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1st — All Saints Day

December

2nd — Giving Tuesday
4th — Lower School Christmas Concert
5th — Lighting on the Green
11th — Upper School Christmas Concert

January

23rd — Open House
25–31st — Catholic Schools Week
30th — Spirit Night

February

21st — 54th Annual Dinner & Auction

March

6–7th — Spring Musical
29th — Easter Egg Hunt on the Green

April

17th — Upper School Spring Concert
24th — Grandparents Day for Grades K-3

May

1st — Upper School May Crowning
2nd — Shred-A-Thon
13th — Lower School May Crowning
14th — WA Giving Day
15th — Lower School Spring Concert
30th — Walsingham Academy's 79th Commencement Exercises

June

4th — Last Day of School

Please note that all events are subject to change or cancel. Be sure to check www.walsingham.org for event details.

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As a Mercy School, care for the Earth is one of our critical concerns and values. Excellence Magazine has gone virtual and has been emailed to everyone. We have only printed a small number of magazines for those who would like a hard copy. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for a hard copy of the Excellence Magazine, please email advancement@walsingham.org.

Thank you for helping us make a better future for the planet!

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On the Cover:
On May 31, 2025, Walsingham Academy celebrated its 78th Commencement Exercises. In this photo, the Class of 2025 joyfully performs a song they chose and prepared together.

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From the Pen of Sister Mary Jeanne...



Dear Family and Friends,

The 2024–2025 academic year was a busy year, indeed! In addition to our typical achievements in athletics, a riveting performance of *Damn Yankees*, and Class of 2025 earning over $4.4 million in scholarships with a 100% college placement, the Academy successfully completed its accreditation with Middle States Association and brought in a remarkable increase in charitable donations.

The Academy's enrollment remains strong, which is a testament not only to the tireless work of our faculty and staff, but to the families entrusting the education of their children to our care. Our graduates confidently leave these halls with an excellent education, grounded in faith and Mercy values, ready to be good stewards of the world before them. Truly, it is a privilege to watch these students grow and mature into young adults. May God continue to bless the meaningful work we do here.

In whichever way you support the Academy—through prayer, volunteerism, or generous financial gifts—please know our immense gratitude. Thank you for your devotion to Walsingham and its mission to provide excellent education in a Christ-centered environment. I hold each of you in my heart and prayers.

Sincerely,

Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle

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President

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INSIGHT FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTER

To Recognize the Holy

by Steve Delaney

Several years ago I flew to Shannon airport in the west of Ireland. It was the last week of March, and the weather was cold. It poured rain every day, and the wind was hard, driving with rain and ice. I was traveling on my own for ten days, researching and planning a trip through the Dingle Peninsula and Connemara. Ostensibly I was planning for a walking tour that I would offer to groups in the coming year. But the trip was more than that. I knew was looking for something else.

Perhaps I was looking to see what I might find in these wild and holy places. And what I might find by traveling alone. I think I was looking for echoes, resonances of sound, for traces of the questions I needed to ask and answer in my life over the next years.

One of my favorite spiritual writers is John O'Donohue, an Irish poet and philosopher who died in 2008. He grew up in the Burren region of County Clare, and lived in his later years in Connemara. John O'Donohue's love of the rough Irish landscape, and the nourishment he took from it, drew me to many of the places I visited.

He dearly loved a holy mountain in Connemara called Mám Éan. Pilgrims come to walk up the valley to the top, where a small stone chapel marks a site where St. Patrick stopped in his travels. It is said that from here he blessed the hard hills of Connemara. There is a lovely RTE Radio documentary where John O'Donohue hikes up the mountain with John Quinn, an Irish radio broadcaster, and they talk as they walk, John giving the history and meaning of the place.

The day I came to Mám Éan the weather was giving its all. It had been raining for about 24 hours, and the rocky trail up the mountain was now a flowing stream. The clouds dropped low into the valley, and I could only see about fifty yards in any direction. There is an iron gate marking the entrance to the walk, with wrought iron letters spelling out the word "Mám Éan." The landscape was gray and red and dark green. The wind was so loud that if I had had a companion, we could not have heard each other. I followed the stony path up the valley, my body soaked after a few minutes.



As you near the top, there is a series of the stations of the cross, and a stone sculpture of St. Patrick as a shepherd that was black with rain. I reached the chapel, but the door was locked. Next to the it was a stone shelter with an altar. In every crack or corner in the rocks people had left candles and rosaries and money and notes as petitions and prayers. I stepped under the shelter to get out of the rain, and was surprised to see two other hikers already there. They were a couple, maybe in their late fifties with good packs and hiking sticks. We were all so wrapped in rain gear and hats and gloves that we could not see much of each other. They were sharing a thermos of tea, and we chatted for a couple of minutes. They were from Dublin, and every year they hiked different pilgrimage paths in Ireland. They asked my name, and where I was from. "You've come a long way to get here," the man said. "But you've picked the right place to come to," said the woman. "Mám Éan is a holy place. We come here every year."

Then they were on their way. I had a sandwich and coffee, and tried to warm up under the shelter. It is difficult to explain how I felt in that place. The loneliness was magnified by the fog and wind. But also softened into a solitude. There was an incredible stillness in my heart. It was as if there was a larger part of me coming out into the world. I felt as if my conscious, day to day self was incapable of holding what was happening. Almost as if there was a deeper, more real person within me. The whole time in Ireland I felt like I couldn't believe I was there. But then another part of me felt more real and alive. Perhaps







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I was wondering if I belonged at all in those holy and beautiful places. Who would I be? And what was being asked of me? But these are all questions I have asked since then. The best way I can describe it is to write about that immense silence within me, a calm, a peace that seemed capable of holding anything. Or that I was walking within that huge silence, surrounded by it, and had just become aware of it in a new way.

I stayed on top for an hour, and then walked down the mountain through wind and rain and silence and joy back to my car.

The next morning the rain stopped. I was staying in the small town of Clifden, and after breakfast I went to Mass. There were a few dozen people there, sitting far apart in the wide space of the church. After Mass, I was standing outside, looking up at the façade, when a middle aged couple approached me. "Are you Steven?" the man asked. I was confused for a moment, but then I realized they were my companions from the day before on Mám Éan. I had not recognized them, but they had seen me at Mass and figured I must be the odd American they had met the day before. We talked for a while outside the church in the rare sunlight. They encouraged me to come and hike near Dublin on my next trip, and also to come back to Mám Éan. We said goodbyes, and they walked down the hill to their hotel, and I walked up the hill to mine.

In my theology class with our 12th graders, we study the experience of pilgrimage, and I always share my experience on Mám Éan. I invite them to think about their own experiences when they have encountered God's mysterious presence in a place, or in another person. It is difficult to name and describe that silent and secret calling that we hear when we encounter God in that way. But this kind of invitation is so important to what we do together at Walsingham. We are journeying together, and trying to pay attention to how God might be speaking.

And hopefully, every now and then, we are graced with companions like I was in that couple from Dublin. *They recognized me.* We were down from the mountain, back in the sunlit and regular world. Perhaps they were just making conversation, just being polite. But because they remembered me and recognized me, the experience became more real. And this is also at the heart of our ministry here. This is the work of teaching, but we all participate in in – students, parents, staff, coaches. It is this work of mercy where we see the good in each other and bring attention to it. We try to recognize when the holy is happening to another person, when God is moving and making room and bringing new life to someone we love. We see it, and we recognize the work, and we let them know.

I feel so grateful to get to be on this journey with our students and families and colleagues here at Walsingham. May God bless us and keep our hearts open to all of good and holy things we will encounter this year.









2024 – 2025 Snapshots











COLLECTIONS FOR STORM RELIEF

Draw a Crowd—and a Pile of Donations—in Williamsburg

by Kim O'Brien Root

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There were diapers and water, dog food and peanut butter. Paper towels, batteries and so much more.

The community came out in force Friday to donate items for storm relief to North Carolina, both at Walsingham Academy and at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church — collection drives spurred by Summer Kirkpatrick, a Walsingham counselor.

By Saturday morning, four trucks left at 5 a.m. to make their way to the flood-ravaged western North Carolina, part of the area affected by the remnants of Hurricane Helene. Kirkpatrick organized the drives to help the town where she once lived and still owns a house. Her husband, Reid, took a first U-Haul load there a week ago, adding to supplies being collected at Black Mountain Presbyterian Church. By this past Saturday, the church's storage was full, so supplies were directed to a warehouse in nearby Swannanoa, where they'll be distributed as needed.

"Everyone in the whole town has been so thankful," Kirkpatrick said. "I heard thank you after thank you."

At Walsingham on Friday, student and parents filled up two truckloads of supplies, with many volunteers stepping in to unload and pack trucks. In addition, there was nearly $9,000 in monetary donations, including $1,000 from Walsingham.

"It was heartwarming to see the love and compassion from our families, students, staff and so many from the Williamsburg community to come together to make a difference to help as many as we can in North Carolina," said Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle, the private school's president. "From tragedy has come merciful giving and the generosity has been overwhelming."

Meanwhile, at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, community members filled another two truck loads. The Kirkpatricks brought it all to North Carolina in a caravan along with Janet LeJeune and **Riley Flood '21**, also Walsingham staff members. On the road, they quickly discovered they weren't the only ones with the same idea.

Across Hampton Roads throughout the past week, there have been numerous collection drives, including by Seaford Yacht Club, Colony Pool in Newport News, Hampton Moose Lodge and so many more.

"We saw so many other trucks and trailers bringing supplies to the area, and the people were so appreciative," LeJeune said later. "It was difficult to witness the devastation, but the humanity shown by so many people really touched our hearts."

For Kirkpatrick, seeing Black Mountain helped. She was able to hug former friends and church members. Even a visit to the home she still owns — half of which was destroyed by a huge oak tree — and visiting neighbors made her realize things would one day be OK.

"Now they have supplies, they have water, electricity is starting to come back," she said. "I can tell the initial crisis is over.

"We're going to rebuild."





ANNUAL SHRED-A-THON

Raises a Record Breaking Amount for the Annual Fund!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday, May 3, 2025, for the Williamsburg Community Shred-A-Thon at Walsingham Academy! Together, we raised over $9,700 in support of Walsingham Academy's Annual Fund for Excellence.

We're grateful to all who donated, participated, and especially to our amazing Middle and Upper School volunteers for all their help at the event.

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UPPER SCHOOL CHAPEL REVITALIZED
with Support from the 51st Annual Dinner & Auction

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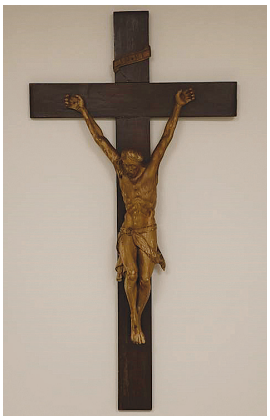
Thanks to the generous contributions from the 51st Annual Dinner and Auction, the Upper School Chapel has been beautifully transformed. This significant renovation is part of an ongoing initiative to enrich the spiritual atmosphere of the Upper School, creating a space that encourages reflection, prayer, and a deeper connection to the Catholic faith. Notable additions include a stunning new crucifix from Belgium and a set of new Stations of the Cross from Ukraine. "The chapel project is progressing wonderfully, and I'm thrilled to have helped redesign the space to make it more welcoming for everyone. The new crucifix is my favorite addition—it's absolutely beautiful," said senior Allison Bieron.

These upgrades highlight the school's commitment to fostering an environment conducive to both personal and communal prayer. The renovations embody the community's dedication to the spiritual development of its students and staff, while also serving as a lasting tribute to the 51st Annual Dinner and Auction. Senior Josh Powell, another student involved in the project, shared his thoughts: "With the newly painted walls, updated lighting, and new floors, the chapel now feels like an entirely new space for worship and fellowship. It's been incredibly rewarding to contribute to the renovation, and I'm excited to see what future projects we can add as the year continues."

The improvements, renovations, and ideas are all thanks to a wonderful committee of students, teachers, and community members. The Chapel Committee includes Josh Powell '25, Allison Bieron '25, Reese Ellis '26, Carmen Ramiro '28, Connor Jordan '28, Allison Niles '27, Gabriel Sauceda '26, Dominic Sauceda '28, Evan Blinn '26, Vera Duncan '25, Lauren McCourt '25, Mrs. Ramiro, Dr. Blinn, Ms. Krus, Mr. DeLaney, Bryce McHose '24, Claire Phillips '24, Luke Harlow '24, Elizabeth Hamner '24, and Linwood Burton and Bush Construction.

Key improvements to the chapel include the following:

- Old carpet removed and new floor all through the chapel and sacristy.
- New lighting in chapel ceiling.
- Door to the back office was drywalled and painted to create a new focal point in the chapel for a new crucifix.
- New crucifix was purchased. This was chosen by the group of students and teachers on the chapel renovation committee. This 19th century wooden carved crucifix is from a former Catholic school in Belgium.
- New stations of the Cross donated by Bush Construction. The stations were purchased from a small family woodcarving business in Ukraine.



