid of me," he laughs.

Camp is a celebrated scholar, widely-known as the world's foremost expert in the topography of Athens and Attica, and honored worldwide for his contributions to Greek archaeology. Yet, Camp says it's the camaraderie of the field of archaeology that appeals to him. "Nobody is getting rich and nobody is getting famous. There is no ladder you can climb. You are spending your time with people who love doing it," he says.

Indeed, Camp credits his partnership with Dr. Fisher as a critical part of his illustrious career. In August 2022, in honoring the pair, the National Hellenic Society wrote, "Dr. Camp contributed to and elevated the discoveries, research, and educational material of the ancient Agora of Athens.



FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS, RANDOLPH-MACON STUDENTS DUG IN ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST CONSEQUENTIAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ONE OF THE FIELD'S MOST CONSEQUENTIAL CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS.

AT THE ATHENIAN AGORA, *continued*

With unprecedented support from Dr. Fisher, who has excavated in Italy, Greece, and Ethiopia, they altered how we study archeology."

The Past as a Teacher

For Camp and his mentees, digging is a special kind of treasure hunting. Discovering something is thrilling, but the valuable work comes from interpreting each piece of evidence to tell more and more of the story of history. Camp acknowledged that the puzzle is incomplete, and yet he is always struck by the familiarity of human nature. "Nothing has changed since antiquity except for the technology," he muses, on topics as mundane as human waste and as dramatic as fraud.

His stories of life at the Agora are especially full of reflections about democracy, which he says is practiced differently today than the Greeks imagined. For example, he notes that the ancient Greeks elected citizens for just a year, and often banished powerful or dangerous citizens from the community through a process called Ostrakismos, or ostracism. "Their democracy wasn't perfect either, but I know ours is broken and these are things we could do."

In this way, his lectures and lessons over the decades of his career—whether in front of a classroom, in the hot sun of a dig site, or in a packed lecture hall—are full of ideas from the past that he sees as critical to our future. "This is jazzy. This is relevant. And I'm getting it from a bunch of pots," he says. ●



POINTS OF PRIDE

Randolph-Macon's Archaeological Studies program offers the only bachelor's degree in Classical, Ancient Mediterranean and Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The College produced 7% of the nation's Classical Archaeology graduates last year.

Randolph-Macon is one of four schools in Virginia offering a bachelor's degree in Greek, and graduated half of the state's Greek majors in the last 5 years.

Randolph-Macon is one of four schools in the state offering a bachelor's degree in Latin and graduated 44% of the state's Latin majors in the last 5 years.

Classical CEOs IS THERE SOMETHING ABOUT THE CLASSICS?



Macon F. Brock, Jr. graduated from Randolph-Macon College in 1964 with a B.A. in Latin. He went on to Quantico, Va., for Marine Corps Officer training, served in Vietnam and was a special agent with the Office of Naval Intelligence at the Norfolk Naval Station before becoming a successful entrepreneur, co-founding K and K Toys and Dollar Tree, Inc. He served as chief executive of Dollar Tree from 1993-2003 and chairman until 2017. In his book "One Buck at a Time," he wrote, "I can hold myself up as an example of the transformative power of a liberal arts education at a small college. Randolph-Macon is where I became a productive member of society." He shared his gratitude through exceptional generosity to the College with both time and money, and he and his wife, Joan, remain R-MC's most significant benefactors. Brock died in 2017.



Tommy Millner earned his B.A. in classics from Randolph-Macon College in 1976. He spent 20 years in the furniture industry before becoming the CEO of Pilliod Cabinet Company, where he led a successful turnaround of the company. Following the sale of Pilliod in 1994, he became the CEO of Remington Arms Company, and in 2009, following the sale of Remington, Millner became the CEO of Cabela's, where he served until 2017. He has also served on R-MC's Board of Trustees since 2018.

"A lifetime of intellectual curiosity was ignited within me while studying the classics at Randolph-Macon. All of my success, both personally and professionally stem from the magic of the classics and my broader liberal arts studies," he reflects today.

A FIELD PERSON

When Professor Beth Fisher arrived as a professor at Randolph-Macon in 1988, she joined a 150-year-old department with a rich history in the classics as part of the liberal arts tradition. A specialist in Bronze Age Greece, she taught languages, art, and history across several departments and programs. But she was the first archaeologist on the faculty with perspective from the trenches - literally.

"At my core, I'm a field person," she explains. Fisher has supervised digs in Iklaina, Greece and Ismenion Hill in Thebes, Greece, and been part of work in Corinth, Crete, and Ethiopia exploring the connections of the ancient Greeks to those civilizations.

Finding ways to help her students do fieldwork has always been a significant part of her pedagogy. Even before Randolph-Macon offered a degree in archaeology, Fisher invited students to dig at her home, an 1837 plantation in Hanover County called Signal Hill. She helped make connections to international excavation sites, including the Agora where her husband John Camp was on staff.

"She was a visionary pioneer," former department chair Professor Emeritus Greg Daugherty observed. "She was always finding innovative ways for undergraduates to do archaeology."

These innovations helped her introduce an archaeology major in 2012, and Hanover County excavations became a feature of the curriculum. Fisher was invited to supervise significant excavations at the Hanover Tavern and more recently at Scotchtown, the home of Patrick Henry, which is work that will continue in the spring of 2023. "This county is full of history," she reflects. "You can't put a shovel in the ground without coming up with something."



Professor Beth Fisher examines artifacts discovered by Cara Giamita '14 at the Hanover Tavern.

Digs like those at Signal Hill and Hanover Tavern left an impression on students like Laura Gawlinski '98, who traces her own career in classical archaeology back to those first moments of discovery. "I think we found one piece of pottery and one piece of brick," she remembers. "I was so excited to find even one little thing." (Read more on Laura Gawlinski '98 on page 14.)

The Ethics of Archaeology

During that time, Fisher is also credited with expanding the breadth of the archaeology curriculum to explore modern questions linked to the ancient world. Her Law and Ethics of Archaeology course explores the dizzying legal and ethical questions of cultural heritage management. "Who owns the past? Who gets to tell the story?" she asks. "It's military law, international law, local customs, and the ethics of it. What should we collect? What should we keep? Who takes care of it, and who pays for it? Should museums exist, and who should have access?"

Fisher has been honored with several accolades along the way, including recognition as a Samuel Nelson Gray Distinguished Professor in 2013, a Fulbright Scholar in 2016, and as the Sheldon H. Short III Professor in the Liberal Arts in 2018. Her plans to retire in the spring of 2023 have her reflecting on her legacy and, especially, on the future of teaching archaeology. "You do it because you have to," she explains, "I can't see myself anywhere else. If you have happiness and passion for this field, you find a way to do it."

Next Chapter

Fisher leaves the classics department under the leadership of her colleagues, Professors Bart Natoli and Thomas Rose, and she is thrilled with the planned addition of Nadhira Hill as a new archaeology professor in 2023 (see page 15).

As for retirement, she doesn't call it that exactly. It, too, is a new chapter.

"I haven't finished my work yet. I have more work to do. So I have to quit so I can get some work done," she says. 🍷

FROM THE TRENCHES

THE ALUMNI WHO FIRST TRIED ARCHAEOLOGY WHILE STUDENTS AT R-MC HAVE SEEN IT FIGURE INTO THEIR CAREER JOURNEYS IN LARGE AND SMALL WAYS.



Laura Gawlinski '98

Laura Gawlinski has the distinction of being among the first group of R-MC students to participate in the dig at the Agora. "We were sort of the test cases to see how the connection between the Agora and R-MC would work," Gawlinski recalls. "I don't think I realized that if I had messed up, that would have made it bad for the connection!"

As it turns out, she didn't mess up. At age 19, she earned the respect of fellow volunteers and supervisors, who were graduate students and professionals, and went on to spend two more summers during her undergraduate career at the site.

Then, with the encouragement of professors at R-MC, she earned a Ph.D. at Cornell University and became a professor in classical studies. She joined the faculty at Loyola University Chicago in 2008, rising to the rank of chair of the department of classics. Throughout it all, she has spent her summers back at the Agora excavation site as a supervisor, where she authored the guide to its museum and advanced scholarship on Greek religion, dress, and inscriptions. In reflecting on the site's importance, she sees its impact in both the macro and the micro sense. "You get to meet people from all over the country and the world really," she says. "I met my husband. Friendships that last forever are made there."

Nick Seetin '06

Some of **Nick Seetin's** favorite days as a history teacher at Trinity Episcopal School in Richmond are the days he pulls out his photos from the Agora. "The kids really seem to respond to that," he says. "When you dig something up, you are touching something that somebody last touched 2,000 years ago. You are the first person to make physical contact with that. Even just in a picture, the students get to feel some of that."

Seetin teaches World History and U.S. History, and considers himself both a teacher and an archaeologist. After two summers as a student volunteer at the Agora, he became an assistant supervisor and a supervisor there, all while exploring related career paths during the year. His journey included an internship at Jamestown, a shipping company, graduate school, and a period teaching as an adjunct faculty member at Randolph-Macon before he transitioned to teaching history. Seetin's partner, Nikki Carroll '10, is a Latin teacher and another Agora alum.



