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Closed for a four-year make-over, Alderman Library is now open to students, faculty and, dazzlingly, the light of day.
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It’s beautiful. What shall we call it?

We’ve been looking forward to our cover story for five years. It was in the Spring 2019 Virginia Magazine that we first delved into the ambitious renovation plans for Alderman Library, that venerable 1930s structure with good bones, bad plumbing, and no apparent fear of a fire.

We’ve continued to track the project’s progress closely, including with our Winter 2020 cover about the demolition of the Stacks. Our plans for covering the reopening began almost a year ago. For that, we owe great thanks to the library staff and broader project team. They allowed us tours during construction and near its completion and have served as ready resources throughout.

As topics go, then, this one held all the promise of being relatively straightforward. For the most part that has been the case, except for one fundamental detail: What will the University call the renovated library? As of press time, we don’t know.

The question has simmered for a while, even before the summer of 2021, when University Librarian John M. Unsworth (Grad ’88) formally petitioned to retire first president Edwin A. Alderman’s name from the building.

Since then, a blue-ribbon committee has recommended the naming honors pass to UVA’s fourth president, Edgar F. Shannon Jr. Our story on Page 48 provides background and explains why.

Anticipation of a Board of Visitors decision on the matter has been building for nearly a year. They’ve promised to bring it to a vote by March 1.

For all our planning, that timing hits after we go to press but before print subscribers receive their magazines. That’s why you’ll see this edition continue to refer to the building as Alderman Library, the official name as of press time and pending Board action. Depending on what happens, our nomenclature will seem either quaint or prophetic. Either way, we’ll let you know the latest via our monthly email and online.

Names aside, the new place is stunningly beautiful. With two photographers having had free run of the place for weeks, we can’t wait for you to see it, starting on Page 38. You should come see it for yourself, just in case you needed an extra excuse to visit Grounds.

Richard Gard (Col ’81)
Editor & Vice President for Communications
Tony Bennett is an excellent coach, but why does a public academic institution have sports teams that pay coaches millions of dollars a year?

Neil O’Donnell (Col ’76, Law ’80)
Anchorage, Alaska

I agree with Ed Miller (no relation, I think) that Tony Bennett is probably the most recognizable individual associated with UVA. I was quite disappointed that Miller chose to describe Tony as having a “strong religious faith” based on “five faith-based pillars.” Tony has been totally open about his Christian faith, so why didn’t Miller just state that fact? Miller did refer to the five pillars of Tony’s beliefs (humility, passion, unity, servanthood and thankfulness). There is another world religion based on five pillars (not the same), and it is not Christianity. One might read Miller’s words and conclude that Tony is religious but not Christian, and that would be an incorrect conclusion.

Jim Miller (Engr ’68)
Southlake, Texas

So Tony Bennett declined to be interviewed by the alumni association magazine of the publicly funded university that employs him. That struck me as beyond unfortunate. It’s especially galling given Bennett’s multimillion-dollar annual compensation.

The article noted that Bennett rarely grants interviews. But the piece then described a podcast he’d done with former UVA football coach Bronco Mendenhall and also quoted from a “Locker Room Access” podcast.

Alumni publications like Virginia Magazine must exercise a certain amount of deference when dealing with muckety-mucks at their respective universities. But Bennett’s one national championship doesn’t give him a pass or merit kid-glove treatment.

I’ve worked as a newspaper reporter for 35 years. Bennett is a public figure. Turning down an interview with the UVA alumni magazine is akin to botching a last-second, game-winning layup.

Duncan Adams (Col ’76)
Butte, Montana

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

I was very surprised and disappointed by the letter in the Winter issue lamenting the fact that the vast majority of letters to the editor in the Fall edition were from alumni who graduated before the year 2000. Perhaps the writer did not mean to be condescending toward alumni from the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s, but I read his desire to “see more letters that don’t originate on a typewriter” that way. I can’t speak for other recent alumni, but I know I very much appreciate hearing

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**CORRECTIONS**

Tony Bennett is one of seven active Division I men’s college basketball coaches to have won a national championship. The story “Bennettball” in the Winter 2023 edition contained an incorrect number.

The residence that became Alumni Hall in 1936 previously housed Phi Sigma Kappa and, before that, Zeta Beta Tau. The story “From the Grounds Up” in the Summer 2023 edition misstated the name of the building’s previous occupant. The story also omitted information about Wilson Hall, which opened in 1989 next to Cabell Hall to serve undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences with four stories of classroom and faculty space, along with a 350-seat auditorium. It was named after James Southall Wilson, founder of the Virginia Quarterly Review.
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from older alumni in these pages, and I often find their perspectives valuable, perhaps most especially when it comes to the controversial issues covered by this magazine in the past two years.

My assumption has always been that the reason that the majority of letters are not written by recent graduates is that very few recent graduates write letters. The desire for proportional representation by class year could be fulfilled only if fewer letters were published overall, or if more alumni who graduated in the past 20 years wrote letters. Perhaps he expects that younger alumni would express more displeasure at the way this magazine has covered the battles over affirmative action and the Honor Code. I have been very pleased with that coverage. In particular, Richard Gard’s story “Honor Up Close” from the Summer/Fall 2022 issue did a masterful job of exploring a charged topic.

Thank you for continuing to provide alumni of all ages with insight into our beloved alma mater, and thank you for bringing us a diverse set of alumni perspectives in the letters.

Ben Connelly (Engr ’18)
Charlottesville

‘HOOS A GOOD BOY [FALL 2023]
I love this recent issue highlighting the working dogs of the University. I would also like to recognize one other facility dog in the School of Nursing, Ella. She is a black Labrador, and her owner/handler is Tracy Kelly, an assistant professor. Ella comes to classes and special events. She also provides immense comfort to the faculty on the fourth floor of McLeod Hall.

BARBARA REYNA
Associate Professor,
UVA School of Nursing

‘HOOS A GOOD BOY [FALL 2023]
Thank you for introducing us to the great dogs at UVA in “‘Hoos a Good Boy.” What a great story about wonderful dogs who give us so much and expect so little in return: belly rubs, sticks, balls, Frisbees, pup cups and a romp around Grounds in exchange for the serious work of tracking people; detecting bombs; and being wonderful greeters and a source of joy, love and comfort to those on and around Grounds.

I have always marveled at how keen and intuitive our furry friends are, how they help to keep us grounded and inevitably appear at the right place at the right time. They know when to work and when to play. If only we humans would be so wise!

Please keep us updated about these very special animals. I had no idea UVA had literally “gone to the dogs.” I could not be more thrilled!

Susan L. Stephenson (Nurs ’80)
Richmond, Virginia

NO IFS, ANDS OR BOTS? [FALL 2023]
The discussion of AI in Virginia Magazine roused one of my pet peeves: misleading labels.

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There are many things that get picked up and propagated in the media that are misleading. The naming is often made this way on purpose to manipulate public sentiment and emotion. Currently the world is in a dither about artificial intelligence. This makes it sound like something alien and suspicious. Actually, intelligence is the same regardless of whether it is generated by a human or a computer. A more appropriate handle would be “machine intelligence” or “computer-generated intelligence,” identifying the source rather than using a misleading and incorrect adjective.

James “Will” Haltiwanger Jr. (Engr ’71)
Columbia, South Carolina

I’m preparing an article on the use of large language models, like GPT-4, in data science education, so the article “No ifs, ands or buts? How to control AI” was very timely for me. It is very balanced and expresses the dichotomy of opposing views in higher education. I sincerely hope that other universities will also adopt an approach like UVA’s.

Generative AI in Teaching and Learning Task Force. In medicine and, I suspect, other fields, I see faculty and students underleveraging this technology or the opposite, overusing or abusing it.

Whether we like it or not, generative AI is here to stay and will continue to evolve at breathtaking speed. I agree with the quote “Student learning will take place in a world where AI is undetectable, ubiquitous, and transformative.”

Robert E. Hoyt, M.D. (Col ’67)
Pensacola, Florida

NEW HONOR CODE RESTORES EXPULSION [SUMMER 2023]
When I attended the University, the Honor Code was respected and fair. I had to report a student once. I was required to tell the person first, to give that person a chance to confess to the Honor Committee; the person complied. I like to think the threat of expulsion meant that graduates of UVA were more likely to be honest and trustworthy.

Sallie Hickok Spiller (Educ ’61, ’73) 
Roanoke, Virginia

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A reinvigorated Honor System, a reimagined Honor Week

For generations, we at the Alumni Association have worked to support the Honor System, a cornerstone of the community of trust that we cherish and uphold. We steward the Honor Endowment, which has been a vital resource to decades of Honor Committees. In 2022, at the request of University leadership, we launched Living Honor to help students and alumni learn from one another about Honor and how its values set UVA graduates apart. And through our ongoing coverage in *Virginia Magazine*, we have tied alumni back to the System in all the ways that it changes and endures.

And change and endure it does. Just two years ago, in a referendum marked with acrimony and division, students removed the potential for expulsion. Last year, students reversed that decision and instead affirmed solutions built through consensus. The shift in tone has been palpable on Grounds, and the spirit of Honor feels stronger than it has in recent memory.

This year, the Honor Committee has continued to reinvigorate the System with its very first Honor Week, a series of events that invited students and alumni to explore Honor and engage in rich conversation during the first week of February. The Alumni Association was honored, pun intended, to support this important work.

“Collaborating closely with organizations like the Alumni Association infused the planning process with rich insights and perspectives, ensuring events resonated deeply with both current students and alumni alike,” says Honor Committee Chair Hamza Aziz (Col ’24). “As students, we are continually inspired by the unity and tradition that Honor instills within our evolving community.”

May we find a bit of that inspiration ourselves,

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The Class of 2028 began to take shape in mid-December as UVA extended binding offers of admission to 1,113 future ‘Hoos during its early decision admissions round. Offers were extended to 30 percent of Virginians and 19 percent of out-of-state students who applied during the first of UVA’s three admissions cycles. Admitted students so far represent 219 Virginia high schools, 39 states and territories, and 27 countries.

First-year classes have hovered around 4,000 total students during the past several years; admitted early decision students will comprise about one-fourth of the total class. “We are honored that so many accomplished and resilient students have determined that UVA is their top choice for college,” said Greg Roberts (Darden ’17), UVA’s associate vice provost of enrollment and admission.

The offers come just months after the U.S. Supreme Court in June ruled that race-based admissions policies were unconstitutional. That decision has made this year’s admissions cycle particularly complex for admissions officers and high school seniors across the country.

In August, UVA announced that admissions officers would no longer have checkbox information about an applicant’s race, ethnicity or legacy status. This year’s application includes an essay prompt that gives students an opportunity to “describe their experiences, including but not limited to their experiences of race or ethnicity, and the ways in which those experiences have shaped their ability to contribute.” An optional essay provides applicants with an opportunity to write about their personal history with UVA, such as their legacy status or connection to enslaved laborers.

Altogether, 4,466 students applied early decision, a 5.4 percent increase from the previous year, Roberts said. In addition to those who were admitted, another 1,179 were invited to join a waiting list and will receive final decisions between April and June. Starting this year, UVA no longer defers students who applied early to a future round. “We felt like given the small number of students deferred who were later offered, we were giving students false hope,” Roberts said. “This is an effort to be more clear with where they stand.”

Most applicants to UVA apply during the early action round, a nonbinding option that provides students who apply by Nov. 1 with an earlier admissions decision—in February. This year, about 37,645 applicants chose that option. The remainder—16,835—applied during the regular decision cycle, turning in applications by a Jan. 5 deadline to await notification by April 1.
UVA boosts financial aid for in-state students

The cost of a UVA education will be within reach for more middle- and lower-income families with the expansion of the University’s financial aid program. UVA will funnel $1 million in donations over the next year to pay for the effort, a cost that is expected to decrease in future years as family incomes rise, Vice Provost for Enrollment Stephen Farmer said.

Through its AccessUVA financial aid program, UVA already meets 100 percent of undergraduate students’ demonstrated financial need, providing grants and scholarships to reduce reliance on loans. For some Virginian students, however, UVA covers all or most of the costs because of their family’s income level.

The updated program, announced in December, raises those income ceilings.

Now UVA will award grants and scholarships that equal or exceed tuition, fees, housing and dining for in-state students with a family income of $50,000 or less. That’s up from $30,000, originally set in 2018.