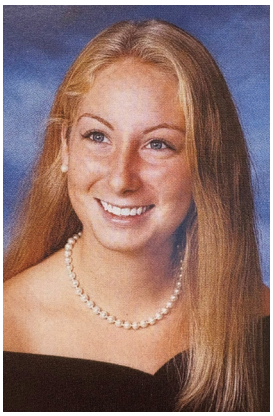
Several additional improvements are still underway, with more updates expected soon:

- New tabernacle light.
- Kneelers for front of chapel.
- Benches for the rear of the chapel to form a communal prayer space for student prayer groups, faculty prayer, and classes.
- New rugs for the chapel.
- New chairs for chapel and for the celebrant at school Masses.
- Bookshelf and prayer resources.
- Student-made artwork.
- Student-made processional cross for Mass.



ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT – CLASS OF 2005

Christa Samaha



After graduating from James Madison University in 2010, Christa Samaha began her journey serving college students through her work with Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority Headquarters. "I love investing in students during such a pivotal time in their lives," Christa says. "College is full of challenges—and opportunities. I get to walk with students as they ask big questions and discover who they are."

That passion for mentorship and faith led her to a major leap in 2017—moving across the country to Los Angeles to work in full-time ministry with Greek InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, focusing on helping fraternity and sorority members explore and grow in their faith. "This work brings me so much joy," she says. "Greek life often gets a bad rap, but I want students to know they can be part of that culture and still follow the Lord. There's space for both."

Christa's impact stretches coast to coast. Last fall, she co-led two weekend retreats for Greek students—one in Virginia and one in Los Angeles. These retreats were designed to help students slow down, reflect, and connect with God. "These are some of the most transformational weekends of the year," she shares.

When asked what she values most about her time at Walsingham, Christa says: "Walsingham gave me a strong faith foundation, a great education, and intentional relationships with faculty who genuinely cared. Being around students from different faith traditions helped me clarify what I believed and why. It's a big part of why I'm doing what I do now."

She adds, "Some of the friendships I formed at Walsingham have lasted a lifetime—and several of those friends now support me in my ministry work."

Thank you, Christa! We are proud to celebrate Christa's story and her impact and her heart for the next generation.









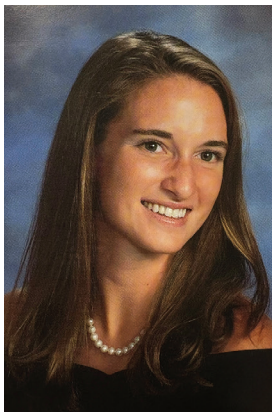
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ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT – CLASS OF 2009

Lucy Clare Spooner



Clare Spooner's journey as an artist began right here at Walsingham. A student from 3rd through 12th grade, Clare was drawn to the visual arts from the start. "I used to spend my lunch breaks drawing and painting," she remembers. "My years at Walsingham were an excellent time to explore different media and figure things out, but I always loved to paint: in the Lower School, for example, I painted the stations of the Cross one Lent: very large, not quite life-size depictions of each of the 12 stations. These early years with wonderful art teachers have stayed with me, and I'm still painting today."

After graduating from Walsingham in 2009, Clare attended the University of Virginia, where she majored in psychology and French. She then moved to New York City to work in interior design. In 2019, she made an exciting shift: becoming a full-time painter. She says, "I really, truly love painting, which is the crux of how I spend my time: what a gift! This means that, even on days when things aren't quite going my way, I'm still, in general, doing what I love."

Today, Clare lives and works in NYC but also spends her summers painting in the south of France—where her love of French classes from Walsingham and French major comes in handy as she connects with the local community. Her work is often influenced by landscape, florals, figures, and wildlife.

Clare remains connected to her Williamsburg roots. She frequently returns to Williamsburg to visit family and friends and to showcase her artwork at local art shows, such as An Occasion for the Arts, where she has exhibited since 2018. She is also a generous supporter of WA, having donated several pieces to the annual auction.



We're proud to spotlight Clare's journey and the beautiful, intentional way she shares her talent with the world. To check out Clare's artwork and where she will be next, check out her website lucyclarespooner.com.







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Walsingham Academy proudly presents the hit musical *Bye Bye Birdie* on March 6 & 7!

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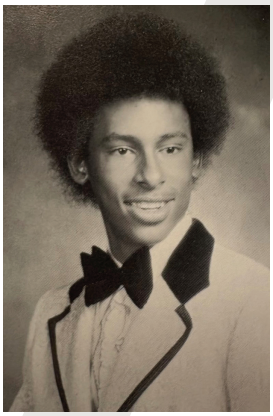






ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – CLASS OF 1974

Q&A with Tommy Stone



Tommy Stone is proud to be a Walsingham Academy "Lifer," having attended from kindergarten all the way through graduation with the Class of 1974. As a student, he played JV and Varsity basketball and baseball, earned a letter in soccer, and spent his final two years working in the yearbook darkroom, capturing memories behind the scenes.

After graduation, Tommy attended the University of Miami. He originally planned to study biology but ended up finding his fit in Petroleum Geology, inspired by a desire to work on or near the water. After college, he returned to Williamsburg and worked as a police officer for two years, a job he really enjoyed, but eventually made a career change in search of better opportunities.

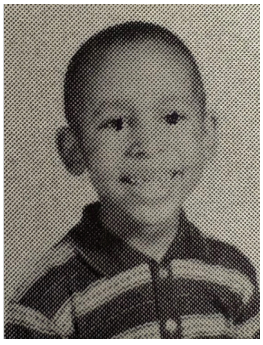
In 1980, he joined Anheuser-Busch as a Quality Assurance technician at the Willaimsburg brewery, later becoming an analyst. He went on to help open the Cartersville, Georgia brewery and worked closely with the central lab, developing testing methods and evaluating instrumentation.

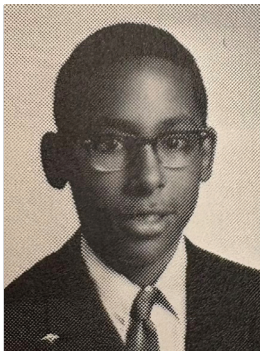
Following his father's passing in 2018, Tommy retired from Anheuser-Busch and he and his brother returned to Williamsburg to be with his mother and help run the family funeral home, which he is still a part of today. He recently completed an Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Directing and is now a licensed funeral director.

From student-athlete to scientist, public servant, and now community caretaker, Tommy's journey has come full circle—guided by a strong work ethic, a love of learning, and deep ties to both family and community.

Q. Tell us about a favorite Walsingham memory.
A. We had a history class, and the project was to recreate a moment in time. All the guys, Greg Force '74, Kevin Bounds '74, Brian McNelis '74, and I scripted individual scenes, and we participated in each other's movies. One scene included a car chase in the back of the school with a friend's van and my Cadillac. I don't remember the gist of the scene, but it was fun. I would love to know where those movies are. Another memory was the marriage class, in which we paired off as couples and learned how to manage a household. Thank you to my first "wife," Dottie Rapone '74.

Q. While attending Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher or mentor who was particularly inspiring to you?
A. Mr. Henretta taught a very interesting government class. He was able to keep it non-political in spite of the ongoing political and social climate that the United States and the world were experiencing. This was during times when the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights movement, busing, and integration were the highlights of the daily news. He was able to keep the class focused on how the government worked, and kept the politics to a minimum. Some of my other memorable teachers were Sister Janet Marie, Sister Mary Ann Nolan, Sister Mary Ann Giordano, Mrs. Derrig, and Mrs. Pearson.





Q. What lessons from your time as a student at Walsingham Academy do you still carry with you in your career?
A. I don't think I have any lessons to carry on, but I know I value the friendships with my classmates. The friends I gained at Walsingham and college have been more endearing than any professional relationships.

Q. If you could give current Walsingham Academy students a piece of advice what would it be?
A. The students these days are so smart and have a lot of opportunities, but the world has become so competitive. Don't be afraid to go after your passion, but be flexible and willing to diversify.

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to share with our Walsingham Academy community?
A. Being in the funeral business, I am exposed to families during their worst times after the loss of a loved one. I'll hear about stories of struggles and of good memories. It is a constant reminder of how fragile and short life is. I am sensitive to what I'm told, because as I get older, I often wonder if I would change anything about my life. The answer is NO. There may be one or two regrets, but I look at those as opportunities to do better. I will always be grateful to my family, my kids, all of my life experiences, and give much respect to Walsingham and my classmates of 1974.





SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—Q&A WITH
Samantha Broady



Samantha "Sam" Broady started at Walsingham Academy in the 2nd grade. A dedicated student-athlete and leader, she has made a lasting impact both on and off the field.

A standout athlete, Sam played on the Varsity Girls Soccer team beginning in 8th grade and served as team captain for the final three years of her high school career. She considers mentoring younger teammates and fostering a positive team culture the most rewarding aspects. She says, "Being the soccer team captain has been a wonderful experience, especially the opportunity to mentor younger teammates. I am so proud of how the girls excelled and improved every practice and game. Having the ability to serve as a leader and role model for the team has been the best part of all of it. Building team culture and morale means everything to me."

In addition to soccer, she competed on the Varsity Swim and Varsity Volleyball teams for two years. Beyond athletics, Sam was the President of Operation Smile at Walsingham, where she helped promote awareness and raise funds for children in need of cleft lip and palate surgeries.

Sam's hard work and talent have been recognized with numerous honors, including being named VISAA Soccer First Team All-State, First Team All-TCIS in soccer for two consecutive years, earning the title of Five-Time MVP for soccer, and receiving Walsingham's Female Athlete of the Year award. She also received the Teacher's Choice Award in both English and Spanish during her freshman year.

Sam is attending Shepherd University, where she'll play on the Women's Soccer Team. She plans to major in Elementary Education and minor in Coaching, with the goal of returning to Walsingham in the future to teach and coach the next generation.

Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?
A. I am going to miss everything. The community, teachers, small classes, and sports. Also, maybe most of all, seeing my mom every day in the hallway and our rides to school and back home after school.

Q. What has been your favorite memory of your time at Walsingham Academy?
A. My favorite memory is my senior soccer season. Making it to State Quarterfinals and having the best season ever as a Walsingham student.

Q. Do you have a mentor at Walsingham Academy? Who inspires you or who has been a positive influence in your life?
A. My mentor and the person who inspires me the most is Ms. Davenport. I go to her often for advice and guidance. She has been an important part of my life for a very long time (Ms. D has known me since I was born).

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be? And why?
A. My advice would be to enjoy the ride. There may be times when you are down, but the best times will always outweigh the bad. Make those friendships, create the memories. Walsingham is your school, own it, love it, cherish it.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote? Why does this quote resonate with you?
A: "You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."
—*William W. Purkey*

This is my favorite quote because life is what you make of it. Following my dreams and reaching for the stars makes me a better person and helps balance life's ups and downs. Walsingham Academy has helped me achieve my dreams so far.







SENIOR STUDENT SPOTLIGHT—Q&A WITH

Thomas Carter Perry



Starting at Walsingham Academy in the 5th grade, Thomas Carter Perry has made his mark both in the classroom and on the field. A dedicated student-athlete, Carter played Varsity soccer from 8th through 12th grade, serving as a team captain during his senior year, and also participated in JV Boys Basketball and Varsity Boys Tennis. Outside of school, he played club soccer with Reign FC, a sport he's loved since age four.

Reflecting on his captaincy, Carter shared, "I had the opportunity to be a captain for Varsity Soccer this year with three of my fellow teammates and friends. As an individual, I brought the tactical side and inspiration in the midfield. I tried to bring heart, but also strategy into tricky games. The insight on certain weak spots helped to capitalize and win key games. The other three captains also provided leadership, especially energy in tough positions, and I could not have done it without them."

Carter's leadership on the soccer field was matched by his academic success. He earned multiple MVP awards for Varsity Soccer over the years as well as academic excellence awards. This year he was named an AP Scholar with Distinction and received the Presidential Scholarship for Academic Excellence from Auburn University for next year.

In the fall, Carter heads to Auburn University to pursue a degree in professional flight, with the goal of becoming a commercial pilot. Whether on the field or in the skies, Carter's leadership, work ethic, and passion will no doubt carry him far.

Q. What will you miss most about Walsingham?
A. I will miss the community most about Walsingham. It is a beautiful thing being able to connect with the entire grade and most of the people at your school. As a result of the smaller size, I feel I was able to cultivate more relationships without sacrificing the close relationships I already had. It helped me to grow in my ability to interact and make friends quite easily.

Q. What has been your favorite memory of your time at Walsingham Academy?
A. My favorite memory from my time at Walsingham is probably winning one of the state championships in soccer. We won both in my 10th grade season and my senior season as well.