Krystin Husz '12

Krystin Husz came to R-MC with a plan to pursue the classics and a dream to work as a museum curator. Her academic experiences nurtured her passions and surprised her with unexpected adventures, including two summers as a Stavros Niarchos Foundation Summer Fellow at the Agora, a transformative January travel course in Ethiopia with Dr. Fisher, and a semester at a competitive study abroad program studying the classics in Rome.

The sum total of these experiences gave her a global perspective and pointed her in the direction of cultural property law. "Dr. Fisher was the first one to open my eyes to the fact that that field even existed," Husz says.

She took a gap year after graduation, then enrolled at the DePaul University College of Law, where she studied under an expert in cultural heritage and graduated with a JD and a certificate in Arts and Museum Law. During law school, she interned with the U.S. Army, and in 2019, she returned to military service.

Nadhira Hill '16 knows the second floor of Fox Hall well. As an archaeology and classical studies double major, she took many courses in its classrooms and fondly recalls the department's tradition of "Classics Tea" on Fridays and her close relationships to her professors.

When she returns to the familiar space in the fall of 2023, it will be as Professor Nadhira Hill, a tenure-track assistant professor in classics and archaeology.

"It's strange to think about being in an office on the other side of the desk. It's so surreal to think about going back to my alma mater, but as a different person," Hill reflects.

Hill's succession of Professor Beth Fisher in this role is a full-circle transition for the pair, who were mentor/mentee and advisor/advisee for three years during Hill's time as a student. She was a stellar scholar who graduated with honors, and was the recipient of a Society for Classical Studies Minority Summer Fellowship in 2016. She was selected as a Stavros Niarchos Foundation Summer Fellow twice. "Nadhira is my colleague," Fisher says, remembering back to her early days as a capable student. "She was my



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ARCHAEOLOGY'S NEW FACE AT
R-MC IS ALSO FAMILIAR ONE

colleague from a couple of weeks after we got started."

Hill left Randolph-Macon, inspired by her two Agora digs, with the intention of becoming an archaeology professor. She pursued her Ph.D. at the University of Michigan, where she

will defend her dissertation this spring. Her research interests include the archaeology of ceramic production, drinking and dining culture, and domestic space in Classical Greece, and she has been part of the pottery team at the Olynthos Project in Northern Greece during that time. More recently, she is helping to break ground on a new excavation project at Alexander the Great's capital, Pella, located northwest of Thessaloniki, Greece.

She is extremely grateful for those funded hands-on opportunities throughout her educational journey and feels aligned to the R-MC ethos that encourages experience-based learning and teaching. "My own philosophy is that students can come with me and dig with me, or I can facilitate them finding other projects," Hill says.

She also feels strongly about diversity and access, and sees a chance for a new era in the ancient field she studies. "The image of a classicist is a very specific kind of image – you think of Indiana Jones. We need to change that perspective. I have this opportunity to show people – I am a person that does this, and you can do this, even if you don't look like Indiana Jones." 🟡

as an active duty officer in the Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. Today, she is Captain Krystin Husz, assigned to U.S. Army Europe and Africa and based in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Though her day-to-day work only occasionally intersects with the heritage preservation work that inspired her as an undergrad, Husz remains a "cultural property enthusiast." She still smiles as she thinks of the invigorating discussions she had with fellow volunteers in the trenches of the Agora site, and the thrill of running into Dr. Fisher at conferences. ("It really was a joy and pleasure to meet up every now and again on these passions of ours!" she gushes.) Her husband, who works at the World Bank, shares her passion for global issues. She remains focused on cultural property as a goal for her still-unfolding legal career—and she plans to take an adventurous route along the way. 🟡

THE STAVROS NIARCHOS FOUNDATION WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT CLASSICAL STUDIES

The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) has generously committed a grant of \$1,000,000 to create the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) Camp-Fisher Professorship for Archaeology and Classics, which will be fully funded in 2027. The grant honors Dr. John Camp's and Dr. Elizabeth Fisher's storied careers in archaeology and Dr. Camp's 13-year tenure as the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Professor of Classics at Randolph-Macon.

During the five years in which the professorship is being endowed, it will provide funds to support a faculty member and a small cohort of students to travel each summer to an excavation site in Greece to participate in an archaeological dig. Building on the legacy of R-MC students who have participated in digs at the Agora, these students will be known as the SNF Summer Fellows.

Randolph-Macon is especially proud of and grateful for its affiliation with the SNF as it continues to assist the College's efforts to promote the significance of Classical Studies to our modern-day students within the context of a broad liberal arts education.

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Unexpected Passion

Tyl Taylor '02 stood in front of Copley 101, addressing Randolph-Macon biology students in Dr. Chas Gowan's biology capstone class.

"You have no idea what you're going to fall in love with," Taylor told them.

He was speaking from experience. Twenty years ago, Taylor was on the other side of the lectern, a biology undergrad struggling with a lab assignment examining fruit flies. Frustrated, he swore to himself that he'd never do anything with genetics or in a laboratory setting, instead graduating with an ecology emphasis.

But after moving to Atlanta with his girlfriend Stacie Lin '02, now his wife, he got his first job with Reproductive Endocrinology Associates of Charlotte (REACH) as a junior embryologist in their Atlanta lab. REACH provides patients with fertility treatments, including in vitro fertilization (IVF), which embryologists lead. Despite his initial aversion to the world of genetics, once Taylor got started in embryology, he was driven to forge a path in the IVF industry. Today—after making stops at different labs and industry vendors across the country, all while continuing his education and research—Taylor holds a Ph.D. in genetics from the University of Kent in England and is the lab director of andrology and embryology for REACH.

As someone who has conducted research throughout his career, Taylor's message to research-inclined students is to keep things simple, seeking one answer for one question. "You don't have to have groundbreaking work; there is research everywhere," Taylor said. "All my



research deals with very practical, very easy, very testable things that I can bring forth into the lab to make my life easier or to bring better outcomes."

One such study found a protocol for warming frozen embryos that cut the procedure time from 14 minutes to one minute while still maintaining the rate of successful pregnancies, significantly improving the lab's efficiency. Taylor has also worked with different technologies at the forefront of the field, including oocyte vitrification—the freezing of embryos—and Next-Generation Sequencing of DNA.

Working in an IVF lab comes with a significant amount of pressure—people invest tens of thousands of dollars for a chance to get pregnant that they might not have had otherwise. Taylor takes that task seriously, saying, "my sole responsibility is to make sure that the lab works every day and that I am doing the best for the patient."

In addressing Dr. Gowan's class, Taylor offered an authentic

perspective from his role as a biologist and leader, noting the balancing act between doing what's right for the patient and what's best for the business. While he shared doses of his reality, he also encouraged them to pursue opportunities in the field. His confidence in the role they will play in the future of genetics research came with a challenge and an offer to go into business with any student that can help his lab more accurately track gametes and embryos throughout the IVF process.

Taylor and his wife want to pay it forward and recently created an annual scholarship for a biology senior from an historically underrepresented background in the STEM fields. "Eventually you have to return the favor, and those groups that are hindered by society and hindered financially, they need help," Taylor said. "I can't do IVF unless the embryologists show up that day. This isn't just me; this is my team. That's the most important thing and that's why I give back, because none of this I did on my own." 🟡



LACIE LITZ DECOSTA '98 USES HER PLATFORM TO
SPREAD POSITIVITY TO THE NFL TEAM'S FAN BASE.

From R-MC to #RavensFlock

On Twitter, things started out simply enough for Lacie Litz DeCosta '98, who had a handful of followers and used the platform to keep up with news and sports. She shared a picture that her cousin had drawn of Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson. Once Jackson retweeted it himself, fans of the NFL franchise started to put together that DeCosta is the wife of the Ravens' executive vice president and general manager, Eric DeCosta.

A few years later, DeCosta has over 21,000 followers and is the unofficial leader of the "#RavensFlock" on Twitter, sending out daily messages of positivity and fostering community within the fanbase.

"It really started to gain momentum during COVID because people were in lockdown and, I think, just wanted so much to be connected with people," DeCosta said.

DeCosta engaged these new followers far beyond football, using her platform to help fans battling cancer, assist teachers looking for supplies for their classrooms, and raise awareness about missing people in the city of Baltimore. She receives dozens of messages and requests, and regularly sends both public and private good wishes to fans. She has made connections far beyond her hometown, even checking on one active member of the #RavensFlock who lives in Ukraine after Russia's invasion.

A Baltimore native, DeCosta attended Randolph-Macon on the heels of her sister, Laurie, who also graduated from the College in 1994. "It felt like home to me," DeCosta said. "When I got in, there was really no other place I wanted to be."

DeCosta played lacrosse all four years at R-MC and was an All-American as a senior in 1998. She was also an active member of Phi Mu. She still talks with friends and former teammates, counting them as "some of the best friends I'll ever have." After attending a small all-girls Catholic high

school, she also credits R-MC for fostering a sense of independence that prepared her for life after college.

"I would never trade those four years, I just loved it," DeCosta said. "It was one of the best liberal arts college experiences you could offer. They give you a little bit of everything: sports, academics, and social life."

DeCosta, who was a sociology major, left college with the goal of becoming a social worker. Instead, her first job out of college was in the marketing department for her hometown Ravens, where she found herself naturally gravitating towards the team's community relations efforts.

"Every time they would need volunteers to go hand out turkeys or build playgrounds, I was the first one raising my hand," DeCosta said.