The University will provide grants and scholarships that equal or exceed tuition and fees for in-state students with a family income of $100,000 or less—up from $80,000, also set in 2018.

And it will give at least $2,000 in need-based grants to Virginia students with a family income of $150,000 or less—up from $125,000, set in 2017.

The new aid thresholds will apply to all Virginians enrolled during the next academic year, no matter what year in school they are, Farmer said.

At least two of UVA’s peer schools have announced similar threshold changes. In June, Duke University announced that undergraduates from the Carolinas with family incomes of $65,000 or less will receive full tuition grants, along with financial aid for other costs, such as housing and meals. Those with family incomes of less than $150,000 will receive full tuition grants.

In October, the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, also announced that it would cover tuition and mandatory fees for North Carolina students with a family income of less than $80,000.

UVA’s broadened program reflects growing stress on families from inflation, along with an uptick in the federal poverty threshold, which is based on the cost of food, clothing, shelter and other essentials.

In 2018, a family of four living in a rental unit was considered to be impoverished if it earned $28,100, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In 2022, the number was $34,500.

During the 2023-24 term, the total in-state cost for a first-year College student was about $38,000, UVA’s Board of Visitors in December approved a 3 percent spike in base tuition for undergraduate students for the next two academic years.

Additional financial aid support, Farmer said, will not only encourage more Virginians to consider UVA, but it will also help admitted students who receive the support persist, thrive and graduate. “This is a way for us to honor our obligation to the people of Virginia,” he said. “It’s a way for us to continue to strive toward excellence at the University. Those two things together are reason enough to do this.”

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Moving beyond its distinction as one of only a handful of two-year elite undergraduate business programs, the McIntire School of Commerce will expand its curriculum to three years beginning in the fall of 2024.

The change follows two years of study, a much longer buildup of market pressures, and similar moves by other two-year outliers, most recently the University of California, Berkeley, which will go from two to four years in the fall.

The primary—but not only—driver of the shift is the recruiting cycle. For some time, corporate scouts have been targeting second-year students for career-track internships before McIntire has admitted any of them. That leaves would-be business majors without much in the way of business instruction beyond introductory accounting, and none of the advising and career support that make up much of McIntire’s value proposition.

“The recruiting cycle happens sooner now than it ever has,” says Associate Professor Roger D. Martin, who took an early lead in McIntire’s wholesale curriculum evaluation and who now serves as the director of the school’s undergraduate program. “It’s hard to guide students through the career process, he says, “if they’re not in your school yet.”

Opening the school to students a year earlier aims to remedy that, as well as remove any disadvantage UVA candidates may face going up against peers enrolled in four-year programs, the pedagogical norm. Says McIntire Dean Nicole Thorne Jenkins, “Because there’s been this shift in the marketplace, we are shifting so that we can continue to prepare our students to receive the amazing outcomes that they’ve had historically.”

The three-year schedule is designed to make McIntire more competitive in another respect as well: college admissions. It gives UVA a better line on high school seniors intent on studying business but who bypass Virginia for programs that don’t make them wait two years to do it.

The new three-year curriculum is designed to preserve the liberal arts component that has long undergirded McIntire’s reputation for providing a well-rounded education. The key is that the Comm School is keeping its business course requirement at 48 hours, out of UVA’s 120-hour graduation requirements. The difference is that those course hours will now be spread across six semesters instead of four. That should allow business students more flexibility in taking classes outside McIntire throughout their four years.

That may create more opportunities for a non-business second major. It’s also expected to facilitate study abroad, which is a challenge under the current curriculum and a common lament among graduates. Just about half of McIntire alumni from the past →

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First Amendment center director to become new law dean

First Amendment scholar and former law school vice dean Leslie Kendrick (Law ’06) will be UVA’s 13th law school dean.

Kendrick, who joined the faculty in 2008, takes over for outgoing dean Risa Goluboff on July 1.

“The law school has been my home since I arrived as a student 20 years ago,” Kendrick said when her selection was announced in December. “I believe now, as I believed then, that the UVA combination of world-class research, consummate professional preparation and deep sense of community makes this the best law school in the country.”

UVA maintained a U.S. News & World Report top-10 ranking under Goluboff, who served for eight years.

Kendrick was the school’s vice dean from 2017 to 2021.

“She was a true partner in every success the law school achieved,” Goluboff said.

Kendrick directs the law school’s Center for the First Amendment and led the committee that crafted UVA’s Statement on Free Expression and Free Inquiry, which was adopted in 2021.

“Leslie is a homegrown leader,” law school professor and former dean John C. Jeffries Jr. (Law ‘73) said in announcing Kendrick’s new role. “Her deep knowledge of this institution and the people who live and work here will be an inestimable advantage.”

Jeffries and Provost Ian B. Baucom co-chaired the search committee.

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A shift at a rec center like the AFC is less of a paid study session, even in off-peak hours. Workers take head counts, clean, rerack weights and generally keep an eye on things.

“They want us circulating a lot, which is good, because a lot can happen when you’re exercising,” Brown says.

The biomedical engineering major finds that the early routine suits her. Her roommates think she’s crazy, she says, but she enjoys getting a jump on her day.

“It’ll be 9 o’clock and I’ve already worked a whole shift,” she says. “I’ll come home and one of my roommates is on the couch drinking coffee and the other two are still asleep.”

On a dark, frigid December morning, Brown came through the rear door of the AFC at 5:30 and made her way through the quiet back hallways to the front desk.

Aleshia Williams (Col ’25) was already there. The African American studies and media studies double major was grateful to have caught the morning’s first bus, saving her from having to walk across Grounds.

Bella Coulter (Educ ’24) arrived next. It was one of her last shifts. She had finished her coursework in kinesiology the previous day and is no longer eligible to work at the AFC while awaiting graduation in May.

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Whether you’re a hopeless romantic or more of a pragmatist at heart, let these tales of love and passion sweep you off your feet.

**Something Borrowed** (2005)
*by Emily Giffin (Law ’97)*
In Giffin’s *New York Times* bestselling debut—which was adapted into a 2011 film—Rachel, a Manhattan attorney, has too many drinks at her 30th birthday party and ends up in bed with her best friend’s fiancé, Dex. As the wedding looms, Rachel must grapple with her feelings for Dex, on whom she’s harbored a crush since law school, and her moral obligation to her closest childhood friend, who has plenty of her own character flaws. Giffin tapped into some of her own experiences for the book. “Rachel was generally a rule-follower and risk-averse until the summer after her 30th birthday,” Giffin told *Virginia Magazine* in 2011. “Upon turning 30, I, too, reevaluated my life and decided to make a major change.”

**Like Lovers Do** (2020)
*by Tracey Livesay (Col ’85, Law ’98)*
Like Lovers Do is the second installment in Livesay’s *Girls Trip* series, which revolves around four friends who met during their first year at UVA—inspired by the author’s real-life friendships from her time on Grounds. This friends-to-lovers story follows Dr. Nicole Allen, aka Nic, a hardworking orthopedic surgeon who’s in danger of losing a prestigious fellowship at Duke after making a blunder at work. She taps her friend and landlord, Ben, for help; as a thank-you, she ends up accompanying him on a trip to Martha’s Vineyard and pretending to be his girlfriend. As they get to know each other more deeply, the line between what’s fake and what’s real blurs.

**Against the Tide** (2012)
*by Dorothy Auchter Mays (Grad ’90)*
writing as Elizabeth Camden
Part romance, part mystery and part thriller, *Against the Tide* tells the story of Lydia, a self-sufficient young woman in 1890s Boston working as a translator for the U.S. Navy. The enigmatic Lt. Alexander Banebridge, aka Bane, hires Lydia to translate some mysterious documents, and a story of crime, courage, faith and—of course—romance unfolds. Despite her initial distaste for him, Lydia finds herself falling for Bane as she helps carry out his mission. Mays, who earned her master’s in history at UVA, weaves in plenty of details about the 19th century. When asked what inspired her to write *Against the Tide*, Mays said: “I love rich, turbulent novels, hopefully with a great romance and smart, admirable characters in the mix.”

**The Half Moon** (2023)
*by Mary Beth Keane (Grad ’05)*
Traditional romance novels tend to focus on the exciting, passionate, early moments of a relationship; *The Half Moon* explores the later stages, when a couple is years deep into marriage. Small-town couple Jess and Malcolm—the former an attorney and the latter a bartender who dreams of owning his own watering hole—married young when Jess found herself pregnant, only to miscarry soon after. Now middle-aged, they contend with marital woes including dashed dreams, financial struggles and infertility. Finding themselves at a crossroads as they realize that parenthood might not be in their future, Malcolm and Jess both have some tough decisions to make. The story is “about love and making a life with someone,” Keane said.
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As Tomi Igun (Col ’24) considered what she’d major and minor in during her time at UVA, she thought about her interest: global relations. But also top of mind were the ever-changing skills employers require, a complicated economy and worries about the future job market. She wanted to position herself for a variety of opportunities.

Igun landed on a global studies major, an interdisciplinary program that’s allowed her to dive into security and justice topics, along with a data science minor that’s given her highly sought-after skills for high-paying jobs. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics anticipates that the number of data science roles will grow by 35 percent between 2022 and 2032; the median pay for those roles is $103,500.

“Even when I was looking at different possible majors, I was looking at majors that had a high rate of getting a job after graduation,” Igun says. After graduation in May, she’ll launch her career as a technical analyst with a consulting firm, where her data science skills will be essential.

A decade ago, the list of top majors at UVA was filled with time-honored subjects such as commerce, biology, psychology, history and English. But now, up-and-comers like global studies, media studies and cognitive science have pushed into the top 10, and computer science dominates it. And while English and psychology remain popular, fewer undergraduates are choosing them.
The changes come as UVA is launching more interdisciplinary and technology-focused options. Computer science, for instance, offers both a bachelor of arts and a bachelor of science option and has grown fivefold over the past 10 years. Last year, 644 students graduated with a bachelor’s degree in the subject, up from 136 in 2013.

And this spring, the first group of first-years is applying for UVA’s newest major, data science, a multidisciplinary program in the School of Data Science. Already, the school’s 4-year-old minor is UVA’s most popular. About 700 students, including Igun, across 54 majors are currently signed up for it.

The shifts reflect national higher education trends prompted by emerging technologies and fields, such as data science and behavioral neuroscience, another new major at UVA. But they’re also driven by students’ expectations as they enter a volatile economy and job market that require increasingly sophisticated skills.

For Grace Deakyne (Com ’24), a double major in commerce and media studies, the job market was a consideration as she chose her course of study. A longtime fan of all kinds of media, she was intrigued by the media studies program. The commerce school, however, provided the career support and technical skills that she saw listed on job postings and LinkedIn. Together, she decided, the majors would make her a “better package.” She’ll move to New York City after graduation to start a job in United Talent Agency’s agent training program.

“I wish I could be like, ‘No, I was just following my passion,’” Deakyne says. The majors do “align with my passion, but I was thinking about marketable skills, and [commerce] is known to be a really high job placement. You’ll learn skills that will make you a marketable job candidate in the recruiting process, which was certainly appealing to me.”

DIFFERENT NAMES, SIMILAR SUBJECTS

UVA is hardly alone among universities seeing big shifts in majors. Research shows that the Great Recession triggered growing and sustained interest in science, technology, engineering and math; the nationwide proportion of undergraduate degrees in STEM fields grew from 22 percent of all degrees awarded in 2006 to 30 percent in 2015, according to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

At UVA, about 35 percent of undergraduate majors were in STEM fields a decade ago, jumping to 44 percent last year, due in large part to the increasing popularity of computer science, cognitive science and statistics.

At the same time, the number of degrees given in humanities such as philosophy, languages, English and history has sharply declined since their heyday in the 1960s and 1970s, according to a Northeastern University analysis of U.S. Department of Education reports. That decline particularly intensified around 2010 across all levels of institutions, including the most elite liberal arts colleges and research universities.

At UVA, that drop has been marked. The humanities, arts, languages and social sciences made up 49 percent of undergraduate degrees 10 years ago and 38 percent last year. English, Spanish, religious studies, foreign affairs and history all fell in popularity during that time.

But fewer students choosing to major in those subjects doesn’t mean students are skipping them altogether, says Brie Gertler, vice provost for academic affairs and professor of philosophy. They’re diving into them through general education requirements and in newer majors that UVA has launched in recent years.