Q. Do you have a mentor at Walsingham Academy? Who inspires you or who has been a positive influence in your life?
A. Mrs. Broderick is a great mentor and influence in my life. It helps that my family has known her for a long time, but she has always been there as academic support and personal support. I thank her for her help throughout both my Walsingham life and outside.

Q. If you could give underclassmen one piece of advice what would that be? And why?
A. I would say treat school as your job, but don't sacrifice memories or relationships for it. At the end of the day, I performed well in school, but more importantly, I created and cultivated friendships that will hopefully last for many years. In addition, if you are trying to decide whether or not to go hang out that night or stay home, go out. You will remember times like that forever.

Q. Do you have a favorite quote? Why does this quote resonate with you?
A: One of my favorite quotes is by Socrates and it was my senior quote. It goes, "The only true wisdom is knowing you know nothing." It is a subtle reminder of one of life's most important virtues, humility. I think, especially as a teenager, this should be in the minds of all of us as we move through this time of life when we may have a tendency to think we are "better" or "invincible."







GRADUATION

The Class of 2025

This year's graduating class was awarded more than $4.4 million in Merit Based Scholarships & Awards.

Received 123 College & University Acceptances













Joshua Powell
Valedictorian



Nicholas Primich
Salutatorian

Hamilton Adams – *Johns Hopkins University*
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Julianna Zabinski – *Michigan State University*
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The Class of 2025



We bid a fond farewell to our 'lifers!'



Top (from left to right): Samuel Kerner, Alec Paxton, Andrew Robinson, Steven Thompson Jr., Devin Hayes, Joshua Powell, & Nicholas Primich

Bottom (from left to right): Gabriel Kreydatus, Lauren Digges, & Aubrey Major

These members of the Class of 2025 have attended the Academy since pre-kindergarten or kindergarten. These students have experienced all that Walsingham has to offer over the course of their time with us. Lifers hold a special place in the hearts of our faculty, staff, and community, and we take great pride in their growth and development at Walsingham.

CLASS OF 2025

Legacy Students

At Walsingham Academy, recognizing our legacy students has become a meaningful tradition—celebrating those whose grandparents, parents, aunts, or uncles are proud alumni. These family connections reflect the lasting impact of a Walsingham education and the shared values that unite generations of our community.



LAUREN "LO" DIGGES

Aunts:
Margaret Digges Cavitt '78
Anne Digges Kinney '80
Virginia Digges Payne '82
Nuncia Digges Henneman '76



SAMUEL KERNER

Mother:
Melissa Sweeney Kerner '93

Father:
Michael Kerner '94

Uncle:
Chris Kerner '92

Aunts:
Danielle Kerner-Stryker '90
Jennifer Kerner Ferro '89



AUBREY MAJOR

Mother:
Leigh Major '87







LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION

Honor or remember a loved one by purchasing an inscribed brick for the walkway on the Green or a handprint wall tile in the Lower School. Your tribute will become a permanent part of our campus—and your gift will support the *Annual Fund for Excellence*, helping to ensure the continued success of Walsingham Academy.

For more information about purchasing a brick or handprint wall tile, as well as other naming opportunities, visit www.walsingham.org/support/leave-your-mark or contact the Advancement Office at (757) 345-2105 or advancement@walsingham.org.

















2024 – 2025 Snapshots

























DONOR APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Annual donors of $2,500 and above, 1947 Legacy Society members, and members of the Board of Trustees enjoyed an appreciation reception on December 5, 2024. The reception was held at Creative Cuisines in Williamsburg, which is owned and operated by alumni parent, Noreen Graziano.



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WALSINGHAM ACADEMY 54 YEARS DINNER & AUCTION

On February 21, 2026, Walsingham Academy will hold its 54th Annual Dinner and Auction at Kingsmill Resort. The evening will consist of a cocktail hour, seated dinner, silent and live auction, and music and dancing. This year's event will play a vital role in enhancing our Lower School Early Learners, Junior Kindergarten, and Kindergarten classrooms. These important improvements, including enclosing the outdoor porches, refreshing paint, updating furniture, and improving lighting are essential to creating a warm, engaging, and developmentally supportive environment for our youngest learners.

Tickets will be on sale soon at www.walsingham.org/auction.

Support the event through sponsorship, donating an item to be auctioned off, or making a cash donation. Walsingham Academy values and celebrates our partnerships with the broader community, and we hope you'll join other community members in supporting our mission.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities and for general questions, please contact the Events Office at (757) 259-1408 or auction@walsingham.org.

Join us for one of Walsingham's best nights of the year!

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY'S RECORD-BREAKING SUPPORT IN 2024-2025

Excellence in Action



Because of you, there is much to celebrate! It is with deep appreciation that we announce a **total of $803,414 was received in philanthropic contributions during the 2024-2025 fiscal year**, a testament to the enduring support of our Walsingham community. This comprehensive figure includes gifts for the Annual Fund for Excellence, Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle Endowment for Student Excellence, Athletic Booster Club memberships, Under-The-Lights sponsorships, Annual Golf Tournament, 53rd Annual Dinner & Auction, Shred-A-Thon, drama sponsorships, and other special initiatives across campus. In-kind gifts were received as well, further enhancing the impact of this year's philanthropic support.

It was an especially exciting year for the Annual Fund for Excellence with a record-breaking, $400,314 raised, all thanks to you. This includes the incredible outpouring of support and motivating matching gift challenges during both #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday and WA Giving Day on May 15, as well as countless other heartfelt gifts of all sizes throughout the year. As a vital priority for the Academy, the Annual Fund can be put into action immediately, fueling educational excellence, supporting faculty professional development, providing tuition assistance, and enhancing programs in the arts, technology, and athletics. It also offers flexibility to address unforeseen needs and makes it possible for our students to have new, enriching experiences.

My colleagues and I recognize the profound impact that engagement, volunteerism, and philanthropy have in shaping the lives of our students and enriching our broader community. We believe that every act of generosity, regardless of size, holds the power to make a meaningful difference. To all those honored in the pages that follow, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

Lindsey R. Torres

Lindsey R. Torres
Director of Advancement

IN 2024–2025…

53.5% of current parents gave to the Annual Fund for Excellence.

70.3% of current parents contributed to **any** fundraising effort.

The **Class of 1960** had the highest participation (**14%**) for alumni giving to the Annual Fund for Excellence.

The **Class of 2038** had the highest participation (**73.7%**) for current parent giving to the Annual Fund for Excellence.

Of all gifts received last year to any effort, **15.4%** were from alumni.

Of all gifts received last year to any effort, **20.4%** were from first-time donors.

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY'S

ANNUAL FUND FOR EXCELLENCE

Walsingham Academy thanks the following donors for their gifts supporting the Annual Fund for Excellence made between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. Every gift is a blessing, and we offer our sincerest gratitude to all who champion the Academy, its mission, and future.

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Raises an Outstanding $200,000!





The 53rd Annual Dinner and Auction, held on February 22, 2025, at Kingsmill Resort, featured a masquerade theme and was a night filled with fun, fundraising, and heart. This year's event raised an incredible $200,000 in support of the school's mission—a testament to the unwavering generosity of the Walsingham community and a true display of Walsingham spirit.

Sister Mary Jeanne Oesterle expressed her gratitude, saying, "I was thrilled to hear the final result of this year's Auction! Countless hours of work went into making that night come to life. I remain overwhelmed by the generosity poured out by the Walsingham community—by volunteers, sponsors, and attendees—truly, your support is such a gift to our school."

The success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication and contributions of so many. We extend our deepest thanks to everyone who donated an auction item, to our generous Corporate, Community, and Grandparent sponsors, to our wonderful attendees, to our kind Paddle Raise donors, and to the hardworking Parent Board volunteers. A special acknowledgment goes to our co-chairs, Ashley Hack and Aga Drygala, whose leadership and commitment played a pivotal role in bringing this event to life.

The funds raised from this year's Auction will go toward updating our Upper School Library. This space is used for classes, meetings, and social events throughout the year. Updating the Upper School Library will not only enhance its functionality but also create a more inviting atmosphere for students. Modern furniture and technology enhancements will transform the space, making it more conducive to learning, collaboration, and social interaction.

We are truly blessed to have such a strong and supportive community. Thank you for making this year's Auction a night to remember!

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2024-2025 ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
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The 2024-25 school year has come to a close, so it is a good time to reflect on the trials and triumphs of the year. We had a A LOT of wins this year: 2 state titles, 2 PIAL Championships, 22 All-State athletes, 20 All TCIS, 3 Coaches of the Year and 2 Athletes of the Year—incredible! Our boys' soccer team had maybe the best year in school history, while girls' soccer had its best season in 20 years. Baseball won their remarkable 7th state championship in a row. Our runners and swimmers continued to break school records, and our young athletes really shined! It hasn't always been easy, but our student athletes handled adversity well, learned from defeat and difficulty, and showed determination and discipline when challenged. They have a lot to be proud of.

We are blessed to have such strong Booster Board leadership and community support for athletics at Walsingham and, as they say, it takes a village. This year, 132 families joined the Booster Club, helping us raise $55,000 for athletics. This money is above and beyond the $230,000 the school budgeted for athletics this year. As you all know, sports are not inexpensive, and the additional funds contributed by Booster Families have had a tremendous impact. Just this year alone, Booster funds helped our athletes succeed by providing:

- Our on-site athletic trainer, Nicky Crais
- All the awards and banners for the teams
- All sport HUDL game film management system
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2024 WALSINGHAM ACADEMY

Golf Tournament

THE 2024 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER $20,000 FOR STUDENT ATHLETES!

On October 11, 2024, Walsingham Academy's Athletic Booster Club held its Annual Golf Tournament at Williamsburg National Golf Club. The day was the perfect sunny cool day for golf with 33 teams playing out on the Jamestown Course with a reception and awards ceremony after play. With the generous support from our sponsors and players, over $20,000 was raised!

The Annual Golf Tournament is the Athletic Booster Club's primary fundraiser during the year. The Booster Club is committed to supporting the athletics program by promoting spirit among the greater Walsingham community and raising funds to improve the Trojan athletic experience. Last year's contributions funded sports equipment, uniforms, and facility upgrades to name a few. This is one event that we look forward to every year!

"Thank you to all of our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers," Athletic Director Neil Bailey said. "Seeing our community come together each year for our student athletes is what makes this day truly special! I am so grateful to everyone who supported our athletes this year. Thank you!"

Congratulations to the 2024 tournament champions from Williamsburg Roofing Company, Tim Jones, Sean Link, Joe Martin, and Tim Greggs, who posted a score of 54.

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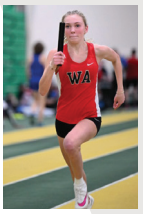
The Walsingham Academy Trojans had another outstanding year in the athletic arenas. The 2024-2025 season was highlighted by 2 state championships in boys' soccer and baseball. 22 Walsingham student athletes were awarded All-State honors and 20 student athletes were awarded All-Conference honors. Additionally, Walsingham had 2 athletes receive VISAA Athlete of the year awards and 3 coaches receive Coach of the Year awards. On the track and in the pool, Walsingham had 8 new school records set this year. The future of Walsingham Athletics continues to look bright with our high-achieving JV and JJV programs. The Trojans JJV Soccer and JJV Baseball team both won their conference championships. The year was capped off with 6 seniors signing to continue playing their sports at the next level. It wasn't always easy, but our student athletes handled adversity well, learned from defeat and difficulty, and showed determination and discipline when challenged. They have a lot to be proud of.











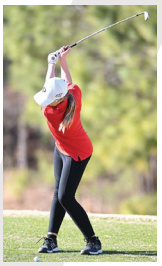
















FALL 2024

Varsity Field Hockey compiled a 7-7-2 regular season record under Coach Mackenzie Phillips in her first season as head coach. The Trojans' season was highlighted by 2 wins over steward and 2 wins against Hampton Roads Academy. The Trojans finished 4th in the TCIS, and earned a home playoff win against Steward School in the TCIS Quarter Final. The Trojans season would come to an end at Norfolk Academy in the Semi-Finals. Parker Jones '26 and Arianna Kokolis '27 earned TCIS Second Team All-Conference awards and Sophia Gerry '27 earned TCIS First Team All-Conference and VISAA Second Team All-State awards for the Trojans field hockey program.

Varsity Girls Tennis saw significant growth this year with a young group of athletes, in Coach Davy Hairston's first year as the Trojans head coach. The team finished with a 6-9 record during the regular season, getting quality wins against Peninsula Catholic and Norfolk Collegiate. The Trojans return almost a full starting roster in the fall of 2025 and are excited to take another step forward on the court.