Lacie and Eric met when he was an area scout for Baltimore in the late 90s. They married in 2001 and have three children, Jane, Michael and Jackson, who they are raising in Baltimore. In a league where front office personnel often jump from team to team, Eric staying with the Ravens for over two decades is almost unheard of. It also speaks to the couple's commitment to the city and the organization that has become a family.

While Lacie no longer works for the team, her social media role and public platform as the spouse of an NFL general manager puts her in a unique position to have the impact on her community that she has always strived for.

Even when the high-profile nature of Eric's job draws some inevitable negative attention on social media when things go poorly for the team, Lacie is committed to being a positive influence.

"Social media is changing the world and it's not going to slow down anytime," DeCosta said. "By using it as a platform [for the community], you show the generations behind us that we can use it in a more positive way." 🟡

Faculty & Staff

Q&A



Research tracks hard-to-find animal populations through environmental DNA

DR. STEPHANIE COSTER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY, USES GENETIC TECHNIQUES TO ANSWER ECOLOGICAL QUESTIONS AND FACILITATE THE MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE POPULATIONS.

Q: *You're working with the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to track nutria. What are they and why do they need to be tracked?*

The nutria is a mammal, very similar in size to a beaver, with a narrow round tail and really big orange teeth, and they're an invasive species. They're native to South America and were brought to the U.S. and Europe because they were thought to be good for fur farming. Since then, populations in the wild have exploded. One of the problems with them is they live in wetland systems and instead of eating vegetation that's above ground, they

tear up all the vegetation and eat everything underground, so they are a huge menace to wetland resources and marshes.

Q: *How are you tracking them?*

One of the tricky things about working with this particular animal, and often animals in general, is that they can be hard to find because they're hiding. The technique that we're employing to track them is called environmental DNA. I have a grant from the Mid-Atlantic Panel on Aquatic Invasive Species to test out this technique in Virginia. This is where we take water samples and filter them, and essentially we are looking for

remnant DNA in the water system from that target organism to determine if that organism is present or absent from that area.

Q: *Environmental DNA is a theme in your work. What other projects involving eDNA are you working on?*

I've been working with the Canaan Valley Institute to explore how stream restoration projects are impacting the very elusive hellbender, which is a giant salamander that lives in stream networks. We've been using eDNA to figure out where they are and where they are not and trying to see if some of their restoration work is impacting the presence of those hellbenders.

I've also been working with Dr. Nicholas Ruppel, who is a plant biologist at R-MC, to figure out what kind of pollinators are interacting with flowers.

I've also been using this technique on crayfish. One concern is the rusty crayfish impacting brook trout fishing because the crayfish and young brook trout are going to be competing for the same food resources. If the crayfish get into Raystown Lake in Pennsylvania, which is known for fishing, that's bad for the trout fishing industry. With invasive species, it's all about tracking them and helping stop the spread.

Q: How do organisms leave this DNA behind for you to collect?

This could be feces, urine, shedding skin, or reproductive output. For the hellbender, specifically, it's quite interesting; the best time to sample them is during their breeding season

because they have this breeding scenario where the males release sperm into the water system, so there's lots of cells there. Whereas otherwise, they're hiding underneath rocks, and they're not doing a lot of shedding skin.

Q: How does the process of testing for eDNA work?

There are two different types of environmental DNA techniques. One of them is specific for a target organism, like with the nutria. You filter a sample of water and run a DNA extraction process to extract all the DNA from all the organisms that were caught in that filter. Then you have a specific target probe of interest that you run

on that mix of DNA, and when you run it through a qPCR machine, it has a fluorescent label attached to it. If the animal is present, it will light up and you'll get a signal. If that animal is absent, you'll get no signal.

For the pollinator work, it's a little different as it's based on metabarcoding. If I'm interested in all the pollinators that could possibly land on a flower, the target there is much more generic. We extract the DNA very similarly, but instead of having that fluorescent probe that tells us about a single species, we have to sequence all the DNA that we have in the sample. Once we get that sequence, we can match it up to known sequences and determine which organisms were there.

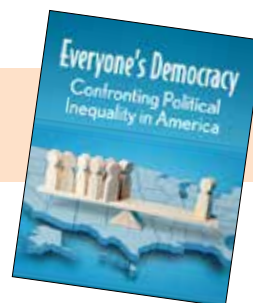
Spotlights



Political Science Professor Rich Meagher was awarded a grant of nearly \$15,000 by the Virginia Law Foundation to create the first publicly available listing of amendments to the current Constitution of Virginia. Meagher plans to use the grant funding to finalize his ongoing research and create a website database of what has been amended, as well as analysis and other information to help citizens fully understand this living document. "You can find a list and analysis and coverage and deep detailed descriptions of the 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution," Meagher explained. "Most Americans don't even know that they have state constitutions, let alone that they have amendments to them."

Associate Professor of Political Science

Elliott Fullmer published *Everyone's Democracy: Confronting Political Inequality in America* (McFarland and Company, Inc.). This book explores the formidable problems of political inequality and identifies the path to securing a fairer, more representative political system.



Assistant Professor of Biology Elias

Taylor-Cornejo was awarded a \$435,554 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the evolution of cellular stress responses and host defenses to bacterial pathogens. His funding includes support for undergrad research.



Associate Professor of English Robert

Volpicelli was awarded the First Book Prize by the Modernist Studies Association for *Transatlantic Modernism and the U.S. Lecture Tour* (Oxford University Press). The book explores international modern authors who traveled through the U.S. and how "the circuit" brought those writers to a variety of American audiences.



Dr. Joan L. Conners and Dr. Grace Lim-Fong

Two outstanding faculty presented with endowed professorships

In October, Dr. Grace Lim-Fong, Professor of Biology, was named the Stephen H. Watts Professor in the Physical Sciences and Dr. Joan L. Conners, Professor of Communication Studies, was named the Charles J. Potts Professor in Social Sciences. The honors are the highest bestowed on a Randolph-Macon professor.

The Watts Professorship, established by a 1953 bequest from Dr. Stephen Hurt Watts, honors a distinguished faculty member from the physical sciences whose teaching, scholarship, and service bring honor and distinction to Randolph-Macon College. A committed scholar, Lim-Fong is a leading expert in the fields of natural products and symbiosis surrounding *Bugula neritina*, a marine invertebrate. She has been a Co-Principal Investigator on four major National Science Foundation research grants, and maintains an active line of research on different yeast strains involved in beer-making, in addition to her core research involving symbiotic relationships in marine bryozoans. As a teacher and 2013 recipient of the Thomas Branch Award for Excellence in Teaching, Lim-Fong is lauded for her rigorous, innovative, and

evidence-based pedagogy, and her enthusiasm, both for course material and for students.

During her remarks, Lim-Fong pulled out a pipettor and used the lab instrument as a metaphor for her career on multiple levels.

"It takes time and effort to use a pipettor correctly. No one instantly becomes an expert at pipetting," Dr. Lim-Fong explained. She also celebrated the precision of the instrument, noting "Science can help us understand truth in the real world."

The Potts Professorship was established in 1995 with Charles J. Potts' bequest to the College, recognizing a distinguished member of the teaching faculty in the social sciences. Joan Conners' selection honors her prolific scholarship on issues in campaign news coverage, reality and crime television, and political cartooning and other visual dimensions of politics. Her research in political cartooning has made her a preeminent scholar in the field. At R-MC, Conners helped to establish the Communication Studies major and has developed courses that draw important connections among the subfields of Communication Studies as well as across disciplinary boundaries.

In her speech, Dr. Conners emphasized the importance of and relevance of studying the social sciences. “It is work in the social sciences that tries to understand how influential misinformation on social media about COVID-19 has been on people’s willingness to get vaccinated or not,” Dr. Conners said. “It is work in the social sciences

that is studying the implications of the political polarization in America and how that affects our relationships with others. It is also work in the social sciences that is understanding how Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives in the workplace are transforming and can transform those cultures.” 🟡

R-MC professor’s online textbook fills gap for Spanish language learning

Spanish professor Laurie Massery faced a dilemma. She was struggling to find a textbook for her Conversation in Spanish course that was both affordable to students and dynamic enough for a subject she views as intrinsically tied to today’s global conversations.

Laurie Preston, Head of Digital Resources & Scholarship at the McGraw-Hill Library, offered Massery an innovative solution: make her own. Through a VIVA Open Grant awarded in 2019, Massery and her co-authors, R-MC professor María José Bordera-Amerigo and University of Lynchburg professor Pedro Larrea Rubio, created *Conversaciones Corrientes: Temas de Cultura y Sociedad*, a free open access online textbook that was piloted by one of Massery’s classes in the spring of 2022.

A hard copy of a textbook for a Spanish conversation class typically costs in the range of \$150-\$300. *Conversaciones Corrientes* is conveniently accessible from a laptop or phone and completely free, saving students hundreds of dollars per semester.

Hosting the textbook online also means it is a living document that can keep up with global conversation and trends that interest Massery’s Spanish students. Its title translates to “Everyday Conversations: Topics of Culture and Society,” and Massery takes the goal of staying current seriously in a course designed to help students increase fluency, speed, and accuracy.

“Pretend you’re in a coffee shop; what would you talk to your friends about?” Massery said. “That’s how I started with

my chapter, ‘Life Decisions.’ I’m thinking, what do these kids talk about? It’s probably what they’re going to do with their lives.”