For example, while enrollment in some social science majors has decreased, that’s partly attributable to the introduction of new majors such as global studies, Gertler says. And while there’s a decrease in the number of English majors—151 graduated last year, compared with 215 a decade ago—several English professors are now teaching courses in American studies, she says, a major that’s also seen growth.

Similarly, the media studies department includes professors who are jointly appointed to other departments, including African American studies, the Miller Center, American studies and sociology. Nearly 160 students...
graduated with a media studies degree in 2023, more than four times the number who did a decade ago.

“At UVA, we have not seen profound shifts in the kinds of disciplines that students are pursuing,” Gertler says. “We have seen shifts with the introduction of new majors.”

LIBERAL ARTS FOR THE DATA AGE
And Gertler argues that a UVA education has long been interdisciplinary. General education requirements have exposed physics majors to English classes; in social science departments such as sociology, professors have focused their studies on either quantitative or qualitative aspects of the field; and a history student might have collaborated with an engineering professor on their fourth-year thesis.

But UVA’s newer majors are intentionally interdisciplinary, and the options have grown rapidly. Today, UVA offers about 70 official undergraduate majors, a nearly 20 percent jump over the past decade. New majors begin to form through collaborations with professors and interest from students, Gertler says.

Some of those new majors were introduced unofficially as interdisciplinary studies programs or pathways. Official majors must ultimately be approved by the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia through a review process that requires UVA to demonstrate “compelling evidence” of industry or employer demand. Several of the newer majors, including media studies and global studies, also require applications to manage enrollment as they ramp up.

“Given the speed of societal and technological change, the single most important skill for today’s graduates may be the ability to learn new things and adapt to new situations,” Gertler says. “All of our undergraduate programs foster this ability by providing both depth and breadth.”

Charts below show the number of UVA students who graduated in each major. (Note: Students with a double major are counted twice.)

STEM vs. humanities, arts and social sciences

Growing majors

Shrinking majors

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STEM includes, among others: Computer science (BS and BA), systems engineering, biomedical engineering, biology, chemistry, interdisciplinary-cognitive science and interdisciplinary-statistics. Humanities, arts and social sciences include, among others: English, art, history, economics, Spanish, religious studies and philosophy.
Among those newer majors is the global studies program, where the number of graduates has more than tripled from 65 in 2015-16 to 201 in 2022-23. The major allows students to pick a concentration, such as global security and justice; public health; or commerce, culture and society.

The major’s flexibility appealed to Cole Anderson (Col ’25), whose internship last summer included working with the U.S. House of Representatives’ select committee on strategic competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party.

To fulfill the major requirements, he’s currently taking a course on the New Silk Road of China and fulfilling the program’s world language requirement by learning French. And he’s looking forward to completing a capstone project as a fourth-year, which he could eventually share with future employers. “I can essentially tailor the next two years of my studies to do something that I want to do,” says Anderson, who also is minoring in data science.

The new data science major, which will accept 75 students in its first class, will similarly draw from across different academic disciplines to provide students with a multidisciplinary education and flexibility in the topics they explore. Students will come out with experience in prediction modeling, data engineering and data systems, along with knowledge about policies, ethics, and the social impact of data and how it’s used, says Brian Wright, associate professor and director of undergraduate programs in the School of Data Science.

They’ll also be able to concentrate in a discipline, such as neuroscience and education, or double major in data science and another field, such as economics. “The catchphrase we’re using for the major is ‘A liberal arts degree for the data age,’” Wright says.

**PRACTICAL SKILLS REQUIRED**

For today’s ’Hoos, that mix of liberal arts and technical skills is increasingly important. While a degree from UVA might have been enough for students to land a job a generation ago, the job market students are entering today is far different.

“Back in the day, majors were important. Majors were everything,” says Nicole Hall, UVA’s associate vice president for career and professional development. “Now you have this combination of majors plus skills. … Your skills come through your major. And, if they don’t, students do need to pay attention to what additional skills that they can develop.”

The career center helps students recognize the skills they’re gaining from their academic programs and guides them on developing others, including through micro-internships, self-guided projects, or online education programs that end with a verification of learning that they can share with employers.

A growing number of UVA students also appear to be landing on minors that provide them with practical skills they could list on their LinkedIn page. The percentage of UVA students with minors has doubled over the past decade. In 2023, 37 percent of students graduated with a minor, Gertler says. The most popular are data science, Spanish, social entrepreneurship and engineering business, which is designed for

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students in the engineering school.

The appeal of the data science minor is no surprise to Wright. Interest is booming across the country; the National Center for Education Statistics reports that the number of data science bachelor’s degrees awarded jumped from 84 in 2020 to 897 in 2022. At full capacity, Wright expects that the number of data science majors at UVA will grow to 450 students across the three-year program. In a decade, he sees data literacy as being an important foundational concept and even a key component of a general education at UVA.

“Students are pretty savvy buyers, and they do think about these things,” he says. “The demand for job skills moves so fast. And it’s easy to fall behind. It’s tricky now. You really do have to leverage the time that you have in college to make sure that you’re pursuing something that you really love but also that, when your time is done, that you’re competitive in what is a very knowledge-based economy.”

The minor is even helping science major Madison Dietl (Col ’24) land interviews. She entered UVA with plans to possibly earn a Ph.D. in biology. Adding a data science minor to her biology major opened her eyes to other fields, such as bioinformatics. It’s also helped with the job search process.

“Interviewers always bring up the data science and ask me about what my skills are, how I could use that in the role,” says Dietl, who has spent the past two summers interning at biotechnology companies and works in a UVA cancer immunology lab. “It has definitely gotten me some interviews where a simple biology major would not have sufficed. It makes my resume stand out.”

**THE FUTURE IS INTERDISCIPLINARY**

Of course, even with the boom in programs such as data science, English remains a draw at UVA, appealing to students such as Jaden Bernard (Col ’25). Entering UVA, she intended to study foreign policy, but as a first-year she took a large English lecture class that focused on literature from the Middle Ages to the 18th century, and she fell in love with it.

“I find something about that kind of literature just really gripping because we have this conception that people from what we call ‘the olden days’ didn’t think the same way that we do or didn’t operate the same way we do,” Bernard says. “But all the literature that we read in that class demonstrates that human beings, across these generations and across these time gaps, have a lot in common. … I feel like that class taught me something about myself. And I’ve kind of felt that way with every single English class that I’ve taken.”

Bernard, who hopes to become an English professor and also is minoring in leadership and public policy, has heard what others think of her major— that it won’t give her practical job skills and that it’s not as rigorous as a more technical degree.

But in this new world of artificial intelligence and other technologies, Bernard considers what she’s learning in the English department essential. They include the graphic design and digital signage skills she’s acquiring as a media intern with the department, and they also come from studying medieval literature.

“A great part of studying English literature is the ability to communicate,” Bernard says. “And I think that’s lost on a lot of us because we just have been given a lot of shortcuts to effective communication.”

Ultimately, while STEM fields are booming and AI and other innovations emerge, the world doesn’t just need new technologists, Gertler says. It also needs people with a deep knowledge of English, psychology, studio art and other liberal arts to help gauge the positive and negative impacts of the latest tech tools. And that’s part of what’s guiding how UVA prepares students through its majors, minors and graduation requirements for what comes after Final Exercises.

“All of our graduates are going to face a world that’s rapidly changing,” she says. “The most important aspect of what we offer here is setting students up to be successful in a world that’s changing.”

“We can’t predict the ways that it is going to change. But if you understand how to learn and are deeply familiar with different ways of thinking, then you’re going to be able to adapt.”

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Let there be Lit

The library’s new north wing, on University Avenue, gives clean 21st century expression to the original design without imitating it.
Behold! The humanities library reopens
There was always that distinct experience when you headed to the back of Alderman Library. You’d cross the connecting bridge, never looking down the barren window wells on either side, and confront cold steel—an old elevator beside the metal chute they called a staircase.

The ceilings lowered to half height. The walls closed in. Windows disappeared. Time stopped. Your internal compass lost its polarity. You had descended into the dark night of the Stacks.

Retrace those steps today and it’s like a morning-sun realization that it had all been a bad dream. As you walk, you cross the same bridge, only now you float above a modern courtyard. The view to Carr’s Hill beckons you through to the other side. The ceiling rises to double height. Natural light bathes you from clerestory windows. Welcome to the reimagined Alderman Library.

If we could only use one word to describe it, we would choose “light,” because the space is awash in it. By day, it cascades in; at night, it radiates outward to the streetscape. If allowed a second word, we’d pick “vistas,” for the now unobstructed views of Grounds and the Blue Ridge beyond.

Chicago’s HBRA Architects created a design that pays homage to the original without imitating it. It takes the original building’s simple elegance, borne of Depression-era economy, and gives it clean, 21st century expression.

That starts with the newly constructed north half of the building, replacing the torn-off Stacks, and offering an additional entrance, from University Avenue.

The interior study courts came about by capping the old light wells with a pair of high-tech skylights and pouring a new concrete floor. The atriums connect into an indoor courtyard evocative of the National Gallery.

Impeccably restored are the McGregor Room, aka the Harry Potter Room; Memorial Hall, the library’s grand lobby; and, off to

Left: Students immediately populated the reopened library, including Deborah Meneses (Col ’27), here on the fifth floor with benefit of clerestory lighting.

Above: Replacing the once-imposing walk from Memorial Hall into the Old and New Stacks, there’s now light at the end of the path, clear through to a view of Carr’s Hill.
the right of it, the Reference Room, the street-level study (read: social) hall.

The Windsor chairs and tables there are original, restored by the grandchildren’s generation of the Harrisonburg, Virginia, company that made them. High-end Thos. Moser of Maine handcrafted much of the new furniture.

“What I wanted out of the renovation was another 100-year building, with hundred-year furniture,” says University Librarian John M. Unsworth (Grad ’88).

The big square library building uses wrought-iron balustrading to pay its respects to the big round one that preceded it. Two Rotunda restorations ago, in 1976, UVA dismantled Stanford White’s Beaux Arts →
Shayla Utzinger (Engr ’24) (right) makes use of the handcrafted Thos. Moser Newport chairs and custom tables in the new north end’s fourth floor Reading Room, which overlooks Carr’s Hill.
confection, including the grillwork that wrapped around the balconies of the then-two-story Dome Room. The new library has repurposed them in stairwells and walkways.

“Most of it was stuck in a barn out at Birdwood, and it just sat there for 50 years,” says UVA historic preservationist Brian Hogg (Col ’83).

Design efficiencies reduced the square footage to 225,000 from 275,000, while allowing seating capacity to increase to more than 1,400 from 800.

The new library will hold 1.3 million books, down from 2 million, but with improved curation and fluid
sequencing from the first floor of adjacent Clemons Library to the fifth floor of Alderman. The offsite Ivy Stacks, with capacity for 4 million volumes, will still figure into the mix. On-site, it might take until June to restock the Alderman shelves.

Restocking the place with students took about half a day. They’re everywhere, as if they’ve always been there. In fact, basically none of them has. Construction closed the library for the past seven semesters, making this most every undergraduate’s first look. And it’s a dazzling one. 

Richard Gard is the editor of Virginia Magazine.
Seen from above, the bridgeway to the Stacks now floats above two mirror-image atriums, which connect into a museum-like courtyard. Clockwise from left: The architects punctuated the new space with a series of design accents including the drawer fronts from the old card catalogue; globe lights amid the fifth-floor clerestory; and retro-looking exit signs in Memorial Hall.
In homage to the Rotunda, the University’s original library, the new place has repurposed the iron balustrading from the 1898 Dome Room, when it was two stories and a Stanford White Beaux Arts confection.
Renovating the name, too

UNDERSTANDING WHAT’S BEHIND THE PUSH TO RENAME ALDERMAN LIBRARY FOR EDGAR SHANNON

BY RICHARD GARD
After four years and $161 million of construction, Alderman Library reopened to students in January with a conspicuous item still on the punch list—the name over the door. The space is blank.

John M. Unsworth (Grad ’88), the dean of the libraries, had petitioned for the made-over building to be named for someone other than Edwin Anderson Alderman, the University of Virginia’s first president, a figure who was larger than life in his day but whose embrace of eugenics makes him problematic in ours.