Varsity Cross Country had a great year under coach Rich Higgins. On the boy's side, the Trojans were led by Andrew Robinson '25, finishing 5th as an individual at the VISAA State Championship. Some of the boys' teams best performances came late in the season with a 4th place finish at the VISAA State Championship, 4th place finish at the TCIS Championship, and 5th place finish at the State Catholic Schools Championship. The girls' team was led by Remington Freeman '28, who won the VISAA State Championship and set a new school record in the 5K run with a time of 18:52.90. As a team, the girls finished 6th at the VISAA State Championship, 4th in the TCIS Championship, and 6th at the State Catholic Schools Championship. Gene O'Hallarn '26 received TCIS All-Conference and Helia Pei '27 received VISAA All-State Awards, while Andrew Robinson '25, Remington Freeman '28, and Nick Primich '25 received both TCIS All-Conference and VISSA All-State Awards.

Varsity Volleyball returned to Walsingham in 2024, having only fielded a JV and JJV team the previous year. While wins were hard to come by, it was apparent that the young group got better each week. With many returning faces and a new group of great coaches, we are excited about the future of Walsingham Volleyball

Varsity Boys Soccer had a historic season under Coaches Kendal Pressey and Neil Bailey. They finished 20-4-1 on the season and concluded the season with a state championship, the school's second in three years. This included wins over Veritas, Trinity at Meadow View, and Hampton Roads Academy in the Under the Lights game. The Trojans won handily in the first 2 rounds of the TCIS Playoff, falling to Cape Henry in the TCIS Championship in a hard fought 2-1 game. The Trojans entered the VISAA DIII playoffs as the #1 seed, and showed every team they came against why they were on top. In the State Championship game against Veritas the Trojans won 4-1 in commanding fashion, led in scoring by Nick Sarantakos '26 with 3 goals. Danny Vantran '25 and Marshall Perry '27 were named 1st Team All TCIS, with Carter Perry '25 earning 2nd Team All-TCIS and Coach Pressey earning TCIS Coach of the Year. Danny Vantran '25, Marshall Perry '27, and Carter Perry '25 also earned 1st Team All-State, with Devin Hayes '25 and Grant Blossom '27 earning 2nd Team All-State.

WINTER 2024–2025

Walsingham Varsity Boys Basketball continued to their rebuild under second year head coach, Jayce Beck '11. The boys battled in every game, giving their opponent all they had. The Trojans were led by Evan Blinn '26, Daniel Guntherberg '25, and KJ Whittington '28 with the highlight of the season coming in a 71-54 win over Norfolk Christian. While the results might not have always fallen our way, the path to future success is evident.

The Trojans did not field a Varsity Girls Basketball Team in the winter of 2024-2025. Instead, the JV Girls Basketball Team, composed of 8th-10th graders and led by first year head coach Sean Bossman finished the year 8-7, playing a mixture of both Varsity and JV opponents. Highlights from the season include a 29-15 win over Norfolk Academy and a 47-19 win over Cape Henry. We are excited for the Trojans Girls Basketball Team to return to the Varsity level for the 2025-2026 season.

Varsity Swimming had a fantastic year under Coach Anna Krus. The Trojans worked hard all year, getting up every morning to practice before school starts. In the TCIS Championship, the boys finished 3rd and the girls finished 4th. The Trojans had 11 athletes qualify for the state meet, where both teams performed very well. At the State Championship meet, Preston Broderick '27 set a new school record for the boys 100 Meter Fly with a time of 51.86, and the relay team of Preston Broderick '27, Broc Hafl '25, Robert Enzor '27, and Jimmy Jacobs '29 set a new school record in the boys 400 Meter Free Relay with a time of 3:20.55.

Varsity Indoor Track & Field had a good year, participating in many meets at Boo Williams Sportsplex throughout the winter. At the TCIS Championship, Brooklyn Schultz '29 finished 2nd in the Girls High Jump and Elly Crais '27 finished 3rd in the girls pole vault. On the boys side, Andrew Robinson '25 performed at an elite level finishing 2nd in the 3200-meter run and winning the 1600-meter run. Andrew was awarded TCIS Indoor Track and Field and Most Outstanding Runner at the meet.

SPRING 2025

Varsity Girls Soccer had one of their best seasons in school history this past spring, under coaches Kendal Pressey and Neil Bailey. The team finished the regular season 9-2-4, earning the 5th seed in the TCIS Championship. In the first round of the TCIS Playoffs the Trojans traveled to Hampton Roads Academy, where they beat the #4 seeded Navigators 4-2. The Trojans would lose to Norfolk Academy in the second round, but earned themselves the #5 seed going in to the VISAA DII state playoffs. The girls performed well in the state playoffs beating Immanuel Christian 8-2 in the first round, but ultimately fell to Christchurch 2-3 in the second round. Sam Broady '25 and Addie Sarantakos '28 earned both 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-State Accolades for the Trojans.

Varsity Golf had an outstanding year, going 8-6 during the regular season under head coach Chris Smurthwaite. During the regular season, Luke Rutter '27 led the team with a low score of 32 through 9 at Williamsburg National. The team finished 5th at the TCIS Championship, with Ben Rutter '28 shooting a 77 through 18 and being named to the TCIS All-Tournament Team. The Varsity Golf Team qualified for the VISAA State Championship where they finished 4th in the state. Arianna Kokolis '27 also qualified as an individual golfer for the VISAA Girls State Championship where she finished 17th out of 45 competitors. The Trojans golf program looks to take another step forward in 2026, returning the core of its players.

Both the Boys and Girls Varsity Track and Field Teams had outstanding seasons improving every week. At the TCIS Championships Brooklyn Schultz '29 won the Girls 300-meter hurdles, Mason Mishler '27 won the boys high jump, and Remington Freeman '28 won the girls 1600-meters and 3200-meter runs, earning them All-Conference accolades. Additionally, Remington Freeman '28 was named TCIS Track and Field Most Outstanding Runner for 2025. At the VISAA State Championship, Andrew Robinson '25 led the boys with a 4th place finish in the 1600-meter run and 5th place finish in the 800-meter run. For the girls, Brooklyn Schultz '29 finished 2nd in the high jump and Remington Freeman '28 finished 3rd in the 1600-meter run, earning them All-State Awards. Over the course of the season the Trojans set 5 new school records for Girls Track and Field. The relay team of Kate Blinn '27, Helia Pei '27, Louise Monga-Rochard '25, and Remington Freeman '28 set a new school record in the 4 x 1600 meter relay and the relay team of Kate Blinn '27, Helia Pei '27, Elizabeth Dodd '27, and Remington Freeman '28 set a new record in the distance medley relay. Remington Freeman '28 also set a new school record in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter runs. We can't wait to see what the Trojans track and field team is able to accomplish next year.

Walsingham Varsity Baseball had another great season led by Coach Ian Heisel, as the Trojans won their 7th consecutive VISAA State Championship! The Trojans finished the year with a record of 19-10-1! The Trojans rolled through most of their competition behind good pitching, great defense, and bats that got hot at the right times. After running through a season full of challenging opponents the Trojans ranked 4th going into the TCIS Tournament. In the first round the Trojans defeated Nansemond Suffolk Academy handily but ultimately fell to Cape Henry in the Semi-Final. Hamilton Adams '25 and Daniel Guntherberg '25 were named 1st Team All-TCIS with Andrew Cole '26 being named to the 2nd Team. The Trojans entered the VISAA State Playoffs as the #1 seed and left nothing up to chance, handling business with an 11-3 win over Broadwater Academy,16-2 win over Brunswick Academy, and 11-3 win over Life Christian Academy to win their 7th straight state championship. The Walsingham Baseball Team finished the year with five 1st team All-State awards (Matt Swanson '26, Daniel Guntherberg '25, Chandler Howlett '27, Andrew Cole '26, Hamilton Adams '25) and three 2nd team All-State Awards (Anthony Ferrie '26, Drew Weddington '26, Edward Holstrom '28). To cap off the accolades for the Trojans, Hamilton Adams '25 was named VISAA Baseball Player of the Year and Coach Heisel was named VISAA Coach of the Year.

ATHLETIC RECORDS

Broken This Year!









Girls Cross Country
Remington Freeman – 5K Run – 18:52.90

Boys Swimming
400 Free Relay – 3:20.55 – Broc Hafl, Robbie Enzor, Preston Broderick, and Jimmy Jacobs

Boys Swimming
100 Butterfly – Preston Broderick

Girls Track & Field
4 x 1600 Meter Relay – Kate Blinn, Helia Pei, Louise Monga-Rochard, and Remington Freeman

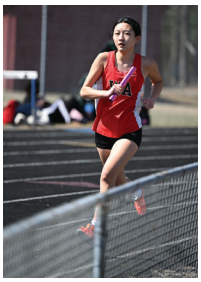
Distance Medley Relay – 14:1.73 – Kate Blinn, Helia Pei, Elizabeth Dodd, and Remington Freeman

3200M Run – 11:32.70 – Remington Freeman

1600M Run – 11:32.70 – Remington Freeman

800M Run – 5:17.02 – Remington Freeman









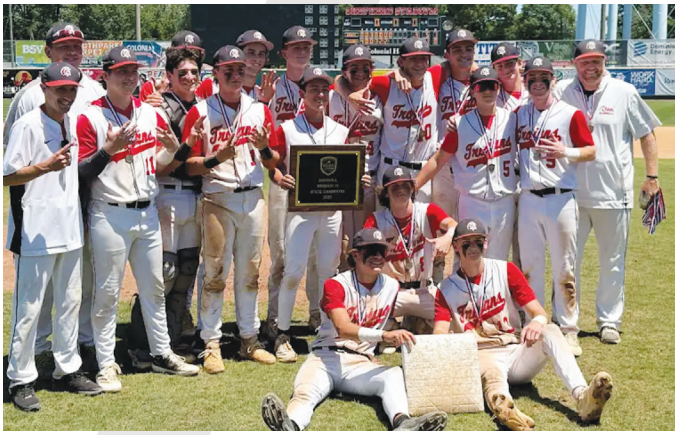
2ND BOYS SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR

Trojan Soccer!



On Monday, November 11, 2024, the Walsingham Academy Trojans won the VISAA – DIII State Championship 4-1 against the Veritas School. The action got moving quickly with the first goal being scored in the 5th minute by Nick Sarantakos. Veritas would get their lone goal of the match mid-way through the first half on a corner kick to tie the game at 1 all. With less than a minute remaining in the first half the Trojans worked the ball up the field with precision, culminating in another goal from Nick Sarantakos off a pass from Marshall Perry, to put Walsingham up 2-1 going into the half. Marshall Perry would score 5 minutes into the second half to put the Trojans up 3-1. Walsingham's endurance, possession, and defense would dominate the second half. Nick Sarantakos scored his third and the game's final goal with about 15 minutes remaining to play. This is Walsingham Academy's second Boys Soccer State Championship in 3 years. Go Trojans!

7TH STRAIGHT STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR Trojan Baseball!



In a dominant display of pitching and offense, the Walsingham Academy Trojans clinched their seventh consecutive VISAA Division III State Championship on Saturday, defeating Life Christian Academy 11–3. Matthew Swanson delivered a masterful performance on the mound, striking out 12 batters and allowing just five hits and three runs over seven innings, while issuing no walks.

Offensively, the Trojans amassed 11 hits, with Drew Weddington leading the charge. He went 2-for-2, driving in three runs and drawing two walks, while also stealing multiple bases. Daniel Guntherberg contributed significantly, recording three hits in four at-bats and swiping multiple bases. Chandler Howlett and Adams each added multiple hits to the team's total.

Demonstrating patience at the plate, the Trojans drew six walks throughout the game. Defensively, they were flawless, committing no errors. Anthony Ferrie led the team with 13 fielding chances, anchoring the infield with precision.

This victory extends the Trojans' dominance in VISAA Division III baseball. Congratulations and Go Trojans!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE TROJANS WHO ARE COMPETING AT THE NEXT LEVEL!



Sam Broady
Soccer
Shepherd University



Andrew Robinson
Cross Country/
Track & Field
Loyola University



Hamilton Adams
Baseball
Johns Hopkins
University



Daniel Guntherberg
Baseball
Holy Family University



Daniel Vantran
Soccer
Delaware Valley
University



Devin Hayes
Soccer
Virginia Peninsula
Community College

ATHLETIC ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Q&A with Emily Mauk Sweeney



Emily Mauk Sweeney joined Walsingham Academy in first grade after moving to Williamsburg from Boston and graduated in 2016, creating deep roots within the Trojan community. She was a multi-sport athlete, playing field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse, and was active in the Spirit Club and National Honor Society. In her senior year, she was named Scholar-Athlete of the Year and received various coaches' awards in recognition of her leadership and dedication.

Emily attended William & Mary, earning a double major in Elementary Education and Government in 2020. She subsequently earned her M.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Policy from Boston College. During her first year at William & Mary, Emily helped coach the girls lacrosse team at Walsingham Academy and then coached girls field hockey and basketball the following year.