Massery can also add activities about current events or pop culture that get students engaged. Often, those topics spark bigger conversations that integrate other classes and subject areas in the true spirit of the liberal arts.

“For example, last spring, I included the Chris Rock-Will Smith story,” Massery said. “That sounds like a light topic, but that’s tied into freedom of speech. They’re bringing in law, they’re bringing in political science... they’re able to start making connections. It’s not just a Spanish class.”

Massery and her co-authors also engaged students in the work. Cameron Murray ’21 and Anayeli Verduzco Ríos ’22 were integral in the textbook platform creation, administration, and design. Kelsey Craighead ’23 designed the cover art, while chapter one features stories highlighting alumnae Ali Fay ’19 and Kaitlin Deaton ’17 using Spanish in their daily lives post-graduation.

Yet another advantage of the open access, online format of *Conversaciones Corrientes* is the ability for students—now and in the future—to get published in Spanish, a rare opportunity for undergraduates.

“They don’t always have time to write these big research articles, and then on top of it write it in a second language,”

Massery explained. “So, I wanted a place where students could publish short articles, poetry, artwork, and videos that talk about why they chose to study



Massery

Spanish and how they are currently using, or plan to use, it in their future.”

The uses for open education resources go well beyond Randolph-Macon’s campus. Davidson College piloted a class using the textbook last semester, and the content is available for anybody to access.

For Massery, the best part of the process was creating something that filled a critical need for her students.

“The reason I came up with this book is just because it wasn’t out there,” Massery said. “I really enjoy writing research articles, so a textbook was never really on the radar. But there was absolutely nothing out there. And this is by far the most rewarding thing I’ve ever done.” 🟡



Athletics





A HISTORIC SEASON

Randolph-Macon football soared to new heights in 2022, winning a program-record 11 games. The Yellow Jackets claimed their 13th Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship in school history after a perfect 10-0 regular season. Junior quarterback Drew Campanale, the ODAC Offensive Player of the Year, led a potent offense that scored 32 or more points in every game in 2022, while head coach Pedro Arruza won his fifth ODAC Coach of the Year award.

R-MC extended a win streak dating back to 2021 to 17 games with a dramatic 35-28 win over Cortland in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs. The season ended in a heartbreaking 39-32 loss at Delaware Valley in the second round, matching R-MC's best performance in an NCAA Championship. 🟡



Down 28-21 to Cortland at halftime, R-MC kept the Red Dragons off the scoreboard in the second half while scoring two touchdowns to take the lead. Late in the fourth quarter, freshman safety Alex Biddle made an acrobatic interception to seal the Yellow Jackets' first ever home win in the NCAA Playoffs.



Cade Jones '23



Jackson Deaver '24



David Wallis '23 races past the Cortland defense in the first round of the NCAA Playoffs.

FALL SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

FOOTBALL

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Will Jackson

Senior Offensive Lineman
Second Team All-American
Touchdown Club of Richmond
Offensive Lineman of the Year
First Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Drew Campanale

Junior Quarterback
J. Stokeley Fulton Offensive
Player of the Year (ODAC)
Touchdown Club of Richmond
Offensive Back of the Year
Third Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Wade Grubbs

Sophomore Defensive Lineman
Touchdown Club of Richmond
Defensive Lineman of the Year
First Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

David Wallis

Senior Wide Receiver
Touchdown Club of Richmond
Offensive End of the Year
Second Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Pedro Arruza

Head Coach
ODAC Coach of the Year
Willard Bailey Coach of the Year (Touchdown Club of Richmond)

Nick Hale

Senior Running Back
Third Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Andrew Ihle

Senior All-Purpose Back
Second Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Nehemiah Nixon

Senior Offensive Lineman
Third Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Jackson Deaver

Junior Linebacker
First Team All-ODAC

Cade Jones

Senior Defensive Back
Third Team All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Kwesi Clarke

Junior Running Back
Second Team All-ODAC

Matt Hale

Senior Center
Second Team All-ODAC

Jacob Hutchinson

Senior Defensive Lineman
Second Team All-ODAC

Erik Harris

Senior Linebacker
Second Team All-ODAC

Joey Hunt

Senior Wide Receiver
Third Team All-ODAC

Ricky Mayfield

Senior Tight End
Third Team All-ODAC

Storm James

Junior Offensive Lineman
Third Team All-ODAC

T.J. James

Senior Defensive Lineman
Third Team All-ODAC



Drew Campanale '24 dives into the end zone in the Homecoming win over Bridgewater.

QUINTET TO JOIN R-MC ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Five Yellow Jackets, including four multi-sport athletes, will make up the R-MC Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2023 and be inducted on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023.

Jared Mills '03 (Men's Basketball)

was a First Team All-American and the ODAC Player of the Year after leading the Yellow Jackets to the 2003 ODAC Tournament title and the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament. He ranks eighth in school history in both career points (1,560) and rebounds (751).

Hunter Price '03 (Football and Men's Lacrosse)

was a four-year letterwinner in both football and lacrosse. On the gridiron, he was a First Team All-ODAC selection in 2002 and holds the school record for career passing yards. On the lacrosse field, he was named First Team All-ODAC as a junior and collected 124 career points.

Erin Sammons '99 (Field Hockey and Women's Lacrosse)

is the R-MC field hockey career record holder for goals (59), assists (34), and points (152). She was honored as an All-ODAC selection three times and All-Region twice. A four-year letterwinner in both sports, Sammons totaled nine goals and four assists in her lacrosse career.

Mike Thorell '94 (Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball, and Baseball)

won the 1994 George P. Compton Award as the top male student-athlete at R-MC. A decorated soccer player, Thorell earned several all-conference honors and was a Second Team All-Region selection. On the diamond, he was a career .294 hitter and led the Yellow Jackets in runs in two different seasons.

Gregg Waters '78 (Football and Baseball)

served R-MC as a student-athlete, coach, and administrator. He earned two letters as an offensive lineman and helped R-MC win the inaugural ODAC football championship in 1976. Waters was a four-year baseball letterwinner as a catcher and first baseman, guiding the Yellow Jackets to the 1977 NCAA Tournament. He succeeded Hugh Stephens as head baseball coach, winning 260 games in 22 seasons and earning three ODAC Coach of the Year awards. Waters also served as an assistant football coach for 15 seasons and Director of Athletics at R-MC from 1998-2003.



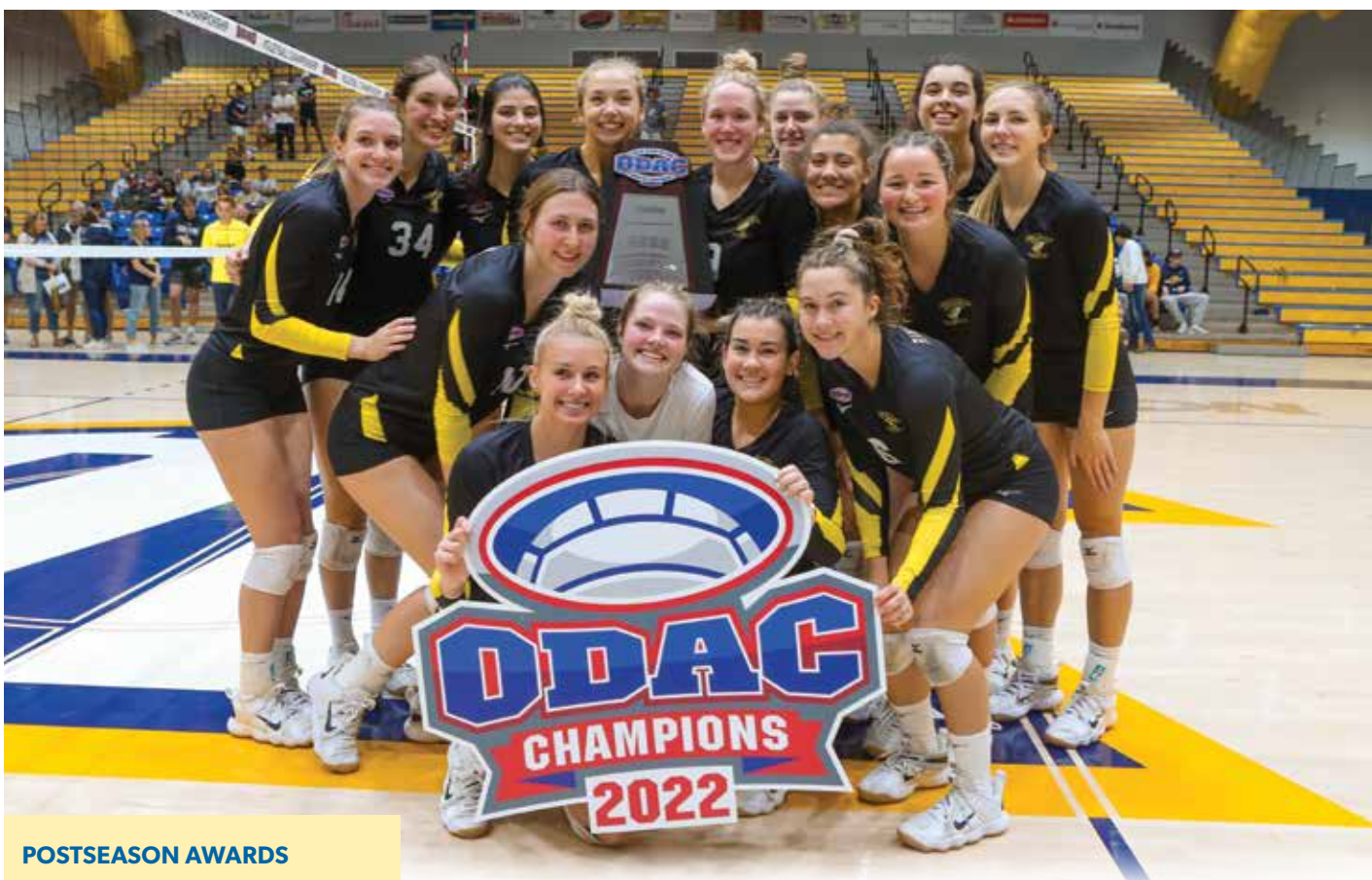
Grace Parker '23



Milly Mach '26



Megan Bost '24



POSTSEASON AWARDS

Grace Parker

Senior Outside Hitter
Honorable Mention All-American
ODAC Player of the Year
AVCA All-Region
First Team All-ODAC