Unsworth made his request almost three years ago. A blue-ribbon committee devoted close to two of those years to studying the question and formulating a recommendation. It has proposed transferring the marquee honor to a similarly pivotal University president, Edgar F. Shannon Jr. In his 1959-to-1974 term, he worked to integrate UVA, brought about full coeducation and, amid the turmoil of the Vietnam antiwar protests, earned acclaim for keeping the academic year, of the Vietnam antiwar protests, earned full coeducation and, amid the turmoil of the Vietnam antiwar protests, earned acclaim for keeping the academic year, the premises and the First Amendment all intact.

After months of consideration, the Board of Visitors said it would vote on the recommendation by March 1, in time for the library’s official grand opening five weeks hence.

“It’s the most consequential commemorative naming decision the Board will have taken up since the University began reevaluating the iconography of Grounds over the past several years. No previous issue has involved a building as prominent as the main library or a personage as central to UVA history as Alderman.

It would mark something of a precedent for Shannon too, a major step-up in his recognition on Grounds. In 2013, the University affixed his name to one of the three just-completed new-new dorms, adding him to a crowd of namesakes beside Lile-Maupin and Tuttle-Dunnington, all located, in fact, off Alderman Road.

PUTTING THE NAME IN PLAY

Unsworth submitted his request to Michael F. Suarez, the English professor and Rare Book School director who chairs the Naming and Memorials Committee. Members include former law dean and UVA presidential counselor John C. Jeffries Jr. (Law ’73); former University Rector Frank M. “Rusty” Conner III (Col ’78, Law ’81); former Alumni Association Board of Managers Chair Meredith B. Jenkins (Col ’93); two historians; and current and recent student leaders.

Suarez, a Jesuit priest with multiple graduate degrees, put them through their paces. Unsworth’s submission included a 27-page white paper on Alderman that retired UVA history professor Phyllis Leffler had prepared. The committee didn’t simply check her citations; it went to her sources, and then to her sources’ sources. After consulting Gregory Michael Dorr’s (Grad ’94, ’00) cited book on eugenics in Virginia, Segregation’s Science, the committee retrieved the UVA doctoral dissertation that underlay it, and then it had him present to the committee himself.

“We understood the seriousness of the [renaming] request,” Suarez says. “The committee very much didn’t want to, as it were, take anybody’s word for it. We wanted to do the work ourselves.”

He divided committee members into pairs and gave out assignments. No one was spared. “So, there’s Rusty Conner, the former rector of the University of Virginia, sitting in Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections, turning over pages in the Alderman papers,” Suarez says. “And this was iterated over and over again.”

A NATIONAL FIGURE

The UVA naming policy, the standards the Suarez committee applies, dates to 2008 with several revisions since. Working in Alderman’s favor as UVA’s first and longest-serving president are the policy’s “strong preference” to honor “administrators,” among others, “who have had long, close, and valued associations with the University” and its desire to “recognize distinguished or exceptional levels of achievement.”

Alderman took on the newly created post of University president in the fall of 1904 having already established a reputation as one of the South’s foremost voices on public education and having served as president of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and then Tulane University.

Over his 27 years in office here, he more than tripled regular-session enrollment to 2,514 and multiplied the endowment thirtyfold to $10 million, according to a May 1931 tribute in Alumni News. He was a master fundraiser, attracting investments from the Rockefeller family to found an education school, from Paul Goodloe McIntire to start a school of commerce, and from Andrew Carnegie for a range of curricular reforms, all while steadily increasing UVA’s state appropriations.

And he was a builder, starting with the president’s mansion he put atop Carr’s Hill, passing on the offer of a pavilion and signaling the assertive leadership style to come. He erected Lambeth Colonnades to upgrade UVA’s football venue, then upgraded it again by constructing Scott Stadium. In the

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—Michael F. Suarez
years in between, he put up Memorial Gymnasium. Alderman also expanded the UVA hospital five different times.

He had a gift for elaborate oratory, which helped advance his national prominence, culminating in the eulogy he delivered before Congress in 1924 for his longtime friend Woodrow Wilson (Law 1880). Wilson was one of four U.S. presidents Alderman had hosted over the years on Carr’s Hill, according to a New York Times obituary. A fifth, Herbert Hoover, sent a telegram of condolence upon Alderman’s sudden death in 1931. So did former New York Gov. Al Smith, who had lost to Hoover.

Sixteen days before the need for condolences, Founder’s Day 1931, at what would be his last official University function, Alderman urged UVA to build a new library, saying it would be his pride and glory should he live to see one take form.

Alderman was, in short, the obvious choice for the honor when UVA dedicated a new UVA library in June 1938.

A HIGHER BAR
Nearly a century later, renewing Alderman’s library privileges is far from automatic. As a baseline, the naming policy contemplates time limits: 25 years for honorific names (as opposed to those tied to major gifts) with no guarantee beyond that. Alderman’s name has fronted the library for 86. (The presumptive timespan for philanthropy-based names is 75 years.)

Substantively more troublesome for Alderman is the policy’s aspirational language. In several different places the guidelines call on commemorations to uphold UVA’s values—that a selected name “should reflect our values as an academic institution,” that it “serve as a projection of our values,” that it be consistent with the “community values of the University.” In the same vein, “honorees should demonstrate virtues the University hopes its students seek to emulate.” Putting an even finer point on the matter, the UVA naming policy favors honorific names that “consider the University’s mission related to inclusion and diversity.”

Historian Michael Dennis regards Alderman as a prominent example of the self-styled New South progressives who ran the region’s public universities around the turn of the 20th century. “He combined the paternalism and the uplift with the racial control, which is supposed to be the progressive alternative to what was being offered—you know, violence and lynching,” says Dennis, who devoted part of his book Lessons in Progress to Alderman and met with the naming committee.

Alderman expressed his views on racial hierarchy strongly, frequently and at length. A particularly instructive example, just to give a taste of his rhetoric, is a speech he delivered to a near-capacity Carnegie Hall audience in 1908, several years into his UVA presidency. He called denying African Americans the right to vote “the chiefest political constructive act of Southern genius” and defended segregation as “a far-sighted politics of justice, both to the negro as a race, and to the higher groups that inhabit this nation and to civilization at large.”

In 1921 he sent a copy to Carter G. Woodson, the Black historian who pioneered African American studies and founded what would become Black History Month. Alderman’s cover letter to Woodson said the booklet still represented the clearest expression of his views 13 years later. He proceeded to recap the more important points, reiterating his long-held views on Black people’s limited potential. The missive was particularly condescending, considering the addressee. Woodson, the son of formerly enslaved parents, held a master’s degree from the University of Chicago and a Harvard Ph.D. Alderman’s formal education terminated in a bachelor’s degree from Chapel Hill.

PROBLEMATIC LEGACY
Virginia’s first president is credited with founding the modern University by raising UVA’s prominence in scientific research. He did so, in significant part, by doubling down on the study and teaching of eugenics, the ersatz and disgraced...
science obsessed with selective human breeding. It’s a broad-spectrum form of prejudice, demeaning African Americans, Jews, Southern Europeans, Asians, immigrants and people with disabilities, essentially anyone other than healthy Anglo-Saxons.

Alderman didn’t introduce the scientific pursuit of eugenics to UVA; it was already well-established here, and not just here but practically everywhere. The theories had captured the interest of the most prestigious universities in the U.S. and Europe, as they soon would Nazi Germany.

As Dorr’s book on Virginia eugenics puts it, “Edwin Alderman was swept along by the surge in scientific racism.” He points to Alderman’s wave of hiring. In 1907 he brought on Harvey E. Jordan, the medical professor who five years later would publish *Eugenics: The Rearing of the Human Thoroughbred*.

Ivey Foreman Lewis, hired in 1915 to chair the biology department, became one of Alderman’s closest advisers, especially in personnel decisions. Lewis organized faculty support for Virginia’s 1924 Racial Integrity Act, which barred interracial marriages. He similarly helped along the Virginia Sterilization Act of 1924, which would eventually account for an estimated 8,000 forced sterilizations of people designated as mentally disabled. Throughout the early 20th century, Dorr documents, UVA trained up a generation of scientists, physicians, high school teachers and policymakers in eugenics.

How much of that legacy directly ties to Alderman? Dennis, a history professor at Acadia University in Nova Scotia, considers eugenics and New South progressivism “one and of a piece.” If Alderman is lauded as a New South reformer, “I see no reason why he shouldn’t also be held responsible for the kinds of professors he hired,” Dennis says, “without laying everything at the feet of one individual as if he was solely responsible for promoting those ideas. But they shared a worldview, and he helped build and legitimize that worldview.”

**THEN AND NOW WHAT?**

Suarez describes his committee’s approach to taking the full measure of Edwin Alderman as judicious. “Over time we found that there were a number of aspects of Alderman’s values and decisions that he made that were incommensurate with the values of the University today,” he says.

If not Alderman, then who? That question played in the background throughout the deliberations. In a sense, it preceded them. With a charge broader than simply reviewing requests that cross its desk, the committee from its outset made note of UVA figures deserving of honor in the historic landscape.

In those general discussions and then, later, in those focused on the library, the name Edgar Shannon kept rising to the top. Suarez says the committee undertook a three-step process: It evaluated the appropriateness of continuing the honor for Alderman; it reached an “Aha, yes,” for Shannon; then it set out to vet Shannon with the same rigor it had applied to Alderman.

Briefly, the group flirted with not naming the building for anyone at all but rebranding it Commonwealth Library. Says Suarez, “In the end we decided, ‘Hmm, sort of a little bit anodyne, a little bit not signaling our values enough.’”

**WHY SHANNON**

The Shannon proposal took the library conversation in a different direction, one more compatible with a more pluralistic institution. Shannon pushed UVA to integrate. In his first year in office, 1959, he hired Paul Saunier, a key operative in the effort to make the University more attractive to Black candidates. There was much to overcome. A Confederate flag flew on the Corner; fans at football games sang “Dixie” when Virginia scored. UVA had only the previous spring handed out its first undergraduate degree to an African American student.

By 1966, almost midway through Shannon’s presidency, UVA still had only 68 Black students on the rolls, less than 1 percent of the student population of 7,873. By fall of 1974, at the end of Shannon’s final admissions cycle, Black enrollment had grown sevenfold to 479 (3.3 percent) of a total population of 14,382 students.

That larger number, overall enrollment, nearly tripled during Shannon’s 15 years, the consequence of one of his signature accomplishments, full coeducation. It simultaneously increased UVA’s size and selectivity. It was a long time coming, and Shannon moved slowly as he navigated Board resistance.

**Shannon’s Rotunda address is remembered not for flights of oratory but the courage of his convictions.**

Edgar F. Shannon Jr.’s push to integrate UVA had a lot from the past to overcome.
Ultimately it took the ACLU and a federal court order to remove restrictions and accelerate the pace.

Shannon’s finest hour came during his presidency’s greatest turmoil, the May Days 1970 antiwar protests. In a crescendo moment, after having prevented destruction and fended off student demands, he appeared on the steps of the Rotunda before an estimated crowd of 4,000 to denounce the war. It was a stunning stance for a World War II veteran awarded 11 battle stars, one of them Bronze, who during his career had served on the boards of the U.S. Naval and Air Force academies. Amid subsequent calls for his ouster, the Board stood by him. A few weeks later, as he processed down the Lawn for Final Exercises, a swell of applause built to a prolonged standing ovation.

Alderman’s shining hour was the Woodrow Wilson eulogy, mentioned in all his obituaries for its flights of oratory. Shannon’s Rotunda statement is remembered instead for the courage of its convictions. The most sympathetic view of Alderman seeks to understand him as a product of his times. Shannon’s admirers point to his having the fortitude to challenge his times.

Another contrast, for purposes of whose name to associate with UVA’s principal humanities library: Shannon was a scholar, immersed in the humanities as an authority on Alfred, Lord Tennyson. **John T. Casteen III (Col ’65, Grad ’66, ’70),** UVA’s seventh president, who earned his degrees during the Shannon years, remembers seeing the president head inside Alderman Library most afternoons at a predictable hour. Unusual even then, Shannon conducted classes and scholarly research while in office. Says Casteen, “I can remember people who would complain that he was spending time with his students and with Tennyson while also being the president.”