Following college, Emily returned to Walsingham as a full-time teacher and coach. She taught 3rd and 5th grades, served as Assistant Athletic Director, and coached varsity girls basketball and field hockey. Under her leadership, the basketball team won a state championship, and the field hockey team made three Final Four appearances, finishing as state runners-up in her final season.

Recently, Emily relocated to Pittsburgh, PA, after marrying Blake Sweeney and currently works in educational sales. Though she's no longer on campus daily, Emily remains closely connected to the Walsingham community through lifelong friendships and relationships with former students and colleagues.

Q. What was one thing that Walsingham prepared you for in college and sports at the college level?
A. How to stay organized! I was always so busy with academics and sports, that Walsingham instilled a discipline in me on how to make priorities and move throughout my day. My teachers and coaches always taught me to have a plan and how to use that plan to be successful!

Q. While at Walsingham Academy, did you have a teacher, coach, or mentor who was particularly inspiring to you?
A. My lacrosse coach, Chrissie Collett, was a real inspiration to me and one of the reasons I got into coaching! She actually was my senior year college counselor and one of the reasons I got through a tough senior year! My mom was diagnosed with cancer my senior year (she is doing great now, thankfully!), but Coach Chrissie was always there for me no matter what if I needed academic advice, sports advice, or life advice in general! She was an inspiration for me and a great role model as I got into coaching.

Q. How did your experience as a student-athlete influence who you are today?
A. In one way, I think my experience taught me how to work as a team and be a leader. With Walsingham being a smaller school, I was given the chance to lead and find my voice early on. I also think the great traditions that Walsingham has, such as Spirit Week, really influenced how much I appreciate a community. Walsingham is so tight-knit and the people really care for each other. I now look for that in everywhere else I go!

Q. What is the best piece of advice you can share with a Walsingham Academy student-athlete?
A. I think I would give them the same advice I always told the girls on my teams. I held those girls to clear expectations—work hard in school, get help when you need it, and do the











same on the court/field! I also think always being there for your teammates is a huge priority. I always encouraged team bonding and having some well-deserved fun! Your time at Walsingham is so unique and you will cherish it forever! There really is nothing like it, so even when the days are long and you don't feel like putting in the work be grateful for your experience!

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to share with our Walsingham Academy community?
A. Enjoy every minute and listen to your teachers and coaches! They truly have your best interest at heart!

HONORING JARED HOWELL

A Legacy of Care and Commitment



For over a decade, Jared Howell served as the heart of Walsingham Academy athletics. From 2007 to 2018, Jared was not just our Athletic Trainer—he was a vital part of our community. His deep knowledge, compassionate nature, and steady professionalism left a lasting impact on coaches, athletes, and families alike.

Jared approached every injury with expert care, always balancing the athlete's desire to return to play with an unwavering commitment to their safety. Coaches trusted his judgment, knowing he would do everything possible to get players back on the field—only when it was truly the right time.

The Walsingham training room became more than a place for physical recovery; it became a place of connection. A steady stream of student-athletes filled the room each day—not all for tape or treatment, but many simply to spend time in the calm, kind, and generous presence that Jared brought to everything he did.

His legacy is not just in the ankles he taped or the shoulders he iced, but in the trust he built, the lives he touched, and the standard of care he set for all who followed. Jared Howell's impact at Walsingham will be felt for many years to come.

MAKE JARED HOWELL'S LEGACY A PERMANENT PART OF WALSINGHAM

A campaign has begun to name the Athletic Training Room in honor of Jared Howell to recognize his incredible 18 years of dedication and service to Walsingham Academy. To make this lasting tribute possible, we are seeking a total of $10,000 or more to the Annual Fund for Excellence to officially name the space. The Barnes Family — Coach Billy and LeeAnn, Billy '14, and Ashley '15 — has initiated a collection of funds to begin this project. We have already raised $4,000, and now we invite our entire Walsingham community to take part. Whether Jared helped you through an injury, coached you to be your best, or simply cheered you on from the sidelines, this is a meaningful way to say thank you while also supporting the Academy's mission. Join us in honoring Jared's impact by making a gift today at www.walsingham.org/give and include Jared's name in the "In Honor of Name(s)" section.








FULL CIRCLE MOMENT: ELIZABETH BARRY '21

Returns to Teach at Walsingham





In the fall of 2011, Elizabeth "Liz" Barry '21 was a third grader walking into Mrs. Mary Johnston's '76 classroom, excited to begin a new school year at Walsingham Academy. For over two decades, Mrs. Johnston taught and guided countless students with her warm spirit and passion for learning. Notably, it was the same classroom where she spent her 2nd grade year as a young Walsingham student—a space that has held generations of learning and connection.

This August, Liz returned to that classroom—this time, not as a student, but as a teacher. Now leading her own group of third graders, Liz has come full circle, following in the footsteps of the teacher who once inspired her.

"I am so honored to be teaching third grade at Walsingham this year!" Liz shared. "It doesn't seem like that long ago that I was a student in this very classroom under the wonderful mentorship of Mrs. Johnston. Despite all the students under her care, I still remember her sincere efforts of getting to know each of us, an interest that she followed well beyond third grade and through our graduation. Her warm and generous spirit is a model for all. I can only hope to follow in these footsteps and inspire a love of learning in my students as she did in me."

Liz reflected further on the lasting influence of her former teacher: "Mrs. Johnston was a special teacher whose love for her students extended beyond the classroom—her excitement for learning was contagious and inspires me today to carry on her legacy with my students."

For Mrs. Johnston, seeing Liz return to Walsingham as a teacher is both meaningful and joyful. "As a teacher, you hope that you're going to turn on a light for a child so that they will love to learn, love to read, want to explore the world more, but to have a student become a teacher is just triple the joy," she said. "You realize that not only did they love to learn, but they thought that teaching was something that they could bring something to. To think of someone like Elizabeth, who truly was kind, full of fun, and made the class a happier place to be, becoming a teacher brings you such joy. It's so exciting to think about that."

Reflecting on her own journey, Johnston added, "You know, for me, I left the school and came back as a teacher, and part of that was because I felt like this was a good place to be. When I was here, I could be myself and I could just feel comfortable. I think after all these years, Walsingham still feels like family and still feels like a community where you'll be embraced."

From student to teacher, Liz Barry and Mary Johnston's story embodies the heart of Walsingham: a place where generations inspire generations.







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CROSSING OF THE GREEN

At Walsingham Academy, the end of the school year marks a special milestone for our 7th grade students as they graduate from the Lower School and prepare to begin their Upper School journey through the beloved tradition of Crossing of the Green.

The celebration begins the evening before the last day of school with the Crossing of the Green Dinner, hosted by the Parent Board. This special event honors both the 7th graders and their parents, offering time to reflect on their Lower School years and celebrate their accomplishments.

The following morning, the 7th graders take part in the Crossing of the Green itself—running from the Lower School across the green to the Upper School. The entire student body cheers them on, and Upper School students warmly welcome them into their next chapter.

This joyful tradition honors our students' growth and marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their Walsingham journey.

















Under the Lights

FALL SOCCER GAME

On Saturday, September 14, 2024, the boys soccer team defeated conference rival, Hampton Roads Academy in the Trojans annual Under the Lights game at William & Mary. The thrilling 2-0 victory included goals by #6 Luke Stensland and #3 Marshall Perry. Goalkeeper #25 Devin Hayes and the Trojan defense held HRA scoreless in 90 minutes of action! GO TROJANS!

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SPRING BASEBALL GAME

On Thursday, May 1, 2025, the Varsity baseball team competed against Norfolk Collegiate in their Under the Lights game at William & Mary. The Trojans walked away with a 10-0 victory.

Thank you to the Athletic Booster Club Board and to our sponsors!

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November Williamsburg Alumni Mixer



JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT ALUMNI MIXER

Wednesday, November 12
5:00-6:30 p.m.

The gathering will take place at Second Street Bistro, owned and operated by John Chohany '72 and Alumni Parent Mickey Chohany. RSVP by November 5 to alumni@walsingham.org















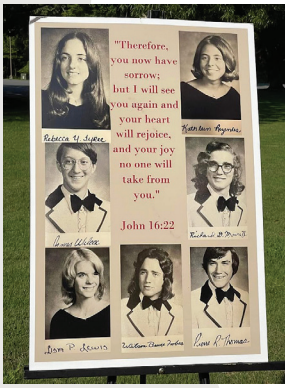



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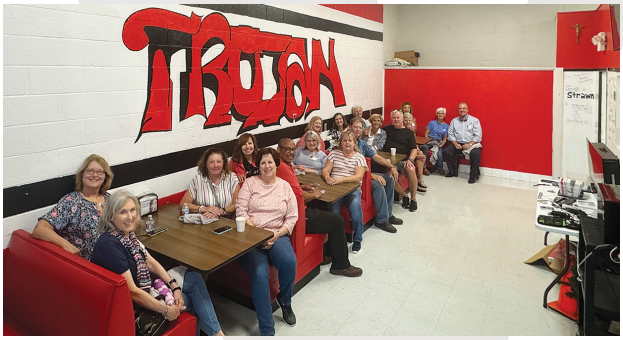





"Therefore, you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."
John 16:22

WALSINGHAM ACADEMY
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME




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CLASS NOTES

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

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Richard Irons writes: I live in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and live by myself (with my dog). I still play golf (weather permitting). Would love to hear from other people still around. My email is richardirons@live.com.

1965

J . G. "Seán" Ryan, II writes: Time to update the Class of 1965! An apology to the girls in our class as I will refer to you by your maiden name as the class yearbook does not include your married names!

I am going to start with myself to bring you up to date with my life. After graduating from Walsingham, I went on to Christoper Newport College, Old Dominion College, and finally graduated from the College of William & Mary. Yes, I could not make up my mind where I wanted to go to college. I graduated in January 1970 and accepted a commission in the Army as a 2LT and went to Germany for two years, another three years at Ft. Detrick, MD, and another 16 years in the Reserves to retire in 1992 as a LT COL. I now live in Covington, LA with my wife, Joy, who has put up with me for almost 56 years. After military service, I went back to college at Louisiana Tech University to get a BS in Accounting and an MBA in Finance, became a CPA and worked in north Louisiana for 40 some years before retiring to south Louisiana across the lake from New Orleans, where my wife grew up. And no, I will not do your tax returns next year! At the age of 77, I have some health problems as you might expect, to include neuropathy in both legs making walking somewhat difficult at times. And to add insult to injury, I have been diagnosed with mild dementia and can't remember my name sometimes (just kidding, it is Seán right?).

Well let's start with phone calls. I spoke with **Larry Stiefel** who is still living in Colorado and enjoying life as well as we all can at this age. He was a hunting and fishing guide and made custom furniture for his clients. His sister Rita, who I believe was a grade behind us lives about 2 hours away also in

Colorado. I spoke with **Ken Stolarski** who is now a retired police officer after 30 years on the force following a brief stint in Vietnam. He is in Williamsburg again after chasing drug dealers in the northern part of VA. I spoke with **Rick Sills** who said that he and Wanda now live in the Patriots Colony in Williamsburg with their dog Bama (guess who went to the University of Alabama?). They were pictured in an ad for Patriots Colony in MOAA magazine this past month. Rick spent 26 years in the Army and then went to work with government contractors to do more secret stuff which I promised not to tell.

Now for emails. Heard from **Russell Smeds** who now lives in Austin TX, where he is healing from his 4th hip surgery. His oldest son lives in Charlottesville so they get back to VA on occasions.

Heard from **Gerri Richardson** and she has a lot to say. Her daughter Hope is 56 and retiring after 35 years as a band director and has two adult children. Her grandson just made Geri a great grandmother! Her daughter is currently the reigning Ms. Tennessee Volunteer and will be competing in Miss America in June. Her oldest son Gordon is an IT engineer and lives in Greensboro, NC. Her youngest son is an architect in Tampa FL, married and has a 6-year-old son (grandma has a baby boy).

And from my brother **Giles Ryan**. After William & Mary, I went to Korea in the Peace Corps and served as a teacher in a boy's middle school in the central mountains. I liked Korea very much and spent the next twenty years in Asia, most of that time working for American companies with offices in that part of the world. I worked in Korea, Bangladesh, Thailand, Hong Kong and Japan. During those years I married and became a father, (our sons were born in Seoul), then finally, after a long spell in Tokyo, we said goodbye to all that and we came to the States in 1993 and settled here in Bellevue, across the lake from Seattle. Our boys were still quite young then, and I wanted them to have something better than the rootless, itinerant life I'd led up until then, and this worked out very well, for the schools here (my first consideration) were excellent. They are grown and gone now, and doing very well and both have married, and each have two sons.

Most of my career was spent doing auditing work for corporate clients in Asia and here in the U.S., and I retired about nine years ago. My wife Kyongsook and I spend much of the year quietly here, but we also enjoy visiting our sons and their families, and we spend part of each winter in the warmer climate of Portugal and Spain.