Milly Mach

Freshman Setter
ODAC Rookie of the Year
Third Team All-ODAC

Megan Bost

Junior Right Side
Third Team All-ODAC

Parker Leads Women's Volleyball to NCAA Tournament

Senior outside hitter Grace Parker rewrote the record books and guided the Yellow Jackets to an ODAC Championship in 2022. Parker led all of Division III with an eye-popping 5.36 kills per set, while her 563 total kills broke both the R-MC and ODAC single-season record. The Andover, N.J., product was named an Honorable Mention All-American for the second straight season.

R-MC swept through the ODAC tournament without dropping a set, defeating Bridgewater, Roanoke, and Averett, to claim its seventh conference title in school history. That booked the Yellow Jackets' ninth ever NCAA Tournament appearance, where they fell to regional host Transylvania 3-0. Under the direction of head coach Bill Rogers, R-MC finished the season with an outstanding 23-7 record, including a 10-2 mark in ODAC play. 🟡

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Yellow Jackets finished the regular season fifth in the 14-team ODAC, compiling an 11-6-2 overall record with a 6-3-1 mark in conference play. R-MC fell to Lynchburg in the ODAC quarterfinals, but completed its third season of 11 or more wins in the past five years. The Yellow Jackets were stout defensively, recording 10 clean sheets and posting a 0.95 goals-against average. Junior forward Olivia Owens and sophomore forward Riley Russ led the squad with six goals apiece.

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Olivia Owens

Junior Forward
First Team All-ODAC

Sammie Hoefs

Sophomore Midfielder
Second Team
All-ODAC

Riley Russ

Sophomore Midfielder
Second Team
All-ODAC

Abigail Pesut

Freshman Defender
Second Team
All-ODAC

Grace Turney

Sophomore Defender
Third Team All-ODAC



Olivia Owens '24



Alaina McCoy '25

FIELD HOCKEY

Randolph-Macon field hockey finished 2022 with a 7-12 overall record and a 3-5 mark in ODAC play. The Yellow Jackets were sixth in the ODAC regular season standings, which earned a berth to the conference tournament quarterfinals where they fell to Shenandoah. Sophomore forward Alaina McCoy was R-MC's top scorer with eight goals and four assists, while senior midfielder Summer Kujawa followed closely with five goals and seven assists.

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Alaina McCoy

Sophomore Forward
Second Team
All-ODAC

Summer Kujawa

Senior Midfielder
Third Team
All-ODAC

Anna Stribling

Junior Midfielder
Third Team
All-ODAC

MEN'S SOCCER

The Yellow Jackets completed their fourth straight winning season, finishing 2022 with an 8-6-3 overall record. R-MC finished sixth in the ODAC regular season with a 4-4-2 conference record, ending its season with an overtime loss to Virginia Wesleyan in the ODAC quarterfinals. Senior midfielder Colton Howell was the Yellow Jackets' most prolific offensive threat, supplying a team-best eight assists, while sophomore Teddy Westervelt scored a team-high four goals. Senior captain Elijah Lloyd started every match at center back and guided R-MC to five clean sheets.



Elijah Lloyd '23

POSTSEASON AWARDS

Elijah Lloyd

Senior Defender
USC Second Team
All-Region
Second Team All-ODAC

Colton Howell

Senior Midfielder
Third Team All-ODAC

Alec Mowry

Senior Midfielder
Third Team All-ODAC



WINNING TRADITION

WITH THE PROGRAM'S SECOND SUPER REGIONAL APPEARANCE, RANDOLPH-MACON SOFTBALL CONTINUES TO REACH NEW HEIGHTS.

With five NCAA Tournament appearances in the last eight years, winning has become the standard for Randolph-Macon softball. Even as the program—entering just its 25th season in 2023—has elevated itself to national relevance at the Division III level, the Yellow Jackets come into the 2023 spring season having accomplished a new milestone in 2022 with a NCAA Regional title won on their home field.

The victory last season held extra meaning for the upperclassmen, who had their seasons cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic in both 2020 and 2021.

"It was very exciting to experience that for the first time, even if it was as a junior," Rilee Baughan '23 said.

Baughan is a dual-threat pitcher/infielder for R-MC, leading the Old Dominion Athletic Conference with 11 home runs. While Baughan added effective pitching to her power bat, recording a 3.26 earned runs average (ERA) in over

90 innings of work, the Yellow Jackets were led in the circle by pitcher Gracie Ellis '25, who earned All-American status as a true freshman.

Ellis put up eye-popping numbers, striking out 244 batters across nearly 200 innings and compiling a 22-6 record with a 1.21 ERA. In addition to a long list of accolades that includes both ODAC Pitcher and Rookie of the Year, she threw two no-hitters, one of which was a perfect game, in her first season of collegiate softball. Beyond the box score, Ellis had an immediate impact on the team as a natural leader, even as one of the youngest members of the squad.

"She's so tough and she's so gritty," head coach Kevin Proffitt '86 said. "It set a nice tone for the rest of our kids."

"She's just an amazing player all the way around. She can hit, she can pitch, she could play any position that you put her in, very versatile," Baughan said. "She's very mature as a freshman and she's one of the biggest reasons why we got to Regionals."

FRESHMAN PHENOMS

Joining Baughan and Ellis as All-ODAC honorees were two more freshmen, Naomi Sadler '25 and Amanda Lanyon '25, both speedy outfielders who stole at least 20 bases at the top of the Yellow Jackets' lineup. In fact, R-MC started five freshmen throughout its postseason run.

FACILITY UPGRADES

Our team performs with the best in the country; now it's time for our facilities to match that talent. We have plans to upgrade the stadium around the R-MC Softball Field to include seating for 510 fans. The program will also receive a 700-square-foot locker room in Duke Hall with 30 lockers in addition to a shared players' lounge and new offices for the coaching staff.

Facilities are a significant part of a student-athlete's experience, and a crucial tool in attracting the best and brightest to Randolph-Macon. We ask that you join us in making a meaningful commitment to support these new facilities that will put our players in a position to succeed. Please contact Robert Patterson at robertpatterson@rmc.edu or 804-752-3605 with any questions you may have.

Because he had a young team in need of experience, Proffitt accepted an invitation for the Yellow Jackets to play in the NFCA Leadoff Classic last spring, facing several opponents ranked in the top 25 nationally. When R-MC won five of its six games at the tournament in Columbus, Ga., Proffitt knew he might have something special on his hands.

The momentum only grew. For Ellis, a game against Virginia Wesleyan in the ODAC Tournament where the Yellow Jackets were locked in on every pitch was the moment she felt the team's potential. "Everyone's energy in that game, I feel like I'll remember that forever," Ellis said. "Everybody really came together and that's when I knew that we were going to go far."

Baughan also pointed to the team's resiliency in guiding them to the postseason, noting "we had lots of ups and downs in our season, but I think we were so good because we were able to recover from the downs and we did a good job of lifting each other up."

Despite not winning the conference championship in a competitive ODAC, R-MC finished the regular season with 30 wins, including eight against ranked opponents, and earned an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in school history, hosting the Ashland Regional. Ellis guided the Yellow Jackets to a 2-1 win over Farmingdale State in a pitcher's duel in the opening game before back-to-back victories over MIT punched R-MC's ticket to its second Super Regional appearance in four years.

ALUMNI COACHES

The sustained success over the past decade is due in no small part to the stability of the coaching staff, the majority of which is made up of R-MC alumni. Proffitt, who played baseball for the Yellow Jackets in the 1980s, has been the head coach since the 2003 season. For the better part of two decades, he's been joined by Dana Wood, a 1976 graduate of the College.