Avoiding taking a side on the library’s name, Casteen says of Shannon: “He drove the University toward academic excellence, which had not been a major consideration previously. He made the library the center of the University’s intellectual life. He took the University to distinctions that simply weren’t out there before his time. And he was a very active, central part of the University.”

If UVA had just built a new library with no preexisting name, should it be named for Shannon?

“Yeah, I think that’s an easy answer,” he says.

**MOVING FORWARD**

Suarez says he has not compiled a timeline of when his committee reached its consensus to recommend renaming the library for Shannon. **Sarita Mehta (Col ’22),** a student leader on the committee who stayed on after graduation, pegs it to around April 2022, with a draft proposal submitted that August, based on her review of emails.

The formal version for the Board of Visitors’ consideration was tendered in May 2023. It didn’t make the agendas for the subsequent two regular meetings and then got tabled from a third, in December, setting up the anticipated March vote.

For all the committee’s 20 months of extensive research and deliberations, it kept its recommendation to a spare 529 words. It noted that Alderman “brought the University into the first half of the 20th century and was principally responsible for giving the University the organization and ethos by which it then operated.”

Using parallel construction to draw a distinction, it continues: “Similarly, it was president Edgar Shannon who ushered the University into the second half of that century and whose leadership largely gave our University the character, values, and aspirations by which we understand the University of Virginia and its commitments to excellence today.”

Says Suarez, “Alderman’s career is a matter of public record, but we thought that this should be an affirmational document.”

That suits Unsworth, the University librarian who called the question in 2021. He says, “My goal is to see the building renamed, not to score points on the dead.”

Whatever the Board vote, Unsworth and naming committee members envision some form of library exhibit to give a fuller history of Alderman, explain why the University chose him for the honor in 1938 and, if applicable, why it felt compelled to find a replacement, and why Shannon.

Change or no, the renovated space will likely need to offer context for the message on the wall that faces visitors as they step inside Memorial Hall, the library’s grand foyer. Beneath a giant clock, etched into the stonework in gold, it says: “THIS BUILDING ERECTED IN MEMORY OF EDWIN ANDERSON ALDERMAN FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA 1904 – 1931.”

Says Unsworth, “I don’t see that going away.”

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Ruth Helen Innes (Col '95)  Philip T. Gurney (Engr '09, Darden '21)  Steven Scott Lunsford Jr. (Col '22, Com '23)  Benjamin D. Yeh (Col '25)
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Percy V. Crocker Jr. (Com '96)  Zhiwen Lu (Engr '09, Engr '13)  Jason Ashley Seamster (SCPS '22)  
Adrian Le Preston (Med '86)  Julia Jones Sanchez (Edu '09)
Ryan Michael Szymkowicz (Col '97)  Michael R. Push (Col '12)  Amanda Michelle Smith (Edu '22)
Ryan J. Dabbieri (Engr '98)  Siddhant Das (Col '13)  Kathryn Kent Watson (Edu '22)
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A LETTER OF THANKS

In January, we announced exciting news: The “Honor the Future” capital campaign crossed the $5 billion threshold, 18 months ahead of schedule. That’s an important milestone that offers an opportunity to reflect and offer thanks, and this letter gives me an opportunity to do just that.

The $5 billion figure—a tremendous mark of the generosity of our community—represents an investment that will benefit generations of students, support the best and brightest faculty, spark discoveries, and support our aim to be the best public university in the country by 2030.

There is another figure, though, that is just as important: 230,000. Roughly 230,000 alumni, parents, students, staff and friends have contributed to the Honor the Future campaign as of this writing. For context, we have about 265,000 living alumni. I am deeply grateful to each and every person who has chosen to give to this place.

Thousands of people across the University have worked hard to get us to this point. Campaign Chair Peter Grant (Col ’78, Darden ’86), a proud Double ‘Hoo, has brought energy and thoughtfulness to his volunteer role, traveling the world to connect with and inspire alumni and friends. He leads a 34-member Campaign Executive Committee, all volunteers who have given generously and lent invaluable advice. It’s been an honor and pleasure to work alongside them.

A huge thanks goes out to our talented and dedicated University Advancement team, led by Vice President for Advancement Mark Luellen. Mark and his team have set targets, stewarded gifts, and planned countless events, campaigns, reports and meetings. Their ambition and vision have been critical to our success.

I’d also like to thank the faculty and staff who have worked together to launch the Karsh Institute of Democracy, the Paul and Diane Manning Institute of Biotechnology and the School of Data Science. These ambitious projects were made possible by this campaign and the generosity and vision of their supporters, and it has been incredibly exciting to see them come to life. This past fall, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia approved a new undergraduate major in data science, while in October the Karsh Institute welcomed thousands to its Democracy360 conference, with an outstanding, bipartisan lineup of speakers. In December, we broke ground on the Paul and Diane Manning Institute of Biotechnology, which will be a 350,000-square-foot, world-class research facility.

I’m also grateful to all who have supported the transformation of the Emmet-Ivy corridor, now graced by the new School of Data Science building, and home to the planned Tessa and Richard Ader Performing Arts Center and the Karsh Institute of Democracy. This area will become a thriving connection point between Central and North Grounds with classroom, research, and performance space alongside outdoor areas for all to enjoy.

Meanwhile, campaign contributions also supported the renovation of Alderman Library, which re-opened its doors in January. I’m grateful to everyone who supported the renovation, which gives today’s students the opportunity to experience a building that generations before them cherished, even through sleepless nights of studying.

I am also grateful to those who gave to the new Contemplative Commons building, supported by the generosity and vision of Paul Jones (Col ’76) and Sonia Jones. Located adjacent to the Dell and home to the Contemplative Sciences Center, this multipurpose building will house an impressive range of academic programs, research efforts and art installations. Its flexible spaces can adapt to a wide range of uses, from classroom or meeting areas to performance spaces or yoga studios.

We’ve seen so many other acts of extraordinary generosity, from scholarships created by first-generation students to help others who are the first in their families to go to college, to cancer research supported by donors whose loved ones have bravely faced that disease, or professorships created by those who fondly remember their own mentors.

I could keep going, but this magazine only has so many pages. Suffice it to say that this campaign has shown, repeatedly and profoundly, the ties that bind us and make this UVA family special.

However, even as we pause to offer thanks, we’re not slowing down. There is more to do as we work toward the goals outlined in our 2030 Plan: Strengthening our University near and dear to them. The Goldsmiths have been longtime supporters of acceptance to the University of Virginia. A Pennsylvania family, the Goldsmiths have been long-time supporters of their son, Anthony (Col ’27), who received his letter one of the best days of Jim Goldsmith’s (McIntire ’96) life when his son, Anthony (Col ’27), received his letter of acceptance to the University of Virginia. A Pennsylvania family, the Goldsmiths have been long-time supporters of their son, Anthony (Col ’27), who received his letter of acceptance to the University of Virginia. A Pennsylvania family, the Goldsmiths have been long-time supporters of their son, Anthony (Col ’27), who received his letter of acceptance to the University of Virginia. A Pennsylvania family, the Goldsmiths have been long-time supporters of their son, Anthony (Col ’27), who received his letter of acceptance to the University of Virginia. A Pennsylvania family, the Goldsmiths have been long-time supporters of their son, Anthony (Col ’27), who received his letter of acceptance to the University of Virginia.

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President’s Letter

JAMES E. RYAN (LAW ’92)
President of the University of Virginia
One of the best days of Jim Goldsmith’s (McIntire ’96) life was when his son, Anthony (Col ’27), received his letter of acceptance to the University of Virginia. A Pennsylvania native, Jim had chosen UVA on the recommendation of his own father. The Goldsmiths have been longtime supporters of the University near and dear to them.

“When I give to The Virginia Fund, in a way, I’m continuing to invest in my own diploma. You should never stop investing in your own education,” Jim said. “And now, it’s for my son, too. Virginia has given my son the same opportunity it gave me, and it’s a way of showing my appreciation.”

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Time Capsule

BY JUDY LE

As temperatures start to rise across the country, we asked: **What was your favorite outdoor activity at UVA?**

“In the mid-1960s, trying to avoid Poe, a faculty member’s pet crow, who hung around Alderman Library begging bites of donuts and nipping your ankle if you didn’t comply.”
—Dorothy Potter (Grad ’66, ’00)

“Reading Pablo Neruda against one of those beautiful large trees on the Lawn in the spring.”
—LuAnn Maciulla McNabb (Col ’79)

“The running track by the baseball stadium, especially at night at Thanksgiving where it was all to myself to run without a shirt in late-November rainy weather.”
—Saahil Nanavati (Col ’08)

“For our next issue: What was the hottest cutting-edge technology when you were at UVA? Tell us at uvmag.com/timecapsules, and we’ll select some to run in the Summer issue.”

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—Steven H. Hochman (Grad ’70, ’87)

“Walking down the Lawn and just taking in the history and beauty. Of course, the tag football game between the School of Nursing and the architecture school was fun, also.”—Mary Alexander (Nurs ’70)

“Walking from the Rotunda to the Old Dorms.”—Lucius Clay (Med ’79)

“Participating in graduation day exercises on the Lawn, both as a graduate student and later as a faculty member.”
—Thomas Pitt (Grad ’76, Darden ’81)

“Listening to the real bell ring every hour in the chapel pulled by hand by an employee who sang out loud in a wonderful voice as he carried out his job of picking up trash on the Grounds.”
—Whitman “Pete” Cross (Col ’54, Grad ’59)
“I recall solitary, late-night walks on the balustraded wings of the Rotunda. I strained to see the darkened Lawn, walls and gardens, and I swore I could feel the spirits of those attending the University before me—perhaps the result of a beer buzz, or fresh cool air playing on an otherwise crowded mind seizing a moment’s pleasure at simply being there.”
—G. Robert Jones (Col ’69, Grad ’80)

“From the 1960s to present day, alumni from every generation noted Frisbee as a favorite outdoor activity. Some were more organized than others. Says Richard Garner (Col ’89):

“Playing Frisbee golf on the Grounds was the best! My friends and I would tee off from the steps of the Rotunda and work our way down the Lawn, looping behind Old Cabell and the amphitheater, ultimately back up the Lawn to the Rotunda. The course layout was developed before our time, but we took it to the next level by setting up our own tournaments complete with trophies and a winner’s jacket!”

“Alumni cited O-Hill as a favorite spot to get outdoors. Susannah Allen (Educ ’26), pictured, loves mountain biking there, as does Jessica Worsham (SCPS ’21). Lawson Wijesooriya (Col ’02) reminisced about stargazing at the top.

“Playing quidditch in the amphitheater! I’ll always remember a bunch of us running around with Swiffer Sweepers as broomsticks and one person running through the pavilion gardens as the golden snitch.” —Katie Yankoski (Col ’10)

“I loved to run to Chris Greene Lake from my Lambeth Field apartment. We would only do it though if we knew that there was someone also going that would give us a ride back. It did happen once or twice that we had to run back. The run back was not a great memory, especially if we had enjoyed a few beverages at the lake.”
—Pete Polonsky (Com ’82)

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“Intramural sports! I remember lots of soccer, touch football, softball and ultimate Frisbee.” —David Thurlow (Col ’80)

“Getting in a pickup basketball game down in the Dell behind the Old Dorms.”
—Michael Margolit (Col ’81)

“Spending countless hours sitting at the Colonnades with my roommate Diana (Stanton) Geraghty (Nurs ’94), talking about life, school, boys. It was such a peaceful and beautiful location, especially at night.”
—Jennifer (Thornton) Farrar (Com ’94)
Class Notes

‘60s

John Armstrong (Col ’69 CM) has published Breaking Stories, a novel in which the principal character, Jake Morris, is a young journalist who launches an unauthorized investigation of a corrupt politician. When his editor balks at publishing the story, Jake quits and goes on a journey to discover the reason for his editor’s reluctance. Armstrong lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife, Val, whom he met at UVA.

Dr. Chuck Edwards (Col ’69 CM) has published Late Fragment: Notes on the Later Stages of Life, his second book helping the aged find hope in their later years. His first book was Much Abides: A Survival Guide for Aging Lives. Book sales support Memory & Movement Charlotte, the nonprofit medical practice Edwards founded to treat Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia.

Rand Garrett (Com ’69 CM) celebrated his 75th birthday by riding his bike from Virginia to California. He left Yorktown, Virginia, on April 17, 2022, and arrived in San Francisco two months later accompanied by his wife, Jan, who drove a support vehicle.