I have not heard from many of my classmates. I know **Bob Buriak** is in northern VA still involved in politics and rumor has it that he and **Kathryn Rogers** got married. If not let me know. I ran into **Mike Engs** while in the military. He was in Korea while I was in Germany. Haven't heard from **Mary Ellen Newman**, who was my senior prom date. Where is **Judy Permoda** or **Hope Morton**. How about **Roddy Whibley** or **Andrea Tokarz**? Or how about **Bobby Ramos** who went to school with me in Poitier France for our sophomore year? You have my email so let me know what is going on with y'all!

Lastly and probably most important, there has been discussion of a 60th class reunion from both **Gerri Richardson** and **Leslie Fenton**. Gerri has offered to plan it, and I suspect Leslie will be glad to help out. This may be the last occasion to celebrate our years at Walsingham, so let me know.

Geraldine Richardson Wade adds from above and writes: let me tell you about my family. Hope is 56 and retiring after 35 years as a band director in TN. She has two adult children. Her son just made her a grandmother and me a great grandmother! He is in marketing for a firm in Gatlinburg, TN. Her daughter is currently the reigning Ms. Tennessee Volunteer so is spending a lot of time reading & singing in schools, singing and volunteering in assisted living and nursing homes, raising funds for Alzheimer's and St. Jude's, and is the governor's spokesperson in various settings. I must say the girl has some vocal pipes! She will compete (required) in Miss America in June. My daughter, her husband and children are graduates of the University of TN!

My 54-year-old son, Gordon "G", is an IT engineer for an international firm in Greensboro, NC. He enjoys travelling for them to introduce new concepts. No children but the best boxer granddog ever! His hobby is percussion and restoring a 90 something mustang.

Jonathan will be 47 soon. He is an architect with a firm in Tampa, FL. He is married to a lovely woman and has a 6-year-old little boy. Jon is also a percussionist. He's adjusting well to attending soccer and t-ball practices and games.

As for me, how do you do this after all these years? Masters from UVA, attended Harvard for summer sessions, with primary focus on elementary education, curriculum & instruction, and administration. Retired after 35 years in education then worked for a nonprofit as VP for a program for adults with disabilities for 18 years! I am now fully retired, living in Roanoke, VA, and enjoying life with children and grandchildren. I enjoy participating in Tribal affairs and represent my (Rappahannock) Tribe on the Board a higher education group of professionals from VA universities & colleges with a focus on educating Virginia's Native children. I've had some health issues over the years, with 3 surgeries on various vertebrae. I'm fused and still going! The treat was dancing with my brother at Christmas, as I had not been able to "Fast dance" in years! Yes, I do walk a bit slower, as my children remind me. Enjoy working out to try to beat heredity and the aging process. Still play piano and sing for my own pleasure. Need to get started on writing my mother's biography and children's books!

I am on the dreaded Facebook, but do feel free to "friend" me if you'd like.

1967

Carol Gleason writes: Life scatters us in different directions, but every now and then, it offers the chance to circle back. Reuniting with a grade school and high school friend is always a gift. **Darlene Bowen Woolery** and I met for lunch on July 2 at a restaurant in Hampton, VA. She was visiting her sister, Linda, in Virginia Beach and had called weeks prior to her visit to arrange a meeting place.

Darlene and I were classmates in fourth grade in Newport News. Both our dads were stationed in the area at that time. Occasionally we got together after school and would do what fourth graders do! My brother, Ronnie, Darlene, and I would catch lightening bugs and pinch off the tails and attach to our skin so we would glow in the dark. Years later our paths would cross again. We reconnected when my family returned from a tour in Germany and I was fortunate enough to attend Walsingham Academy to finish out my senior year. We again reconnected at our 50-year class reunion – class of '67. No matter how far or long apart, some relationships retain their magic.

Darlene currently lives in Oklahoma (a retired schoolteacher) and is in the process of moving to Arkansas to be closer to her daughter. We had a very nice lunch, catching up on current news and reminiscing about good times in the past. As we departed, Darlene asked if I thought there would be a 60th reunion….hmmm… a question I could not answer.

My best to everyone – if you are ever in the vicinity of Williamsburg or Richmond, please reach out. Stay safe!

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LuAnn Witty Klein writes: This has been a good year. I've traveled to see Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. I also traveled the Oregon Pacific coast. Wonderful trips.

My family seems stable at 4 children, 4 spouses, and 13 Grandchildren ages 2-21. Life is good. I look forward to a cruise from Athens to Istanbul in October to learn about the European history I missed in high school. I chose Math instead on Viking Cruise Lines.

I still enjoy choir, tennis, pickleball, and a daily walk. My dog Luna, a cocker spaniel, is a sweet companion. Summer at the Lakehouse is good. The boat works and skiing and tubing are fun attractions. I see the Grands more at the lake.

Rick Long writes: I retired from Verizon last September. I'm continuing to work limited hours as a freelance consultant doing capture, project management and business development. However, between the chaos among Federal contractors and the huge losses that my 401k took in the last few days, I may be looking for another full-time position.

Sheri changed her teaching contract to ten months rather than a full year. The plan was to give us more time to do things together.

Last June we went back to Virgina Tech. We got a tour of the new Corps of Cadets dorms and leadership building. I picked up my "VTCC Old Guard" certificate and left a brick with my name in a wall in the building. The Corps has matured into a great institution. When I was a cadet, being in the Corps was like being part of a frat where everyone dressed the same. There was very little that inspired military careers. Today's Corps actively integrates preparation for military careers in all four services with cadet life and academics. Their avg. GPA is 3.31!

Right after New Years, my son, Tom and his family joined us for a week in New Orleans. It was really cold that week, so put a damper on outside activities, like attending early Mardi Gras parades. However, we did do homage to NOLA's favorite pastimes - drinking & eating.

Over the last two years we have become active shooters. We both compete in Glock Sports Shooting Foundation (GSSF) matches and every month go to an outdoor match sponsored by gun clubs located between north Florida and Virginia.

Sheri is a better shot than me. I'm OK, but she is showing skills that could mature into a champion shot with GSSF. We also compete in local matches shooting 22 pistols and action pistol competition shooting her Sig and my Canick TTI Combat.

Talladega Marksmanship Park is just about 90 miles away. We go there to shoot longer ranges with our rifles. I have two ARs and three WW2 battle rifles (M1, '03, & Arisaka Type 99).

We're both in reasonably good health considering the advancing age and the chronic conditions we've acquired.

My son's daughters are both doing well. Victoria graduated from University of Colorado and has a very nice position as a financial analyst with Nationwide Insurance. Sophia graduates later this year and is looking for a position in local broadcast media. Tom is still with Verizon too. He and Mickey bought an RV bus and now spend weekends "camping."

Buddy Mann writes: Since last year's summer update, Liz has had a couple of health issues, we did a little travelling, and we welcomed another great grandson into the family.

In August, Liz had to have another surgery on her back to refuse a couple of vertebrae that she originally had worked on in 2020. Fortunately, the surgery went well and after spending some time recuperating, she was back on her feet in time to enjoy the holiday season. Notably the season got off to an early start in October with the announced engagement of our oldest granddaughter, Ana, to her longtime boyfriend Brannon Linder. In November our middle daughter, Valerie and her family, came down from Pennsylvania while her oldest son, Nolan, travelled up from Camp Lejeune, N.C., to join us for the Thanksgiving holiday. Much to our delight Nolan's girlfriend (also soon to be fiancé, I think) flew in from Madrid to join us and meet the rest of the local Mann Clan. This was followed by two Christmas celebrations, the first with the local family, and the second a few days later with our grandson Joey, his wife and family who drove in from Ft. Knox to join us for the holiday and welcome in the new year.

In February, Liz was back in the hospital for a partial thyroidectomy. Again, I'm glad to report the surgery went well, and she's making a good recovery. On March 8th, our grandson Joey called to let us know that he and his wife had welcomed their second son, Joseph Patrick Mann, Jr., into the family. As you might guess, we're very excited to see the little guy and are planning a trip to Kentucky next month to meet him. In the meantime, Liz and I have been getting out of the house to take in some local special events, which included an evening to see Ken Burns who was in the Burg to preview his new documentary, "The American Revolution," and a trip down to Norfolk to attend the Virginia International Tattoo to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corp. I can proudly say that individual members of the Mann Family have served in all three of those military branches. In April, the family all came together to celebrate Liz's 75th birthday and then in May we travelled up to our daughter Valerie's home in Pennsylvania to celebrate her second oldest son, Alex's, 21st birthday. Finally, in June Liz and I celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary.

Liz continues to stay busy crocheting Afghan blankets for our grandkids, harvesting vegetables from the garden and trying new recipes. Keeping the garden weeded and maintaining the yard while staying out of the heat of the day occupies a lot of my time. But I still find a couple of hours to catch up on my leisurely reading, working on our Ancestry family tree, and continuing to serve on the Christopher Newport University Alumni Society Board of Directors.

Richard Newman writes: Cindy and I are in good health. I'm semi-retired. I still go into the shop 3 days a week. Business is staying strong so far. One of our employees is buying my interest in the shop over a 5-year period.

Ann Puckett writes: In January, I bought a house in a new subdivision in Tyler, TX. I considered a move back east to Tennessee or North Carolina, but my roots and those I love here convinced me to stay. Much of my time is spent with different projects around the house, all enjoyable to me. My favorite is nurturing my front entry rose bushes, followed by filling my space with pictures and knick knacks, old and new. I share my home with two cats that are much loved, so had my back porch screened in to create a cat-io for them. I also participate in activities at my church and assist during the services by greeting people in the sanctuary, something I love to do. I get to know people I may not have met otherwise. On the family front, this year we celebrated the 1st birthday of my great nephew who lives in Alabama.

Robert Ryczak writes: Well, we've survived another full orbit on this rock around a G2V yellow dwarf star in the Milky Way Galaxy! We're still unpacking boxes, decorating our "forever home"; making/enjoying friends; traveling;

exploring various cuisines; enjoying local D-1 university sports; and settling into our new lives as "Opelikans" in SE Alabama. While we each have our several health issues, they are, so far, well-managed by the senior health care team we've assembled. We've enjoyed road trips to Gatlinburg, TN, with a college fraternity brother & his wife; Kissimmee, FL; Panama City Beach, FL; Cape Canaveral, FL, where we witnessed a StarLink satellite launch); Flint, TX and the Pine Forests of East Texas (what is it about East Texas and their crazy addiction to donuts?); Conroe, TX, to visit a longtime friend from our Bel Air, MD, days; New Orleans, LA, with sister **Martha Ryczak Whiteley '80** & her husband (had our 1st crawfish boil & enjoyed a fantastic buffet & show at the National WWII Museum); Branson, MO (Sight & Sound Theater's "The Story of David" was awesome!); Hilton Head, SC (for a wedding); and my family's annual family reunion on the Outer Banks of NC. Of course, train excursions were essential components to several of those road trips. We enjoyed a 2nd year in our volunteer roles for the Auburn Univ. Athletic Dept. as scholarship donor hosts at all home football games, & most basketball & baseball games (WAR EAGLE!). We enjoyed several concerts & shows in Birmingham, AL, with our daughter. We continue to be active in our parish – men's fellowship, bible studies, seminars, parish missions, and so on. Our parish was just voted the best place to worship in the Auburn-Opelika area by the "Best of Auburn-Opelika" for 2025! We enjoyed a prolonged visit by Sonia's brother (her only surviving sibling), with Sonia lavishing him with his favorite Puerto Rican dishes (so, I also ate 'high on the hog' during his visit). The 3 of us had an amazing tour of the massive KIA assembly plant in West Point, GA (no, we didn't get a complementary new KIA as a souvenir). God continues to bless us in so many ways, and we try to enjoy His magnificent creation every day of our lives here on this earth.

1971

Kathleen Gilead writes: I am getting ready to retire at the end of this year! Whew!

1972

Our boots on the ground classmate reporter, **Laura Townsend**, is sweltering in the Burg. I think most of us feel it, Laura!! Since our mini reunion in April 2023, **Sheila Bacon** had been asking Laura to be her tour guide the next time she came to town. So imagine Laura's surprise, she gets a text from Sheila in February that she and **Denise Dahl** are on their way to Williamsburg! As fate would have it, **Jane Scherer Haake** was also supposed to meet **Sandy Scherberger Griffith** that same week for lunch. They managed to get on one of **Suzy Shields Trench's** fabulous "see DoG St. in 15 minutes or less" walks that included **Nancy Kennedy Byrd**. (That might have to be a featured activity at our next reunion - wheelchair mobility included by then!) What a fun mini-mini reunion!

Laura said she saw more of **John Chohany** that week than she's seen him since graduation. He's now the first guy in our class to become "one of the girls"! So proud.