Chip Bailey isn't a R-MC alumnus, but he is an institution in the softball community in central Virginia and has been a crucial part of the Yellow Jackets' consistency. The coaching staff is rounded



Gracie Ellis '25

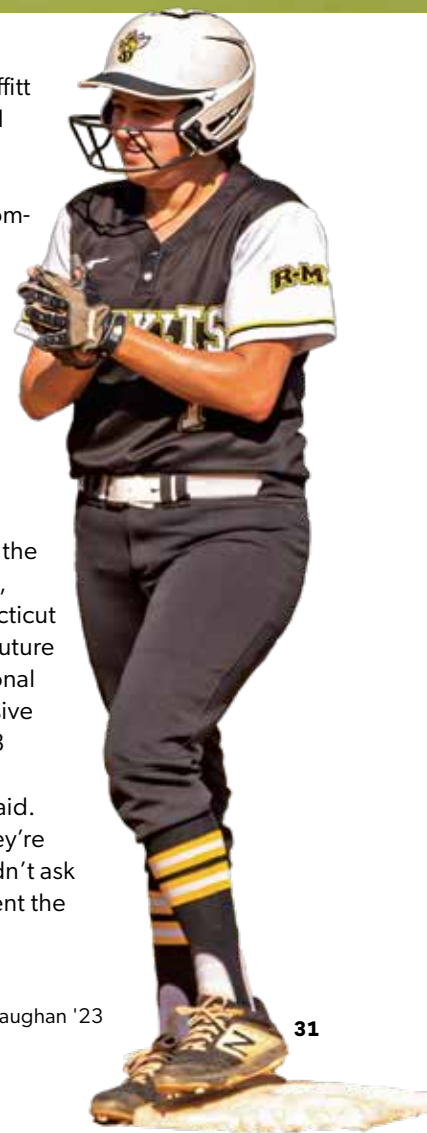
out by Amanda Sopko '15, who played for Proffitt at R-MC and was a stellar second baseman and outfielder.

"I couldn't do it without those three. Everybody offers their own piece and we all complement each other," Proffitt said. The players especially appreciate the perspective of Sopko, who was in their shoes just a few years ago, with Baughan saying "I think it shows how great this program is when somebody who used to play here came back and wanted to coach it."

BRIGHT FUTURE

While the Yellow Jackets couldn't replicate the 2019 run to the National Championship Series, falling in consecutive games to Eastern Connecticut State in the best-of-three Super Regional, the future remains bright. The young core from the Regional championship team remains intact, with offensive reinforcements arriving in the form of the 2023 freshman class.

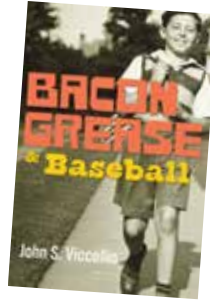
"We have great kids in our program," Proffitt said. "They're really academically conscious and they're very committed to the softball piece. We couldn't ask for anything more in terms of how they represent the college." ◆



Rilee Baughan '23

Class Notes

'57 John Viccellio is the author of *Bacon Grease and Baseball*. The book, Viccellio's second, tells the story of a young boy spending the summer in a small southern town in the late 1940's and how he fell in love with baseball and his grandmother's cooking.



'61 Jim Hunter organized a reunion of Phi Kappa Sigma brothers. Their time together included a dinner in Richmond, campus tours, the football game against Ferrum, and a reception in the Dalton Alumni House. In attendance were **Bill Wood '62, Dick Glave, Vernon Norris '61, Don Webster '63, Jim Hunter '61, Ryland Chapman '63, Ed Turnage '64, Bob Hicks '60, Jim Cox '63, and Jack Stevenson '56.**

'63 Franklin Gillis welcomes his grandson, **Jacob Gillis '26** to R-MC as a freshman this year.

'67 Jim Gray and his wife, Lyn, are now living in Blacksburg, Virginia after 16 years of living and working in Liberia, where they were Peace Corps Volunteers in the mid-1970s.



Gillis

'68 Craig Kalemjian spends six months of the year in South Carolina. He works in Law, having been admitted to the bar in 1973. Currently he is practicing Real Estate, Estate and Probate Law. He also volunteers his time and is a golfer, skier, sailor and enjoys history. Craig lost his wife three years ago. He has a son, daughter and four grandchildren.

'73 Tom Harry is the golf coach at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy, guiding the Saints to the 2022 VISAA Division II state championship on May 16, 2022 at Meadowbrook Country Club.



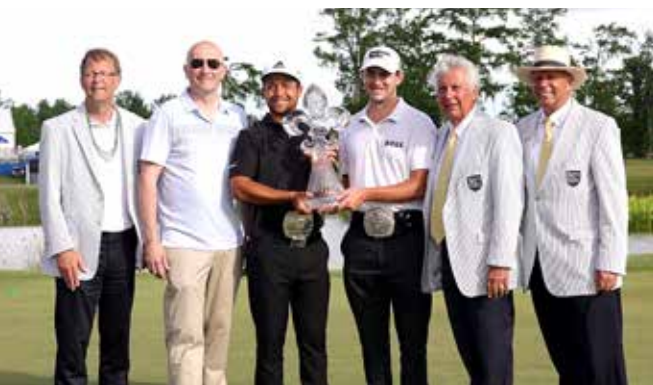
'77 Sigma Phi Epsilon members **Michael Callahan '77, Ed Munsey '78, Jack Chappell '76, Dick Hamrick '78, Don Taylor '77, and Jeff Chasen '77** (not pictured) keep in touch by getting together monthly for dinner.



Anne McCollum Eikenberg retired after working as a campus secretary for the OneSchool Global Chesapeake Campus for the last four years, in addition to teaching fifth and sixth grade for one year. She and her husband, Paul, have been married for 41 years, live in Havre de

Grace, Maryland, and have one son and daughter-in-law who live close by.

'78 Mark Heller has been a volunteer for the Fore!Kids Foundation for over 20 years. In recognition of his service, Mark was honored to serve as the



Heller

Tournament Chairman for the 2022 Zurich Classic of New Orleans PGA Tour event. Since 1958, The Fore!Kids Foundation has raised money to fund Children's Charities through golf events such as the Zurich Classic.

'79 **Chris Lundberg** recently retired from The Steward School and was named one of Henrico County's Top Teachers.

Richard Scott retired from his role of Chief Executive Officer of IVIRMA Global. He and his wife, Blair, have moved to the high country of South Carolina and the mountains of western North Carolina. He remains as an adjunct professor at four medical schools - Yale, Rutgers, Jefferson, and the University of South Carolina. He also remains active in research, graduate medical education, and program development for many university and private programs around the country. He is also teaching postgraduate courses in the U.S., UK, Denmark, Turkey, Cyprus, and Australia.



'80 **Laurie Sage** is currently living at the beach in St. Augustine, Florida, working lightly as a realtor after a 30-year career in technology. She still dabbles in art - various mediums - and has a mixed media piece in the Tactile Art Show in St. Augustine.

'81 **Susan Hughes Grymes** and her husband, Stokes, are now splitting their time between Richmond and Clearwater, Florida, with two sons in each city. Retiring five years ago has



Grymes

allowed her to spend more time traveling and volunteering. Her favorite recent R-MC memory is the time her father's retirement community brought him to Dalton House, her family's home for 29 years, and President Lindgren walked up from his office with an R-MC baseball cap as a gift. Being in Florida also allows her to see **Nancy Hazen Schwartz '82** and **Linda Kelly Elkins '81**.



A group of R-MC friends that includes **Melissa Blake Rust '81**, **Nancy Sebeck Love '85**, **Betsey Brannan Hottel '83**, **Diane Hersey Topping '83**, **Sharon Eury Koefoed '83**, **Sharon Holmes-Bennett '85**, **Kimberly Elkins '83**, and **Dolores Reed Little '82** have met over the years and are still going strong. They thank R-MC for the lifelong friendships.

'82 **Dolores Reed Little** retired in September 2022 after 35 years of service with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

'85 **Pam Mazakas** retired after 31 years of public service with the United States Environmental Protection Agency and moved to Florida to enjoy the sunshine. She will be looking for some meaningful volunteer opportunities to continue to protect public health and the environment. She also intends to travel the world and enjoy some leisure time.

'91 John Fletcher begins his second season as the head baseball coach at Richard Bland College of William and Mary. RBC is a junior college located south of Richmond, Virginia. He was previously a mathematics teacher and head baseball coach at Mills E. Godwin High School in Richmond.



Zimmerly

'95 Andrew Stanley was appointed the Director of Athletics at Collegiate School in Richmond, Virginia on July 1, 2022.

'96 Mark Zimmerly has been elected as Chairman of the Maryland Science Center's Board of Trustees. A Baltimore resident for over 20 years, Zimmerly is Vice President for Transamerica's Wholesale Markets team focused on employee benefits.



Gill

'97 Edward J. Gill III and his wife Elizabeth welcomed the birth of their first child, Gregory Edward Gill on April 6, 2022.

'99 Caroline Parker Green Whitcomb graduated from Georgia Southern University with an Ed.D in Curriculum Studies. Her dissertation is titled: *Confronting the Haunted South: A journey into the history, legacy, and life of Boggs Academy*. She also has a chapter titled "Freedom Schools" in an edited book, *At the Center of All Possibilities: Transforming Education for Our Children's Futures* (Selwyn, 2022).

'00 Charleita M. Richardson is the new CEO of Durham Children's Initiative (DCI) in Durham, North Carolina. After spending the most recent two years in Florida leading the Florida College Access Network and the 14 years prior leading Partnership for the Future, she is excited to work with families and students at DCI as they work towards achieving their educational goals.



Richardson

'01 Shalise Bates Figueroa married Francisco Figueroa III on March 5, 2022 in Suffolk, Virginia.