‘70s

Fred Levy (Col ’70 CM) has retired after 42 years as a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch, just his second employer since graduating from UVA. He can now be found on a tennis court, in a pool, at a bridge table or cheering on UVA sports teams.

Bill Ellis (Col ’72 CM) has received The American Folklore Society’s Lifetime Scholarly Achievement Award for 2023. This award, the society’s highest accolade, is bestowed annually to a living senior scholar in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments. The AFS noted Dr. Ellis’ important contributions to the understanding of contemporary (or urban) legends, of rumor-panics, and of conspiracy theories, as well as his application of traditional folklore concepts to internet-based discourse.

Theodore Freeman (Col ’73 CM) has retired after 43 years of practicing law. During his career, Freeman managed the defense of local governmental entities in state and federal courts, including the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. In 1997 he co-founded Freeman Mathis & Gary LLP, an eight-attorney firm that now employs over 250 lawyers across 34 offices in 19 states.

Pat Partridge (Col ’76, Darden ’82) received an honorary doctorate from Western Governors University upon his retirement after 18 years as chief marketing officer. His book of political humor, You Know You’re a Republican/Democrat If... is in its third edition under his pen name, Frank Benjamin.

Tink “Buddy” Johnson (Col ’78 CM) has retired from private practice in urology after 35 years in Statesville, North Carolina. He has been appointed assistant clinical professor of urology at Wake Forest University and will be working at the VA Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina.

‘80s


Linda Lakhdhir (Col ’81 CM) has joined Climate Rights International as its legal director. CRI was founded in 2022 to focus on the intersection between climate change and human rights abuses, using on-the-ground research, detailed documentation, and strategic advocacy to press for change. Lakhdhir previously served as Asia legal adviser for Human Rights Watch.

Kris Nanda (Col ’81, Law ’85 CM) retired from the Canadian federal government after 22 years of service. His career included six years as a diplomat with the U.S. Department of State with postings in Toronto, Panama and Ottawa. From 2017-2021 he served as manager of environmental petitions for the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, helping Canadians convey their environmental concerns to federal cabinet ministers.

Roger Millar (Engr ’82 CM) recently completed service as president of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, advocating for a resilient national transportation system that is safe, smart and sound.

Sharon E. Crane (Grad ’84) has joined Haynes and Boone LLP as counsel in the Life Sciences practice group in Washington, D.C. Crane’s practice focuses on intellectual property matters in the biotech and pharmaceutical fields.

Jane E. Hardy (Col ’85) was named senior associate dean at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

John L. Steadman (Grad ’85) is working on his fourth book, Human Infinities, and the Bondage of Space and Time: Edgar Allan Poe, H.P. Lovecraft and the Quantum Multiverse. Steadman is an independent...
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Rayotsis Perkins (Col ’88 CM) received a “Hoos Making a Difference” award from the Virginia Football Alumni Club. Perkins was recognized for his contributions as a leader and his dedication to community service. He is an assistant principal and athletic director at Tolleson Union High School in Tolleson, Arizona.

Eve Lindemuth Bodeux (Grad ’89) was elected to a two-year term as secretary of the American Translators Association at the organization’s annual conference in Miami in October 2023. The ATA is the world’s largest professional association for translators and interpreters.

Steven Munger (Col ’89 CM) will join the faculty of the UVA School of Medicine as a professor of otolaryngology. He will continue his research into the function and dysfunction of the senses of smell and taste and direct a new center focused on the science of smell, taste, hearing, speech and balance. Munger has served as director of the University of Florida Center for Smell and Taste since 2016, is a past president of the Association for Chemoreception Sciences and is the editor-in-chief of the scientific journal Chemical Senses.

Kristin Kisska Mehigan (Com ’90 CM) published her debut novel, The Hint of Light, under her pen name Kristin Kisska. The book follows a grieving mother who, after learning that her late son may have fathered a child, desperately searches for the granddaughter she never knew existed.

Dr. Carrie Johansson (Col ’93 CM) has published her first book, Self Help on the Go: Because You Are Not Broken, But Life Gets Tricky. The book details 99 ways to navigate life’s inevitable ups and downs.

Dr. Daniel P. Montero (Educ ’93 CM) received the 2023 Mayo Distinguished Clinician Award. The award recognizes individuals who make outstanding contributions in patient care and embody Mayo’s primary value: The needs of the patient come first.

Robert Muckenfuss (Col ’93 CM) has been appointed chair of McGuireWoods’ Financial Services and Securities Enforcement Department. Previously, Muckenfuss chaired the Commercial Litigation Department.

Jason Zeitler (Col ’96) has had multiple works of literature published by Polyphony Press, including the novel The Half-Caste and a story collection titled The Breatharian and Other Stories.

Heather Brown Hollemann (Col ’97 CM) has won Christianity Today’s 2024 Book of the Year Award for her young adult novel, This Seat’s Saved.

Jessica Bantom (Col ’98 CM) joined integrated design firm DLR Group as the global leader for equity, diversity and
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belonging. The role is the culmination of her career spanning management consulting, diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging, and interior design consulting. She released her first book, *Design for Identity: How to Design Authentically for a Diverse World*, in April 2023, and is teaching a course based on her book at Marymount University.

**Steven Betz (Grad ’98)** has joined the University of Michigan, Dearborn, as government relations director. He directs all university interactions with federal, state and local officials.

**’00s**

Ilana Berry (Law ’03) received “Best Books Selection” recognition from *The New Yorker* for her debut novel, *The Peacock and the Sparrow*. It was also recognized as a “Best Book of the Year” by National Public Radio and was named one of the best reads of 2023 by Diplomatic Courier. The novel is about an aging spy caught in the crosswinds of the Arab Spring on the Persian Gulf island of Bahrain. Berry was a spy for the CIA for six years, including one year in wartime Baghdad. She publishes under the pen name I.S. Berry.

Ashley-Ruth M. Bernier (Col ’04, Educ ’04) published a short story, “Ripen,” that was included in *The Best American Mystery and Suspense 2023*. Bernier has been writing short fiction set in her home island of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, since she was a student at UVA. She lives in North Carolina with her husband and children.

Nakita Reed (Arch ’06) has been promoted to senior associate in Quinn Evans’ Baltimore office. Working at the intersection of historic preservation, sustainable design, and equity, she engages in transformative projects such as the redevelopment of the 800 block of Harlem and Edmondson in Baltimore, Maryland, and the restoration of Baltimore Penn Station. Reed serves as president of the Baltimore Architecture Foundation.

Allison (Powell) Leighton (Arch ’07) has been promoted to senior associate at Quinn Evans. Leighton has served as...
the project manager for Cristo Rey High School in Richmond, Virginia; the Acuff Center for Aquaculture at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point, Virginia; and the Advanced Career Education Centers at Hermitage and Highland Springs for Henrico County (Va.) Public Schools.

Harrison Wade Reishman (Com ’07) has published Story Wars, a tabletop party game that’s a battle to build the craziest, wildest story. Pairing hilarious story cards off a prompt card each round, players can create over a million memorable stories to keep the party going with endless laugh-out-loud entertainment.

Nora Stone (Col ’07) has published her first book, How Documentaries Went Mainstream: A History, 1960-2022. The book provides a comprehensive and meaningful periodization of the commercialization of documentary film, which has moved closer to the mainstream, thanks to the popularity of “rockumentaries,” the independent film movement, support from public and cable television, and the rise of streaming video services.

Joe Averbach (Col ’09) has been promoted to partner at Potomac Point Group, a boutique consulting firm specializing in transformative initiatives across the housing finance industry. Before joining PP in 2013, Averbach worked as a strategy consultant for Booz Allen Hamilton, where he spearheaded business process improvement efforts for Department of Defense clients.

Peter Capuano (Grad ’09) has published Dickens’s Idiomatic Imagination, an analysis of how Charles Dickens’ use of low and slangy language allowed him to express and develop his most sophisticated ideas. Capuano considers Dickens’ use of bodily idioms—“right-hand man,” “shoulder to the wheel,” “nose to the grindstone”—against the broader lexical backdrop of the 19th century. Capuano is an associate professor of English and a faculty fellow in the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities at the University of Nebraska.

Pat Cuadros (Col ’09) was promoted to pop culture editor of Blogcritics.
magazine. Cuadros is also a senior writer-editor with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service.

‘10s

Joe Iriarte (Com ’09, ’10) married Katherine Mize on Sept. 30, 2023, at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, Virginia. They met in New York City and live in Boston with their pup, Alfie.

Jonathan G. Malacarne (Col ’09 CM) and Janet E. Horsager welcomed a son, Ari Horsager Malacarne, on Dec. 13, 2023.

Ryan McEnroe (Arch ’09) has been promoted to senior associate in Quinn Evans’ Washington, D.C., office. He contributed to the design of the recently reopened Bird House at the National Zoological Park and the award-winning National Native American Veterans Memorial at the National Museum of the American Indian, both for the Smithsonian Institution. He is a co-founder of AIA|DC’s Christopher Kelley Leadership Development Program.

Malerie Ma Roddy (Col ’10 CM) has been promoted to partner at the law firm ArentFox Schiff. Roddy focuses on civil litigation and class action defense, serving clients across industries such as juvenile products, food and beverage, automotive, and consumer home goods. Roddy also co-chairs ArentFox Schiff’s New Moms Group, ParentFox Midwest, and the Asian Attorneys Inclusion Group.

Juliana Yee (Col ’10 CM) has been promoted to partner at the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson. Yee focuses on high-stakes disputes, including class actions, mass actions and trials in state and federal courts across a wide range of industries, including technology, entertainment, higher education, and financial services. She also maintains an active pro bono practice focused on immigration matters and civil rights and serves as co-chair of the Development Committee of the Utah Center for Legal Inclusion.

Catelyn Nelson Bernstein (Engr ’11 CM) and Aaron Taylor Bernstein (Com ’12) welcomed their second daughter, Chloe Anne Bernstein, in September 2023.

Caroline Higgins Languasco (Engr ’11 CM) and Jon Languasco (Engr ’15) welcomed their second child, Archer James, on Jan. 19, 2023. Big sister Jules is elated.

Laura Rikard (Grad ’11) has been invited to speak on intimacy coordination at the Berlin Film Festival. Intimacy coordinators work with and advocate for actors to develop and choreograph intimate scenes in film, television and theater. Rikard is founder of an organization called Theatrical Intimacy Education and an associate professor of theatre at the University of South Carolina Upstate.

Christina Keenan (Col ’12, Educ ’12) and Jack Keenan (Col ’11 CM), welcomed their son, Myles Eslin, Jan. 19, 2023. He joins his sister, Charlotte Anne, who turned 4 in December.

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McCauley Williams (Col '11) has launched Alma Del Jaguar Tequila, a company committed to preservation of wild jaguars in northern Mexico. Williams was inspired by his uncle Rick, a wildlife photographer who moved to Mexico in the 1990s to study wild jaguars and co-founded the Northern Jaguar Project, an effort between conservationists from the U.S. and Mexico to preserve and recover the world’s northernmost population of endangered wild jaguars and their unique habitats.

Lauren Mims (Col ’12, Educ ’19) was named an Emerging Scholar for 2024 by Diverse: Issues in Higher Education magazine for her work creating safe spaces for Black students to thrive in public education. Mims is an assistant professor in the Department of Applied Psychology at New York University’s Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.

Rex Young (Col ’12 CM) accepted a new role as senior permitting manager at Plus Power LLC, a Houston-based developer

of utility-scale battery energy storage systems. In his position, Young obtains the federal, state and local permits required to interconnect new projects and reduce emissions across the country’s electric grid. Young is based in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Catherine Jansch (Col ’13, Med ’18 CM) and Paul Andrew Jarasek Jr. welcomed their first child, Paul Andrew Jarasek III, on Dec. 26, 2023.

Ron Poff (SCPS ’14 CM) has been named the assistant department head in the Department of Management at Virginia Tech’s Pamplin College of Business. He was promoted to associate professor of practice and assumed the new administrative role in July 2023.