Julianna Holm Grammo has been wearing out the road going north and south and north again this year. She started with a trip to Star Lake, NY followed by a trip to Las Vegas in October for a software convention. (I guess that doesn't really fit with her north/south travels but oh, well… work with me here….) While in balmy Las Vegas, they took an excursion to Bryce Canyon and got caught in a surprise snow shower (my kind of a surprise!!!). The snow theme continued during a later trip north when it snowed 5 FEET in 3 days!! This time they were dressed for the weather - which got to -9 degrees at night! Julianna now has 8 grandchildren (one added in February), aged from 23 years to 16 weeks - or older since this won't go to print for several months from now.

John O'Connor has finally joined most of the class in retiring. He retired in August as Professor Emeritus from Radford University's Art Department and he says he owes every ounce of motivation to Sister Gabe. In retirement, he plans to travel with his already retired wife. Between trips, they will enjoy their 5 grandkids who also live in Blacksburg. I'd call that nirvana - living in Blacksburg and having all the grands there too. What a great life!

Frank Villa has still not made it to the Burg…don't think we've forgotten that! He sent in his update at the request of Sister Roberto whom he dare not deny!! Frank enjoys evening on his front porch in North Augusta, SC, visiting with neighbors over an adult beverage…or two (gotta rehydrate, right?). He still enjoys the 2 day work week doing eye exams but he LOVES the 5-day weekends which are spent running….like the whole time. He and Barbara run with the Augusta Run Club which includes several hundred runners. The club put on a marathon last fall where they had to clear the course with chain saws after Hurricane Helene left such devastation. While Frank thought he was done with marathons, he's been challenged to run in the 50th anniversary of the Marine Corp Marathon this fall. Wow. That has to be a record of some sort - it certainly is for the class of '72!!

As if that wasn't over-achieving at its max, Frank also adds that he spent 2 weeks exploring his grandparents' homeland of western Sicily with daily hikes, beautiful views of the sea, and gelato and pasta at the end. I'm beginning to see why squeezing in a visit to the Burg falls by the wayside when the other offerings are so magnificent. Sigh.

Helen Mackay Lopez might get the party prize this time. She and **Lindsay Powell** celebrated their birthdays with a road trip to the Baja. I think there were lots of shots (both kinds) and the printable ones (below) are highlights…Lindsay as a Baja Hells Angel on a Quad, a Favorite Rock Band themed party and the birthday girls….just



a few pics or maybe the only ones they can remember. They felt like they were 15 again - except the night time wrap up time was 9PM!!





Robert Amsler has retired from pastoring…. again. After 17 years of service, is this the last time? We'll believe it when we see it! Robert's younger sister, **Richie Amsler McGlynn '76** died on November 8, 2024, after numerous health challenges but still a surprise. Her life was celebrated in January in Huntsville, AL where Robert shared his memories of her life. Robert and Julie are on the clean-out (the house) train that we all should be on - triggered by finally clearing out Julie's family's farmhouse of 60 years recently.

Despite having to deal with Julie's health challenges, they continue with a cheerful outlook on life and will embrace traveling to visit family in Texas and other deep south locations in the fall.

Brian Rose is pleased to announce that his next book, "Last Stop," was released this summer by Circa Press. Last year, he photographed the neighborhoods at the ends of all of the subway lines in New York City, creating a portrait of the contemporary city, a more multi-centered, less Manhattan-centric, metropolis. Many of us from the Williamsburg area are descendants of the early settlers of Virginia, and he has discovered that he has ancestors on both sides of the family who go all the way back to Jamestown. One of his forebears, John Johnson, owned property more or less where the Williamsburg Winery is today. He also uncovered the more sobering reality that many of his ancestors were slaveholders, and many on his father's side were closely connected to the Nat Turner uprising in Southampton County. As a result, he has been photographing the landscape of Southampton County, creating, in a sense, a visual memorial dedicated to that often-overlooked event in American history. Such interesting research!!

Brian will also be teaching a class this fall at the International Center of Photography. As long as his health holds out, he's not retiring! Go Brian!!

Rob Lorigan had to submit his contribution early so he could catch the flight for one of his many travel destinations. Embracing retirement in the best way….by not slowing down…, he and Kim are using up all their frequent flyer miles to visit locations like a recent 10-day cruise on the Danube from Budapest to Prague where they maxed out at the Christmas markets. While there, they met a couple who had been to Williamsburg and dined at 2nd Street Bistro. Small world! That's the only John Chohany connection they made despite it being John's family's homeland. No chance meeting of great grandad John or George. (Did you check the jails, Rob? JUST KIDDING!!) On Rob and Kim's travel list are Iceland (as I'm writing this in July, they are there), Australia/New Zealand and Antarctica. Wow….our class is doing a great job of maxing out life in our 70s!!





The rare occasions that Rob and Kim are stateside, they spend some great times with their grandchildren, the oldest of whom is looking Rob straight in the eye at 6'2"….a mini-me in the making. Is that scary or not?

Lou Oliver Brooks (me) can't really hold a candle to our classmates' adventures. With all of our children and grandchildren nearby, we tend to stay on the Ponderosa and enjoy the activities here. We always anticipate and enjoy the yearly highlight of the Spartan Race at our farm in the spring when we had 10,000 athletes and visitors over 2 days. All '72 classmates have an open invitation to participate or to watch - free registration. Search Spartan Races Fayetteville, NC to learn more. It's a fun, fun event. I retired from participating this year (too much hardware in me to risk disruption now). We love watching our grandchildren compete in the kids' races. (Not all of those kids in the picture are our grands!!)



Now, before you go searching for the rest of our class notes, we will note that the time may have arrived to let some other classes shine in having the most ink for a change. We do need to share the spotlight, right? Maybe our overachieving days are done. I always thought overachieving was overrated anyway. We will still pester you each year to send us your updates AND we will soon start planning for our 55th(!!) in 2027. Start your endurance training now. Meanwhile, keep embracing life as our class has always done and check in with us when there's a break in the action!

1974

Cheers to 50 years! Twenty-three members of the Class of 1974 gathered last October to celebrate our years at Walsingham and to commemorate our classmates who had passed. **Nancy Borges** (1340 miles from Carrollton, TX) and **Carol Smith** (1,262 miles from White Bear Lake, MN) traveled the furthest to attend, and **Walter Major** (Cole Lane) and **Shari Anthony**

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(Woodmere Ct) were the "we could have walked" winners.

- Friday night **Shari Anthony** hosted us at her home for food and fellowship. Not one person in our class has changed a bit, but we were certainly glad to have nametags with our senior pictures on them as gentle reminders…
- Saturday morning we met on the green at school to remember the six classmates who have gone before and to admire our class brick. We then toured the Upper School, noting athletic records set by both classmates and children of classmates, and admiring our class picture ("Short girls in front!")
- There was a spontaneous mini-reunion that afternoon on DoG St when several couples wandering through the Occasion for the Arts festival blocked traffic to loudly point out which stores used to be where.
- Saturday night we put on grownup clothes to eat dinner together at Creative Cuisines, and as befitting our advanced age, were home by 10 pm.

Thanks to the reunion committee of **Shari Anthony**, **Martha DeBord**, and **Lynn Fontaine** for putting it all together! We also salute the accompanying spouses who good-naturedly suffered through innumerable memories and inside jokes. Lindsey Torres and Kaitlin Sorrentino from the Alumni Office made us feel really welcome by mailing our letters, providing the tour (and coffee!), and taking our latest class picture. We had a great time! See you in 2035?

1976

The Class of 1976 will be celebrating their 50th Class Reunion in 2026 and starting to plan. For more information on reunion details, please contact Mike McNelis '76 at bunkie1958@aol.com.

1977

Tommy Gilman is leading a team planning our 50th high school reunion in 2027. Please email him your contact information including full name, email address and cell number. His email address is thgilman@gmail.com and cell number is 804-387-9047. We look forward to hearing from you and soliciting your input as we plan for this momentous event.

1979

In August 2025 **Nancy Wood Behan** stopped by Walsingham Academy to tour the Upper School!



1982

In August 2024 **Annemarie Bishof Bowen** and her family stopped by Walsingham Academy to tour the school and to reminisce of her WA days!







1983

Marygrace Tsitouris Ransome writes: My son and his wife have blessed us with 2 beautiful grandchildren Eli Christopher 3 and Ryleigh Rose 1 yr old. My daughter Kayla is working on her Doctorate Mental Health Nurse Practitioner at Baylor University.

1984



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This spring **Robin Windsor Rice**, **Maria Manos Reed**, **Christina Koun McCoy**, and **Chris Vogler Kirk** got together for dinner in Richmond and caught up on their Walsingham days! Christina and Maria both live in Richmond, Robin is in Williamsburg, and Chris is in Columbus, Ohio. Please send any updated contact information to Christina (christinakmccoy@icloud.com) so that we can try to get our class together at some point. We would love to hear from you!

Christine Vogler Kirk writes: We are in our 25th year in our 118-year-old house in Upper Arlington, OH. We have 3 adult employed children, which we're excited about. Alex and I are both architects and have pretty flexible WFH schedules and we've been traveling a lot... It's great!

1999



Since the move to Ohio last fall, **Neal Willetts** has been acclimating to the many differences between Columbus and Williamsburg. The biggest of them being SNOW, and lots of it. Neal & Eli spent many weekends this past winter sledding at a variety of locations around town!

2005



In April 2025 **Vernon Geddy** stopped by Walsingham Academy to tour the Lower and the Upper School!



Brian Twiddy and wife Darley Twiddy had their 3rd baby boy, Hudson Tyler, on July 16, 2024.

Katie Biernacki Junes and husband Johnny had their 2nd daughter, Elli Jane, on February 4, 2025.

Gretchen Ross is currently serving as an assistant professor in the Marketing Department at Texas Christian University. The chair of the marketing department, Eric Yorkston, stated in an article, "Not only is Gretchen flourishing on the projects she's working on, but she's also managing to get her research through a really arduous review process to bring them to publication."

2008





Caroline Wilke and her husband Robert Cox welcomed a baby girl, Sloane Elizabeth Cox, on June 6, 2025, in Charlottesville, VA. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. & was 19.75 inches long. Baby and mom are doing great!

2010

Justin Roberto writes: I married my wife, Hannah, on July 11, 2020, and together we're raising two incredible daughters, Charlotte and Lucy. Before stepping into the world of finance, I spent several years playing professional golf. That path ultimately led me to co-found our firm, Colonial Wealth Strategies and Beacon Law Tax Wealth. Today, we help people uncover the truth about money, align their financial lives with their most ambitious goals, and live with clarity, purpose, and intention.

2012

Logan Butterfield writes: Changed my last name from Roberto to my mother's maiden name, Butterfield. Married Bicao Li Butterfield on September 9, 2019. We have 2 beautiful girls, Emily and Esme, and currently reside in Siera Madre, CA.

Collin McAtee writes: Married my best friend last year in Savannah, GA! We are currently living in Upstate NY with our Goldendoodle, Broughton. I'm working as a senior cinematic animator on the video game "Diablo IV".



Congratulations to **Emily Barth Hill** on having a baby in April!

Congratulations to **Melissa Tussing Schexnaydre** on having a baby boy named Charlie in September 2023 and a baby girl in June 2025.

Emily-Anne Rigal Walker and **Casey Walker's '07** daughter is starting at Walsingham Academy this fall!

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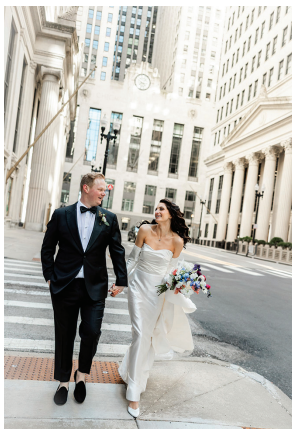
Meredith Tobias writes: I recently moved to Richmond with my fiancé, Cory Mills, after living in Boston for the last 6 years. We both got new jobs with local architecture and design firms. We will be married in May of 2026 back in Williamsburg!

2013



Ian Hawkes is living with his family in Burke, VA, and working at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe in Washington, DC as a Managing Associate in their litigation department. He and his family just welcomed a baby boy named Connor in September 2024.





Chad Hartman and Charlotte married on March 22, 2025, at the University Club in Chicago, Illinois. Other Walsingham Academy attendees and graduates, including Brady Rouse, **Colin Duffy '13**, **Billy Barnes '14, Andrew Hartman '15,** Jared Levesque, and Morgan Dowling Merline were in attendance.

Caitlin Raybourn Treuting and her husband, William, reside in Central Virginia. They welcomed a baby boy, Cillian, to their family in October 2024.

Colin Duffy is currently living with his lovely bride Brianna Duffy. They have been inseparable since meeting at the University





of Kansas and just moved Los Angeles after 5 years of sunshine in San Diego. While now-Dr. Duffy was in her PhD program at UC-SD, Colin was working for Barstool Sports and in classic cars before he settled into heading social media for Fujifilm Diosynth Biotechnologies. Since marrying, they've traveled to around 25 cities in 9 different countries, love to keep healthy, and stay busy on their weekends.