The 2022 Randolph-Macon Athletics Hall of Fame Class, comprised of **Charlie Pinkard '86** (men's golf), **Tom Shaw '85** (football), **Molly Atrial '10** (women's basketball), and **Maggie McDearmon '06** (women's volleyball), was inducted on Sept. 17, 2022 and introduced at half-time of the R-MC football game against Southern Virginia.



Coleman, Williams, Buzz Anthony '22, and David Funderburg '22

'02 Shalen Coleman and Liz Williams were joined by members of the R-MC Men's Basketball national championship team to show support for the Tuckahoe Elementary School fifth grade basketball tournament in May.

'03 Mark T. Garofalo graduated from the University of Virginia, Darden School of Business in June 2022. He was honored to give the class speech from The Rotunda to fellow graduates and faculty the night before graduation. He is Managing Director of OWL ESG, a data analytics and alternative research provider servicing asset managers, quantitative investors, and hedge funds globally. He currently lives in Midlothian, Virginia with his wife and three children.



Garofalo



'05 Joe Jenkins IV and Donnisha Grant welcomed Jaxon Tyler Jenkins on May 29, 2022.

Katie Edson Privratsky's family practice, Edson Family Practice, which is her direct primary care clinic, has a new office in Christiansburg.



'07 Kate MacKenzie Carter and her husband, Maj. Chris Carter, announced the birth of their second son Alexander (Xander) John Carter on May 6, 2022. Big brother Jamie is as in love as they are.

'08 Dee Finnegan Halacsy and her husband, Attila, announced the birth of their son Attila Joseph ("AJ") on July 16, 2022. His big sisters Zita and Nora love to help take care of their baby brother.



Halacsy

'09 Ten years ago, **Bethany Finnegan Seay** and **E. J. Seay** planned their wedding outside of Old Chapel, but the worst rainstorm of the summer forced the ceremony indoors to Cobb Theater, the room where the couple met for the first time. This year, for their 10th anniversary, they returned to Old Chapel to take the wedding photos they had always wanted and were thrilled to be able to include their kids this time.

'11 Brittany Jones Lopes and her husband, Curtis, welcomed their first child, CJ, into the world on May 13, 2022.



Lopes

Kelley Lewis Parks and **Spencer Parks** announced the birth of their daughter, Mary Kathryn Parks, on July 5.



Parks



Valenza-Recchia wedding

Lianne Valenza and **Ryan Recchia '13** were married on April 30, 2022, at the Vineyard Estate at New Kent Winery surrounded by their family and friends. The wedding party included **Christian Tiller Casey '11**, **Ali Shiflet Crenshaw '11**, **Emily Chilton Souder '11**, **Ashley Glover Molnar '11**, **Kris Knopp '11**, **Marcus Crawford '11**, **Tim Rowe '13**, **Taylor Wilkens '14**, **Matt Andes '12** and **Jared Bouis '14**. The couple live in Richmond, Virginia with their chocolate lab, Max.

'12 Kelsey Herbert

Alvis renewed her vows with her husband, Jody, in front of family and friends September 19, 2021. They originally eloped in January 2021 by the snowy riverside in Wilson, Wyoming, after a long engagement. She and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Shepherd Jean Alvis, in April 2022. Kelsey works in the photography and art community, and her husband is in golf and fly fishing at a private golf community.



'13 Emily Vianna Ford and Henson Ford

were married on September 18, 2021.



Katelyn Burner Hudson married James Hudson on June 15, 2019 at Walden Hall in Reva, Virginia. **Casey Kaufman Harris '13**, **Jillian Asay Carpenter '12**, **Lauren Drewry Phillips '13**, **Alyssa Lynn Saraniti Elswick '14**, and **Laura Young Ruxton '14** were all bridesmaids. **Chase Phillips '13** officiated the ceremony. Also in attendance were **Adam Carpenter '10**, **Madison Dulaney '13**, and **Joel Elswick '13**. On April 30, 2022, she and her husband, James, welcomed their baby girl, Annie Jane Hudson. They currently reside in Fairfax, Virginia.



Hudson



Volansky-Wirth

Christopher Volansky-Wirth received his Ph.D. in entomology from Purdue University and accepted a position at Purdue, managing their collection of over 1.3 million insect specimens. **Tanya Volansky-Wirth '12** received her M.S. in 2015, L.M.T. in 2019, and is a medical massage therapist. The couple lives in Lafayette, Indiana.

'14 Alyssa Saraniti Elswick and **Joel Elswick '13** welcomed their son, Preston Joel, on December 2, 2021. Their first little Yellow Jacket, Ella Grace (4), is excited to be a big sister.



Elswick

'15 Molly Friedel got engaged in June 2022.

Jarrold Harrison was named a 2022 Star Watch Honoree, which recognizes publishing professionals. He is an Associate Editor at 1517 Media with the Broadleaf Books imprint. Jarrold has an MFA in creative writing.



Harrison



Dittmar

'16 Derek Dittmar stopped by campus recently, along with his wife and guide dog Howard, who accompanied Derek during his years at R-MC. When Derek's wife spotted the "R-MC" guitar on the wall of the Campus Store, Barclay and staff got it down so that Derek could play it. The guitar is a gift from retired ITS employee, Rick Fitzsimmons, who refurbished a used guitar with layers of the fabric created by Solid Stone Fabrics (owned by alumnus **David Stone '82**), the company that produced imprinted R-MC masks donated to the College community by the family of **Max Presley '23**.

'17 Amanda Metell is an intellectual property attorney with the firm Mintz Levin in their Boston office.

'18 Lauren Keiser is working for Virginia Delegate Amanda Batten's office as a legislative aide. Delegate Batten is the House Republican Caucus Chair and represents the Williamsburg area.

Caroline Snell McClain graduated with a master's in public administration from the L. Douglas Wilder School at VCU in May 2022.



McClain

Savannah Parsons Smith and her husband, Dajour, welcomed their daughter, Tessa Rey Smith, on July 4, 2022.



Smith



Forsythe

'19 Sarah Olmstead Forsythe and her husband, Casey, welcomed Eleanor Carol Forsythe on October 8, 2022.



Wentz

Benton Birdsong Hawks Wentz married Grace Elizabeth Visser on June 25, 2022, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. They were surrounded by their Yellow Jacket friends and family, ranging from graduation years 1983 to 2020.



Moran, Habit and Samuelson

Augusta Moran, Brianne Habit, and Rachel Samuelson '18 graduated from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University in Raleigh, North Carolina on May 13, 2022.



Diehr

'20 Elizabeth Jacobs Diehr and Bryan Diehr '21 were married on August 6, 2022. Bryan is the Assistant Director of Athletic Communications at R-MC.

Hannah Fay participated in an aerial fitness retreat in Lamothe-Goas, France. She has been doing Lyra Hoop for a year and learned about this travel



Fay

opportunity in her studio. She spent the week exploring the French countryside and further developing her love for the aerial arts in daily fitness classes and cannot wait to go back next year.

Elicia Wells Roberts and Stephen Roberts '21 were married on October 1, 2022, at Windy Hill Golf Course in Midlothian, Virginia.



Roberts

'21 Andrew Ryan Anderegge received his master's degree in accounting and is currently working in corporate tax planning. 🟡

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CLASS NOTES SUBMISSION

Share news so your classmates learn about what has been going on in your life since you left R-MC. Do you have a new job, new professional success, or new degree? Have you married, had children, grandchildren? Have you retired? Have you recently reconnected with alumni friends? Do you have an interesting hobby or volunteer role in your community? Submit photos of life events, encounters with classmates, or anything that is noteworthy. We would love to hear from you! Submit your information to: www.rmc.edu/classnotes, email alumni@rmc.edu or call 866-694-4574.

PASSAGES

The Alumni Office is available to assist if you are looking for additional information about any of our alumni and friends listed below. **(made known to Randolph-Macon between Apr. 25 – Nov. 11, 2022)**

Robert "Bob" H. Bradner '43, Toledo, OH, April 15, 2022

Frank Elon Miner, Jr. '43, Glen Allen, VA, October 11, 2022

Carnegie "Bud" Brown Hamersly '48, Mechanicsville, VA, March 17, 2022

Dr. Henry E. "Ted" York, '50, Winchester, VA, August 30, 2022

Rev. Dr. David H. Smith '51, Midlothian, VA, June 27, 2022

William "Bill" C. Edel, '52, Jeannette, PA, October 30, 2022

Samuel "Sam" Baird Richeson '52, Hopewell, VA, July 5, 2022, father of **Michael "Mike" Richeson '77** and grandfather of **Katherine "Katie" Miller Price '06**

Bob P. White '52, Martinsville, VA, September 14, 2022

Wade Wilton Gunn '53, Stephens City, VA, November 21, 2020

C. Eugene "Gene" "Jeep" Mason '53, Cumberland, VA, November 6, 2022

Robert "Bob" P. Stewart '53, Mechanicsville, VA, August 16, 2022

Charles "Charlie" Thompson Law '54, Royersford, PA, March 18, 2021

Michael John Wade '54, Nokesville, VA, April 11, 2022

Harry Haigh '55, Hadley, MA, October 2019

Rev. Robert "Bob" C. Hastings '55, Midlothian, VA, December 8, 2019

Alfred Robert "Bob" Henkel '55, Urbanna, VA, April 13, 2022

James "Gus" P. Traylor '55, Leesburg, VA, October 29, 2019

William Lee "Billy" Whitley '55, Franklin, VA, July 6, 2022

David "Scott" Harlow '56, Mechanicsville, VA, August 21, 2022

Rev. Herbert G. Hobbs '56, Stuart Drafts, VA, October 28, 2022

G. Terry Collett '57, Colonial Heights, VA, October 13, 2022

Claiborne "Clay" R. Leonard '57, Glen Allen, VA, December 27, 2021

Dr. Edgar Smith "Dick" Douglas, Jr. '58, Winterville, NC, August 22, 2022

Carlton Edward Odell '58, Montpelier, VA, June 9, 2022

Thomas Wesley Jones, Jr. '59, Richmond, VA, May 11, 2022

Wayne Jerome Haskins '60, Suwanee, GA, May 23, 2022

John Raymond Kelley '60, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 26, 2022