Liz Barbour (Col ’16, Educ ’16 CM) and Ian Nickel (Med ’19, Res ’20) were married at Valley Road Vineyards in Afton, Virginia, on Sept. 30, 2023. The couple lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, with their dog, Rhys.
In Memoriam

‘40s

William B. Kantor, M.D. (Col ’46 CM) of Las Vegas died Sept. 30, 2023. While attending UVA, he joined the V-12 Navy College Training Program, and he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Between the wars, he obtained his medical degree and medical training. After a year at sea off the Korean Peninsula, he returned to his home state of New Jersey and established a medical practice in West Orange. He remained there for 40 years. He was loved by his many patients, who often came to his office not with a specific medical complaint, but just to talk. He made house calls and never raised his fee until his last couple of years in practice. He served as the police doctor for the town of West Orange and the doctor for the local junior high school. Always a Navy man, he took pleasure in building model sailing ships throughout his life. He enjoyed a long retirement in West Palm Beach, Florida, and later Las Vegas. In 2014 he traveled east so he could visit UVA one last time. Survivors include three sons, including Thomas Kantor, M.D. (Col ’73 CM); three grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

‘50s

Edwin Lewis “Lew” Hansen (Col ’51, Law ’57 CM) of Atlanta died Oct. 21, 2023. Raised in Fredericksburg, Virginia, his service in the U.S. Army included graduating from Engineer OCS at Fort Belvoir, Virginia; the Airborne and Ranger schools at Fort Benning, Georgia; and the rest of his time at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the 82nd Airborne Division. While earning his bachelor’s degree in economics at UVA, he was a member of the Raven Society, Eli Banana and the IMP Society, and he lived on the Lawn his fourth year as a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. He also played varsity football all four years. After completing his military service, he became a double ‘Hoo by returning to UVA for law school. He moved to Atlanta to intern with Judge Durwood Pye and stayed to practice law with the firm Candler, Cox, Andrews & Hansen and later with Hurt, Richardson. He stayed active in the UVA community throughout his life, serving on the Board of Managers and as president of the Alumni Association. He was a member of the Commerce Club, the Downtown Kiwanis Club and Leadership Atlanta. He also served at Atlanta Law School as both a teacher and trustee for many years. After retirement in 2014, he was an active volunteer in the community, including as a host for the Olympics in Atlanta. Survivors include his wife, Anne; three children, including Edwin Lewis Hansen Jr. (Col ’90 CM) and John Austin Hansen (Col ’91 CM); and eight grandchildren.

Howard M. Besosa (Arch ’52) of Monterey, California, died Nov. 1, 2021. He was a first lieutenant in the Army and served during World War II. He earned a degree in engineering at the University of Puerto Rico before coming to UVA for a degree in architecture. He attended UVAs Beaux Arts Ball in 1952, where his and his date’s costumes were voted most beautiful. After graduating, he started his own architectural firm. Later, he went on to work as a freelance writer, poet and photographer. His work was published in a variety of magazines, and his photography won first place in a Kodak contest. Survivors include his wife, Susan, and two children.

H. Mebane “Meb” Turner (Educ ’53 CM) of Baltimore died Nov. 19, 2023. While earning his bachelor’s degree at UVA, he was a member of the men’s football and wrestling teams. He was also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the IMP Society, Eli Banana, the P.K. Society, the Raven Society, and the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. He was a graduate of Union Theological Seminary and the Teachers College, Columbia University, both in New York City. He also received a doctorate from American University. In 1969, he began working at the University of Baltimore, serving briefly as provost and as president for 33 years, leading its transition from a private university to a thriving public member of the University System of Maryland. After retiring in 2002, he headed Boys’ Latin School for two years. He served on the boards of the old Maryland General Hospital and the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House. He was a past governor-general of the General Society of Colonial Wars and past president of the Baltimore City Jail Board, Baltimore Rotary and Virginians of Maryland. He became so identified with efforts to improve the Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue section of Baltimore that in 2002, Mayor Martin O’Malley and the City Council named a newly renovated bridge after him. In 2016, the University of Baltimore’s Learning Commons building was named in his honor. He maintained a lifelong love of theater, and friends say he never lost his Virginia accent. Survivors include his wife, Ivana; two sons, including Edgar H. Turner II (Col ’09, Educ ’12, ’16 CM); and five grandchildren.

William “Bill” Stokes Satterthwaite Jr. (Col ’55 CM) of Charlottesville died Nov. 16, 2023. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps after
UVA was never far from Brereton C. “Brerry” Jones (Com ’61 CM), even as he built Airdrie Stud, his world-renowned thoroughbred horse farm, or served in various political offices, including as governor of Kentucky.

Jones gave his horses and farms names such as “Vinegar Hill” and “Imp Society.” Other business names included the words “Cavalier” and “Wahoo.” And the principles of UVA’s Honor Code guided him as he held political office. At UVA, Jones was elected president of the McIntire School of Commerce and served on the Honor Committee.

“It became a wonderful foundation for Brerry’s life after that,” Jones’ brother Bartow Ned Jones (Col ’68) said of his time on the Honor Committee. “His compassion for people and helping people was really boundless, except when they were playing across from him on the football field or he saw them, in life, trying to cheat or be dishonest or take advantage of people.”

Jones died at his home in September after a long illness. Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (Law ’03) directed that his body lie in state in the Kentucky State Capitol’s rotunda. He was 84.

“Gov. Jones was a dedicated leader and a distinguished thoroughbred owner who worked to strengthen Kentucky for our families,” Beshear said in a statement.

Jones arrived at UVA on a football scholarship, playing 27 straight games without a single win, Ned Jones said. But he stood out on the field and won an invitation to the Hula Bowl, an all-star game for college seniors.

Jones tried a semester at UVA’s law school before returning home to Point Pleasant, West Virginia, and, within a few years, entering politics. All that time on the football field came in handy. “He loved his days in football and, as he said, ‘This prepared me for the rough-and-tumble world of politics,’” said David Whitehouse, Jones’ former director of intergovernmental affairs.

Jones served as a Republican in the West Virginia House of Delegates from 1964 to 1968, leaving to focus on his construction business. His lifelong love of horses eventually led him to Kentucky.

With progressive goals to improve health care access, education and ethics in Kentucky, Jones returned to politics as a Democrat, serving as Kentucky’s lieutenant governor from 1987 to 1991 and as governor from 1991 to 1995. A federal investigation into the Kentucky General Assembly, dubbed Operation Boptrcot, started as an undercover investigation while he was lieutenant governor and led to the conviction of more than a dozen legislators.

Jones, whose administration was never under suspicion, angered some when he said he thought the investigation was “going to be a good thing.”

“From time to time, I think you have to clean out the system, and I think this is a good cleansing process,” he said in April 1992, according to his public papers housed at the University of Kentucky. Among his achievements as governor were major ethics and election finance reforms.

Family was always a focus for Jones. He famously refused to campaign on Sundays so he could spend time with his wife, Libby, and two children. After leaving political office, Jones also had more time for his 2,000-acre farm and the thoroughbred industry. Jones was a founding member of the Breeders’ Cup and served as a director from 1996 to 2005.

In addition to his brother, Jones is survived by his wife, two children, four grandchildren, niece Shelley Rudge (Col ’96, Law ’99 CM) and nephew Bartow Jones (Com ’98). —Sarah Lindenfeld Hall
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James Gardner Biever (Com ’57 CM) of North Venice, Florida, died Sept. 20, 2023. A U.S. Army veteran, he earned his bachelor’s degree in commerce from UVA, where he was a Lawn resident. He went on to a career in finance, energy and corporate jet sales. He moved to Florida in 2015 from Lewes, Delaware. His many hobbies included tennis, golf, power boating, hunting, fishing and travel. He was also an avid cook, known for his smoked turkey at Thanksgiving. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Kim, his son, and his niece, Liza (Douglass) Maddrey (Col ’00).

Walter Hepworth Lewis (Grad ’57) of St. Louis died Nov. 17, 2020. He earned his doctorate in biology at UVA after earning his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in biology and botany from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. He joined Washington University in St. Louis in 1964, teaching popular classes in botany for undergraduates and serving as the university ethnobotanist. Throughout his career, he studied and conducted research in areas including ethnobotany, systematics and taxonomy, cytology, ecology, and pharmacology. After retiring as a biology professor in 2000, he continued his active research program as a professor emeritus, publishing his last technical paper in 2017 at age 87. He and his wife, Memory Elvin-Lewis, professor emerita of biology at Washington University, frequently collaborated on projects, including their book, Medical Botany: Plants Affecting Human Health. An expert on the wild roses of North America, he was honored in 2013 by the American Rose Society as a “Great Rosarian of the World.” He also earned the Martin de la Cruz Silver Medal from the Mexican Academy of Traditional Medicine in 2000 and the E.K. Janaki Ammal Gold Medal from the Society of Ethnobotanists in 2004.

He was named, along with his wife, a Distinguished Economic Botanist from the Society for Economic Botany in 2006. He served as senior botanist at the Missouri Botanical Garden, and between 1964 and 1972 he was curator and director of its herbarium. He is credited with collecting more than 23,000 plants worldwide, and at least a dozen plant species are named in his honor. In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

Joseph Varden Dyer Jr. (Col ’58 CM) of Baltimore died Oct. 13, 2023. After participating in the ROTC program at UVA, he joined the Air Defense Artillery upon graduation. He went on to serve three years of active duty, during which he received a number of awards, including the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Army Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab. He was discharged as a first lieutenant in 1961. At UVA, he played on the lacrosse team, where he was appointed team captain during his third year and led the team in total points. He was also selected for the South All Stars team, and he received an All-American honorable mention in 1957. He was inducted into the UVA Lacrosse Hall of Fame and still holds records in assists and points. He was also a member of St. Anthony Hall, IMP Society and Eli Banana. After discharge, he worked at Verizon until retirement. He also served for 10 years as the director of the Middle Atlantic Professional Golf Association of America. Golf was a long-time hobby and passion of his, and he held the job with pride for 10 years. For most of his life, he continued to teach golf lessons to students of all ages, though he specialized in helping people adapt their game to changes brought on by age.

Survivors include three children and five grandchildren.

Harry Selverian (Arch ’58 CM) of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, died Oct. 20, 2023. A U.S. Army veteran, he served from 1958 to 1960. He was stationed in Germany and achieved the rank of Specialist 4th Class, E-4. Prior to his military service, he earned his bachelor’s degree in architecture at UVA, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, Skull and Keys, and the German Club. His academic and military experiences set the foundation for his successful career as a project manager in various architectural and construction firms in Philadelphia. Notably, he was the project architect for St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church. The son of Armenian immigrants, he was proud of his heritage throughout his life. He lived by the Golden Rule, treating others as he would like to be treated. Survivors include his wife, Sonja; two children, his brother, and four grandchildren.

Donald Edward Sours Sr. (Engr ’58 CM) of Keswick, Virginia, died Oct. 31, 2023. He served as a captain and company commander in the Army National Guard and was commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Army ROTC program at UVA. There he studied civil engineering and was a member of the Jefferson Literary and Debating Society and Sigma Chi fraternity. In the early 1970s, he began a successful career as a professional engineer, project manager and corporate officer for R.E. Lee & Son Construction Company, eventually becoming president and retiring in 2002. He was heavily involved in the Charlottesville and UVA communities. He served as chairman of the City of Charlottesville Planning Commission, as a member of the city’s Board of Architecture Review, and as a member of the UVA Engineering Foundation. In 1980, he was appointed to the Psi Chapter House Corporation Board of Directors. He served for 40 years, including 25 years as president. His accomplishments include bringing the fraternity into a property management contract with the UVA Foundation and its Historic Renovation Corporation and arranging the financing and managing of the 1983 restoration of the chapter house. In 1998, he was inducted into the Order of Constantine, the highest honor Sigma Chi bestows upon a brother for commitment, dedication, and service to the fraternity. Survivors include his wife, Josephine; six children; two siblings; and seven grandchildren.
Genevieve Dugan Goff (Grad ‘59) of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, died Dec. 4, 2023. She earned her doctorate in psychology from UVA and taught psychology for four years at the University of Vermont. In 1959 she and her family moved to Connecticut, where she worked in the neuropsychology lab at the VA hospital in West Haven, doing groundbreaking research. Later, she went on to another career at Connecticut Conference of Municipalities/Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency in New Haven until retiring in 1997. She was an avid reader and was in as many as 10 book groups at a time. She loved to travel and drove her Prius all over the East Coast until she was 92. She had a green thumb, and everywhere she lived was filled with plants. She also loved theater and had several season tickets. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Hagop Boyajian (Engr ’62 CM) of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, died Oct. 2, 2023. He immigrated to the U.S. from Greece when he was 17 and then earned a mechanical engineering degree from UVA. After earning a master’s degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he went on to work for Monsanto Co. for 30 years, both in Massachusetts and in Belgium. He received the prestigious Edgar M. Queeny Award for science and technology. He loved America but was proud of his Armenian heritage. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Sylvia; two children; a brother; and four grandchildren.