Mackenzie Karnes Duncan and her husband, William, reside in Charlotte, NC. She works at Troutman Pepper Locke as



a commercial real estate associate. She and her family welcomed a baby boy, William "Hales" Duncan, on March 9, 2025.

Addie Rodes Carr lives in Richmond with her fiancé and dog. She continues to work in Burn Surgery at VCU as a Physician Assistant. She's looking forward to getting married this summer in Williamsburg.

2014



Duncan Hamra writes: I have two updates! 1) I'm a dad!! My wife and I welcomed baby James Theo Hamra into the world on July 8. He is a perfectly healthy, happy, and hungry baby. 2) Also! We've launched a new project called More Neighborly. We take the latest research on gratitude, kindness, parenting, friendship, etc. and host in-person gatherings so we can practice these skills together. This November we're hosting 30 Grateful Gatherings over 30 days. To check out More Neighborly and the 30 Grateful Gatherings, visit www.moreneighborly.com.

2015

Austin Jennings got engaged to his long-time girlfriend in August 2024 who he met at W&L almost 10 years ago. The wedding will be in September 2025 at her family's home in Maryland. In addition to that, they've relocated to Bermuda! Austin will be commuting back and forth to NYC a week or so per month, but they are excited to kick off a new chapter here that's quite different to their previous set up in Brooklyn.

Alex Bolton welcomed his third son, Benjamin Bolton (Benny for short!), to the world on July 14, 2025.

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Molly Menoni got married on May 16, 2025, in Cape Cod, not far from where she met her husband originally.

2016



Emily Mauk Sweeney married Blake Sweeney in Williamsburg in December of 2024! The couple is expecting their first baby in 2026!

Chase Canova writes: Left my corporate job with Stellantis to go full time in my real estate business, now flipping houses and developing high end rental homes across Hampton Roads VA.

2019



Catherine Landefeld - formerly Catherine Williams - recently entered an exciting new chapter in her life! She got married in June 2025 and continues to live in South Carolina with her husband Drew. The couple celebrated their honeymoon in Costa Rica, enjoying the country's stunning landscapes and vibrant culture. Professionally, Catherine also began a new position in supply chain and engineering at Michelin, where she continues to grow her career in logistics and operations at a manufacturing site.

2020

Anthony Hinojosa received his Masters Degree in Engineering Management this year. He is now active duty as an Intelligence Officer in the United States Air Force.

Frankie Riggs was awarded the Tradeswoman Hero Award in May 2025 by the Tradeswomen Build Nations Conference. It is the largest women's trade conference in North America.

Emily Zielinski was named NYU's 2024-2025 Tory Dent Research Scholar, and was awarded a Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund Grant for her research on how 18th and 19th century Commonplace Books can be used to create authentic character profiles for historical and historical fiction screenplays. She graduated from NYU with a B.A. in English and American Literature, and with honors as a Founder's Scholar. She is now working on her first feature film screenplay. It has been exciting for her to see other Walsingham '20 alum who are now working in NYC—**Ethan Ricker**, **Astrid Zhao**, and **Kinsey Feng**.

Kinsey Feng building on his degree in Financial Actuarial Mathematics and Data Science at UCLA, and his creation of the Financial Investment and Technology (FIT) community at UCLA. Kinsey is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Data Science at Columbia University, motivated by the intersection of AI and finance. He is also working as a Risk Modeling Intern at Santander Bank, while also founding his own AI startup — Fintegrate AI — focused on building intelligent investment reasoning tools for retail and institutional users.

Khatiana Perez has been working as a lab technician and clinical research coordinator at UVA hospital's department of nephrology, assisting with research trials for adult and pediatric patients. On weekends, she helps out at Ten Sushi in downtown Charlottesville as a hostess or barback. She also teaches English to an adult Spanish speaker through Literacy Volunteers Charlottesville/Albemarle (LVCA). She is currently working on her EMT certification through VCU and moving to Richmond this fall.

2021

Katie Haines recently graduated from UVA as a double major in Archaeology and Biology, with a minor in Drama. She was the recipient of the 2025 William Demoville Pettway Prize for "extraordinary service to UVA's Department of Drama." She graduated with highest distinction for her distinguished majors' thesis in Archaeology. Katie will be pursuing an MSC in Archaeological Science next year at the University of Oxford.



Elizabeth Barry is thrilled to be joining her classmate **Riley Flood '21** at Walsingham Academy this fall. A recent graduate of Clemson University in South Carolina, she is excited to begin her teaching career so close to home! Elizabeth will be teaching third grade, while also assisting the girls' varsity tennis team.

2023





Jake Falcone writes: This past year at VMI has been one of my most challenging and

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rewarding yet. Balancing the demands of a Civil & Environmental Engineering major, Division I athletics, and multiple extracurricular commitments has helped me grow tremendously. I'm currently a rising junior and excited for what's ahead. I've continued pursuing my passion for photography, serving as one of the heads of the yearbook staff and receiving a job at VMI's Communications and Marketing team as a photographer. You can find many of my photos on VMI's official social media channels and Flickr page. Through this role, I had the opportunity to photograph and meet notable visitors including Gary Sinise during Founders Day and Governor Glenn Youngkin during his visit. I was also able to photograph and interact with Virginia house of delegate Speaker Don Scott and Delegate Betsy Carr. I attended the American Society of Civil Engineers Virginias' Student Symposium, where I competed in the WV-DOT Balsa Wood Bridge Competition and placed third in the Geotechnical Engineering Competition. Next semester, I will be stepping into the role of S7 Staff Sergeant, where I'll be helping facilitate cadet life activities. I'll also serve as the Editor of The Bomb, VMI's yearbook, and as a member of the Cadet Superintendent Advisory Board. Athletically, I had to sit out of the cross country and indoor seasons due to injury but bounced back during outdoor track. I competed in the 800m and 1500m at the JMU Invitational and ran a 16:06 in the 5000m at the Catamount Classic, placing 9th overall and first for our team. I also completed all four legs of the Lexington Road & River Relay, placing 2nd individually, and competed in the Jamestown Sprint Triathlon—placing 1st in the collegiate division (despite the swim being canceled). This summer, I'm working as a Civil Engineering intern for Wagman Heavy Civil on the Colonial Parkway project, and I recently completed my OSHA 10 certification.





Since graduating Walsingham in 2023, **Paul Williams** has been busy at Purdue, studying business analytics and information management. He plans to graduate in three years and pursue a Master's in Economics his fourth year. He is heavily involved in the Boiler Catholics community on campus, where he leads a Bible study. This summer, he pursued an economic consulting internship at PSD Global in Washington DC and visited London to study corporate finance at the London School of Economics. In June 2025, Paul attended his sisters wedding **Catherine Williams Landefeld '19** along with **Clara Riggs '23**.

2024



Shoutout to **Jeylah Hamrick** for breaking school records in Women's Track and Field at Radford University! Back in March 2025, Former track & field coach Anthony Green had this to say about Jeylah and her successful 1st season at Radford University: "This past weekend, I took the opportunity to travel to Columbia, SC, to watch Jeylah compete in the Big South Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships. This was the culmination of her first season as a college athlete. AND IT WAS AN OUTSTANDING SEASON! Here are the highlights:

- She finished the season with the 2nd best time in school history in the 200-meter dash, missing the record by 0.4 seconds.
- Set the school record in the 300-meter dash, which also ranks her as #8 all-time in conference history.
- Set the school record in the 400-meter dash, which ranks her as #2 all-time in conference history. The 400-meter time also ranks her as #119 in the country of ALL D-1 colleges and universities!
- She broke these records multiple times, as she got faster as the season progressed.
- She ran the anchor (fastest) leg on the 4x400 meter relay team, as the youngest member on the squad. The team finished 2nd in the conference, breaking the school record multiple times during the season. This team also ranks as one of the top 200 relay teams in the country.
- Jeylah was selected as the Big South Conference Freshman Athlete of the Week twice. She becomes the first Highlander to win the conference's Freshman of the Week in back-to-back weeks; the first time in school history. She is also the first Radford student-athlete to win a Big South weekly honor in consecutive weeks since the conference started handing out weekly awards in 2005 – 2006 (in any sport).

We've had many talented young people go on and do well in college. Jeylah is continuing that tradition of excellence at Radford at a very high level."

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Remembering Alumni, Friends, and Family

- The family and friends of **David Holland '61**.
- **Anne Peet '65** on the passing of her brothers, **Cary Peet '62** and **Jack Peet Jr. '59**.
- **Dennis McNelis '67** on the passing of his wife, Joy Lee-McNelis.
- **Robert Amsler '72** on the passing of his sister, **Martha "Richie" Amsler McGlynn '76**.
- Lauralyn Copan, **William Copan Jr. '75** and **Laura Copan '12** on the passing of their father, father-in-law, and grandfather, William Sessoms.
- **Melinda Peebles Smith '79** on the passing of her father and **Jeffery H. Smith '09** on the passing of his grandfather, David Peebles.
- **Cathy Power Pattisall '81** on the passing of her mother and **Payton Thomas Power '14** on the passing of his grandmother, Mary Ellen Power.
- **Brad Nichols '82** on the passing of his mother, Dorothy Nichols.
- **Demetrios Florakis '85** and **Constantine Florakis '97** on the passing of their father, Lakis "Lucky" Florakis.
- **Mario Kokolis '88** on the passing of his wife, Maria Kokolis.
- **Taylor Toepke '95** and **Blake Toepke '97** on the passing of their father, Frederick Toepke.
- **Sarah McKnew Trimmer '96**, **Joseph McKnew '98**, and **David McKnew '00** on the passing of their mother, Patricia McKnew.
- **Brandi Davenport '02, Kasey Davenport '03, Kristin Davenport Reagan '08, Jacob Davenport-Durant '22,** Kim Davenport, and Gaye Davenport on the passing of their grandmother and mother, Nancy Davenport.
- **Katherine Efimetz '10** and **Mary Efimetz '12** on the passing of their grandfather, Chester Morrill.
- **Jayce Beck '11** on the passing of his grandfather, Nelson Hinson.
- **Luke LeJeune '14**, **Beau LeJeune '16**, **Isabelle LeJeune '18**, **Olivia LeJeune '20**, and Barry and Janet LeJeune on the passing of their grandmother, mother-in-law, and mother, Wilma Jean Tackett.
- **Brett Smith '15** and **Bridgette Smith '19** on the passing of their grandmother, Barbara Sahady.
- **Mary Blinn '23**, **Evan Blinn '26, Kathryn Blinn '27**, **Anna Blinn '29**, and **Clare Blinn '33** on the passing of their grandfather, William Blinn.
- The family of James Musumeci, grandfather to **Maksymilian Sekula '29**.
- The family and friends of Kirk D. Mardis.
- The family and friends of William Dunnill, grandfather to **Ethan Dunnill '31**.
- The family and friends of Sister Virginia Marie Kauffmann, RSM.
- The family and friends of Annie Chadwick.
- The family and friends of Lawrence "Larry" Banks.
- The family and friends of John MacLean, grandfather to **Faith Feltner '27**, **Ava Feltner '28**, and **Caroline Feltner '30**.

REMEMBERING
Annie Chadwick



A beloved member of the Walsingham Community, Annie Chadwick passed away on December 24, 2024, at the age of 88. Annie began her service to Walsingham in 1982 as the Assistant to the Lower School Principal. Over the next 35 years, her dedication and warmth left a lasting mark on generations of students, families, and colleagues. She retired in 2017 as the Assistant to the President, having become a beloved fixture of daily life on campus.

Throughout her time at Walsingham, Annie formed many close friendships, none more special than her bond with Sister Mary Jeanne. The two were inseparable for decades, embodying the spirit of community and faith that defines our school.

Beyond her work, Annie was known for her love of road trips, coffee, and books. A devoted wife, mother, and friend, she leaves behind a legacy of kindness, humor, and quiet strength.

REMEMBERING
Sister Virginia Kauffmann, RSM



Walsingham Academy remembers with deep gratitude the life and legacy of Sister Virginia Marie Kauffmann, RSM, who passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024, at the age of 86.

Sister Virginia served as Upper School Vice-Principal from 1988 to 1991 and then as Upper School Principal from 1991 to 2003. Her years at Walsingham were marked by unwavering dedication, strong leadership, and a deep commitment to Mercy values. She guided both students and faculty with wisdom, grace, and a steadfast belief in the power of a faith-filled education.

A Philadelphia native and a Sister of Mercy for 69 years, Sister Virginia devoted her life to service, embracing her chosen motto: "Having Him, I have all." She lived that truth daily—uplifting those around her with her quiet strength, her faith, and her deep love for God.

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