Herbert "Herbie" Martin Lewis, Jr. '60, Franklin, VA, September 2, 2022, brother of **Thomas "Bo" H. Lewis*, '61**

Thomas "Bo" H. Lewis '61, Mount Pleasant, SC, May 24, 2022, brother of **Herbert "Herbie" Martin Lewis, Jr. * '60**

Jean McClurkin Claunch '62, Eagle Rock, VA, April 27, 2022, sister of **John I. McClurkin, III '67**

Aldine Jacob "AJ" Coffman, Jr. '62, Parker, CO, June 13, 2022

Donald "Don" Edward Perry '62, Virginia Beach, VA, May 11, 2022

Dr. David "Dave" Haydon Riddick '62, Leesburg, VA, August 2022

J. W. Whiting Chisman, Jr. '63, Williamsburg, VA, November 26, 2022, grandfather of **Clark Chisman '26**

Gordon "Bobo" Wilson Bohannon '64, Surry County, VA, June 4, 2022

J. Randall "Randy" Hiner '64, Trent Woods, NC, August 10, 2022

Bruce Donnan Smith, Jr. '64, West Chester, PA, April 8, 2021

Patrick "Pat" Ross Bynum, Jr. '66, Richmond, VA, September 12, 2022

James "Jim" Robert Garwood '66, Greenwood, VA, August 14, 2022

Thomas "Tommy" Reynolds, Jr. '66, Bedford, VA, November 6, 2022

Samuel Stevens Sands, Jr. '66, Daniel Island, SC, August 14, 2022

Fred Harold Daniel, Jr. '67, Richmond, VA, October 30, 2018

Thomas "Tommy" Edwin Franklin '67, Menomonie, WI, September 28, 2021

Donald "Don" Michael Brennan '68, Richmond, VA, September 11, 2022

Dr. Gaylord W. Ray '68, Gloucester, VA, August 3, 2022, father of **Christopher "Chris" Ray '08**

Drake Whitlock '68, Candler, NC, October 15, 2022

Rev. Dr. E. Allen Coffey '69, Mechanicsville, VA, June 9, 2022

Harold "Carey" McGrath, Jr. '69, Pendleton, NC, September 3, 2022

Richard "Rick" Alan Peterson '69, Menlo Park, CA, August 23, 2022

Frederic "Jeff" Jefferson Kellam, III '70, Richmond, VA, August 25, 2022

Dr. Kendall Louis Wilson, Jr. '70, Richmond, VA, September 28, 2022

John "Doug" Douglas Moyer '70, Mechanicsville, VA, September 25, 2022

Charles "Charlie" F. Wright '70, N. Chesterfield, VA, May 8, 2022

William "Bill" Belcher '71, Ashland, VA, September 21, 2021

Lawrence "Larry" K. Mallam '72, Glen Allen, VA, October 31, 2022

Meverell "Mev" B. Van Doren III, '72, Richmond, VA, July 18, 2021

David Hollis Zink '74, Baltimore, MD, October 7, 2022

Nader Ordoubadi '75, Tehran, Iran, April 27, 2022

Dr. David "Dave" Carter Blanton '76, Front Royal, VA, July 1, 2022

Dr. Lawrence E. Heiskell '76, Rancho Mirage, CA, October 1, 2022

Roger Alexander Hayden II '78, Poolesville, MD, June 23, 2022

Steven "Steve" Oliver Owens '78, Ashland, VA, January 19, 2022

Gregory "Greg" Alan White '79, Wall Township, NJ, June 13, 2022

Scott H. Miller '80, Winchester, VA, October 14, 2022

Paul Ford "Skip" Goree '81, Alexandria, VA, July 8, 2022

Sharon Elizabeth Donald Bartholomew, '84, Arlington, VA, June 19, 2022

Jonathan "Jack" Ivars Radcliffe '90, Charleston, SC, September 15, 2022

Timothy "Tim" Edwin Travis '95, Wayne, PA, March 2022

Gregg Allen Barkley '96, Moseley, VA, May 14, 2022



Whiting Chisman '63, Trustee Emeritus of R-MC, passed away November 26, 2022. After attending Randolph-Macon, where he was a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, Chisman entered the family business of concrete. As President of Chisman Company, he grew the firm and provided materials for major infrastructure projects like Hampton Coliseum, runways at Langley Air Force Base, and Interstate 64. He guided the firm to a successful acquisition in 1987, after which he gave generously of his time and talent at R-MC. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1993-99 and 2008-16, including many years as a vital member of the Board's Buildings & Grounds Committee during a remarkable period of physical improvements and enhancements at the College. He personally invested in many building projects through philanthropy, including meaningful support of women's athletics. In 2010, he received a well-deserved R-MC Distinguished Service Award.

Peter Matthew Notarianni '98, Midlothian, VA, January 9, 2022

Bradley "Brad" Kent Benson '99, Dover, DE, August 29, 2022

Adam Alexander Simon '17, Kill Devil Hills, NC, October 31, 2022

Joseph Parker Vaughn '19, Fredericksburg, VA, May 24, 2022

Martha "Haley" Wilson '21, Richmond, VA, July 14, 2022, daughter of **Diane Wilson '87**

Devin Patrick Flaherty '22, Virginia Beach, VA, May 18, 2022

Kylee Hudak '24, Henrico, VA, March 30, 2022

Friends and Family

Ruby Benson Abbott, mother of **Richard "Rich" Abbott '86** passed May 8, 2022

Anita Allen, wife of **James "Jim" R. Allen, Jr. '57** passed October 28, 2022

Carol Renee Bailey, R-MC employee passed July 30, 2022

Danette Irene Baumbach, wife of Kirk Baumbach, mother of **Nathan Baumbach '17** and **Lydia Baumbach Harrell '16** passed July 1, 2022

Margaret Anne Bland, wife of **Sam Bland '57** passed November 20, 2021

Rose Smith Breedlove, mother of **Hal Breedlove '79** and grandmother to **Mollie Farrell '07** passed May 6, 2022

David Roy Cheatham, father of **Andrew Bennett Cheatham '13** passed May 1, 2022

Mark Dick, husband of **Karen Bowling Dick '89** passed September 5, 2022

JoAn Spigle Firebaugh, mother of **Rebecca "Becky" Spigle Collie '80** passed October 10, 2020

Samuel L. Freedell III, husband of **Carolyn Kruse Freedell '94** passed June 25, 2022

David W. Garrod, friend of the college and grandfather of **Christian Largo '21** passed October 30, 2021

Gail D. Grant, mother of **Jamie Grant '12** passed May 18, 2022

William Robert Harrison, former employee, passed June 22, 2022

Jane Wightman Howard, wife of **Frank "Mike" Hawthorne Howard* '38** and sister of **James "Jim" P. Wightman '55** passed June 25, 2022

Carol Pope Howerton, wife of **Elton C. "Cig" Howerton '59** passed January 12, 2021

Mildred Marie Hail Leonard, wife of **R. T. Leonard* '53** passed September 18, 2021

Elnora Boone Lipford, wife of **Gregory Antonio "Tony" Lipford '91** passed July 28, 2022

Dorothy B. Livingston, former employee, passed October 27, 2022

Clark "David" Metzger, friend of the college passed October 17, 2021

Larry Donald Moore, father of **Lance Moore '12** passed November 25, 2021

Mary Yunette Neal, former employee, passed July 12, 2022

Charlotte Nuckols Mattison, former employee, passed September 28, 2022

Betty Benton Odom, wife of **Henry Odom '52** and mother of **Beth Odom Cheatham '78** and **Henry "Hunter" Odom, Jr. '84** passed December 31, 2021

Dennis William Porter, father of **Heather Porter '07** passed June 14, 2022

Florence "Floss" Marshall Rahn, mother of **Karen Rahn Horne '79** passed July 15, 2022

C. Stuart Ridout, father of **Gregory "Greg" Stuart Ridout '07** passed May 18, 2020

Terry "Dinky Moon" L. Smith, former employee, passed October 11, 2022

Frances "Arlette" Southworth, former employee, passed April 15, 2022

Kim Stevenson, mother of **Kelli Stevenson '14**, passed September 23, 2022

Gwen Ellen Skiles Stotler, wife of **James Stotler '70** passed October 2, 2013

William "Billy" Tornabene, husband of **Mandy Beasley Tornabene '99** passed November 10, 2022

Michael Viener, father of **Justin Viener '93** passed September 14, 2021

Henry I. Willett, Jr., friend of the college passed November 11, 2021

Lynn Hardy Yeakel, friend of the college passed January 13, 2022 ☀

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80	7.6%	\$3,800	\$25,956
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