Kenneth W. Mauck (Educ ‘62 CM) of Hohenwald, Tennessee, died Oct. 20, 2023. He attended UVA on a football scholarship due to his standout athletic achievements at his high school in West Virginia. Back-to-back season injuries with the Cavaliers during his first and second years led to his withdrawal from the University. A few years later, he joined the U.S. Air Force in order to return to UVA in 1960. During his second enrollment, he worked at Sears to put himself through school. The company offered him a position in the Sears management program after graduating, which he accepted, marking the beginning of a 30-year career. He retired in 1993 and spent his time playing golf. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Sybil; two children; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mary Jo Lacy Littlefield (Educ ‘64) of Martinsville, Virginia, died Oct. 29, 2023. She earned her master’s degree in education from UVA and embarked on a 32-year career in education. She spent the last 22 of those years at Stafford County High School. She was a proud UVA alumna and had a lifelong passion for gardening, bird-watching, pets, and all the woodland creatures enjoying her daily backyard buffet. She was predeceased by her husband, Edward "Ward" Hastings Littlefield (Com ’66 CM). Survivors include twin sons, including Keith Littlefield (Arch ’81); a daughter; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Barbara R. Beitch (Grad ‘68) of Hamden, Connecticut, died Nov. 24, 2023. After receiving a doctorate in biology from UVA, she forged a career as a biology teacher at Hamden Hall Country Day School from 1970 to 2004. Her contributions included creating and teaching a program on human sexuality and initiating a student LGBTQ group. The school’s biology lab is named after her. After retirement, she continued to teach biology as an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University. A lover of music, she was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed ballroom dancing. She traveled widely and enjoyed scuba diving around the world. She was a docent at the Yale Peabody Museum and active with the Sleeping Giant Park Association, a group dedicated to protecting and caring for Connecticut’s Sleeping Giant State Park. Survivors include her second husband, Richard; her brother; three grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Robert Beverley Herbert Jr. (Law ’68 CM) of Raleigh, North Carolina, died Dec. 7, 2023. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He studied history at Princeton before earning his law degree at UVA. His first job took his family to Raleigh, where he practiced law at First American Title Insurance Company. Survivors include his partner of 32 years, Christopher; his ex-wife, Jennette Campbell Herbert (Grad ’67 CM); his daughter, Catherine Deming Herbert (Col ’90); three grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

William X. Parsons (Law ’69) of Roanoke, Virginia, died Oct. 23, 2023. A U.S. Army veteran, he was a proud YMI Keydet and alumnus of UVA Law School. Known as “X,” he grew up in Wytheville and lived most of his life in his beloved Southwestern Virginia. He served as an assistant city attorney for the city of Roanoke for nearly two decades. He was a St. Louis Cardinals superfan, an adventurous traveler, a skiing and outdoor enthusiast, and a semi-professional Pounce player. Survivors include his two children, two nephews and a grandniece.

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Hon. David A. Melesco (Law ’70 CM) of Rocky Mount, Virginia, died Sept. 26, 2023. He graduated from George Washington University in 1967 before earning his law degree from UVA. He practiced law for 25 years before taking a position as a juvenile and domestic relations judge and eventually being appointed to the circuit court bench for the 22nd Judicial District. Outside of work, he served two terms on UVA’s Board of Visitors and was a member of the state bar’s disciplinary board. He also volunteered in a number of local organizations, including coaching youth sports teams and serving on a committee to fight domestic violence. He found joy in discovering new music, new books and new people. He was known for his quick wit and had a soft spot for dogs. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Cecelia; five children; and five grandchildren.
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Charles “Chuck” W. Norton (Col ’70 CM) of Montgomery, Alabama, died Dec. 15, 2023. He earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from UVA and his M.B.A. from Samford University. Early in his career, he worked for insurance companies including Travelers and Molton, Allen & Williams. He later worked for Aronov Insurance in Montgomery and finally for Turner Insurance & Bonding before retiring. He enjoyed playing golf, tennis and football; practicing guitar; and cheering on the Cavaliers. Survivors include two sons, three sisters and five grandchildren.

For Brad Wynne (Grad ’05), the enduring image of his father, former UVA rector John “Dubby” Wynne (Law ’71 CM), is a newspaper photo of him leaning back in his office chair, deep in conversation. Wynne’s right hand holds a phone to his ear. His left is raised in emphasis—“going nuts,” his son said, as it often did when Wynne was making a point.

It is a portrait of a man renowned for getting things done, whether it was sealing the deal on the hiring of UVA President Teresa Sullivan, spearheading the founding of The Weather Channel, or leading economic development efforts in his native Hampton Roads and across Virginia.

“It was how he was wired,” Brad Wynne said. “He was a man on a mission, and he had a laser-like focus in everything he did, whether it was business, UVA or going out for a walk.”

Tributes to Wynne, who died Oct. 26 at age 78, remembered his tirelessness, generosity and humility. Wynne was described by Princeton University. After graduating from UVA’s School of Law in 1971, he joined the law firm Willcox Savage.

Wynne did legal work for Norfolk-based Landmark Communications Inc. and caught the eye of CEO Frank Batten Sr. (Col ’50 CM), who hired him in 1974. Batten became a mentor to Wynne and tasked him with founding The Weather Channel, which launched in 1982 to widespread skepticism but sold in 2008 for a reported $3.5 billion.

Wynne became president and CEO of Landmark before retiring in 2001. After retirement, he launched a second career as a volunteer, focusing on economic development and higher education, which he viewed as intertwined. He served on and led numerous boards, including the Virginia Business Higher Education Council, the Council on Virginia’s Future and the Virginia Business Council. He co-founded GO Virginia, a state-backed economic development organization.

Wynne was appointed to UVA’s Board of Visitors in 2003 and served as rector from 2009 to 2011. He assisted Batten in establishing the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and was instrumental in the conversion of the University of Virginia Investment Management Company into an independent nonprofit.

Wynne led the search committee that hired Sullivan, UVA’s first female president. He persuaded her to take the job after allaying her concerns about the school’s finances, she said.

Sullivan said Wynne’s connections with political and business leaders across Virginia helped her get the lay of the land. She added that though he had a reputation as a hard-charging leader, he did not attempt to impose his will, but worked to build consensus.

“He was a great listener. He wanted to hear your analysis of the problem first, and then he would brainstorm ways to address it,” Sullivan said. “I found him very good to work with.”

In addition to his son Brad, Wynne is survived by his wife, Susan, son John Wynne Jr. (Darden ’04), two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by another son, Lee. —Ed Miller
Rabbi David Ellenson (Grad ’72 CM) of New York City died Dec. 7, 2023. He earned a bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary and a master’s degree in religious studies from UVA. He pursued the rabbinate at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, was ordained in 1977, and received his doctorate in religion from Columbia University in 1981. Beginning in 2001, he served as president of Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion for 12 years. He also taught there for more than 40 years and was known for forging academic and intellectual alliances across the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist branches of Judaism. He instituted social responsibility and community service as a core pillar of students’ professional development through programs with the American Jewish World Service and other organizations. He also fostered interdenominational and interfaith relationships among Jewish seminaries, secular universities and institutions of other faiths, including the University of Southern California and Xavier University. After retiring from the seminary, he served as director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University in the department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, where he was also a visiting professor. He authored seven books, including After Emancipation: Jewish Religious Responses to Modernity, which won the National Jewish Book Council’s award as the outstanding book in Jewish thought in 2006. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline; five children; two siblings; and four grandchildren.

Myron Yagel (Edue ’73) of Richmond, Virginia, died Dec. 4, 2023. He served in World War II, rising through the ranks to naval lieutenant commander after continuing in the Navy Reserves. He earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and a master’s degree in speech pathology from the University of Richmond. He served as a principal at Richmond’s Park School for many years, dedicated to the education of children with special needs. In his early 40s, he returned to school, earning a doctorate in special education at UVA. After graduation he accepted a position at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he taught for 20 years. He enjoyed sailing, skiing, photography, gardening and beekeeping. He also co-authored a marriage mentoring book titled 15 Minutes to Build a Better Marriage with his wife, Bobbie, who predeceased him. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren, three great-granddaughters and two nephews.

Henry “Harry” Neill Ware Jr. (Col ’77 CM) of Wares Wharf, Virginia, died Jan. 2, 2024. He studied anthropology at UVA, where he was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. After graduation, he moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to work as a waterfowl hunting guide. In 1982, he received his law degree from the University of Richmond, where he served on the law review. He embarked on a 40-year career practicing law. He worked as a litigator at McGuireWoods before co-founding his own law firm. In 2001, he joined Spotts Fain as one of the firm’s early partners and spent more than 20 years there. He served as a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, where he was on the board of directors and served on or chaired numerous committees. He was also chair of the Virginia Bar Association’s civil litigation section and its corporate counsel section. In 2021, he retired to Bellevue Farm, where he had grown up. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed spending time on the duck marsh, at the sandbar and on the water with his family. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Marilynn; three sons, including Alexander Ware (Col ’12, Engr ’15 CM); sisters Elizabeth Ware Katona (Edue ’80 CM) and Lucile Ware McCarthy (Col ’87 CM); brother-in-law Scot Alan Katona (Com ’80 CM); two grandchildren; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

John R. Burrows (Arch ’81) of Milton, Wisconsin, died May 20, 2023. He earned his master’s degree in architectural history from UVA, studying under Professor Richard Guy Wilson. He won the award for best master’s in architectural history thesis for his research on architect E. Townsend Mix and became known in the department for his passion for the Victorian era. He also studied art, architectural history and Victorian culture at Grinnell College. An expert in the field of 19th-century architecture, in 1985 he established J.R. Burrows & Co., a decorative furnishing supplier specializing in carpets, lace curtains and wallpaper from the Federal, Neoclassical and Victorian periods. In its nearly 40-year run, the Massachusetts-based company consulted for or provided restoration products for hundreds of museums and historical sites, including the White House’s Blue Room, Gracie Mansion in New York City, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and the Colonnade Club at UVA’s Pavilion VII. One of Burrows’ other passions was LGBTQ+ rights and advocacy. In 2001, he established “Bear Week”—an annual celebration of the gay “bear” subculture—in Provincetown, Massachusetts, a longtime favorite destination for LGBTQ+ travelers. His passion for Victorian culture extended to his leisure time, and he enjoyed hosting high teas, baking scones and participating in contra dancing. Survivors include his mother and three siblings.

Cade Stockmeyer Beach (Col ’81 CM) of Maplewood, New Jersey, died Nov. 19, 2023. She enrolled in UVA in 1970 as part of the first class of women, ultimately receiving her bachelor’s degree in 1981. She was a past president of the Junior League of the Oranges and Short Hills. She loved playing with her grandchildren, sitting on the beach on Nantucket, gardening and traveling. Throughout her life, she was proud of her New Orleans roots. Survivors include her husband of 50 years, Richard Beach (Com ’72 CM); her mother; two children; and seven grandchildren.

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in educational program evaluation from UVA after earning her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Pitzer College in Claremont, California. She became a research assistant for a new experiment in very early childhood education, a study that continues today as the Carolina Abecedarian Project. She continued to work on education and health studies until 2013. During her years in Charlottesville, she became hooked on UVA men’s basketball. In 2014, she and her husband built a home overlooking a pond in St. James. She volunteered as a teacher’s aide and guardian ad litem and became an avid golfer and skilled quilter. She loved reading books and building sandcastles with her grandchildren. Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Ralph; two daughters; two grandchildren; a brother; and nieces and nephews.

Stephen G. Jurczyn (Engr ’84, ’86 CM) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, died Nov. 23, 2023. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in electrical engineering from UVA. He enjoyed a 32-year career at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and served as acting administrator from January to May 2021. He previously served as the associate administrator, leading NASA throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. His accomplishments included overseeing the successful landing of the Perseverance rover on Mars, the launch of NASA’s SpaceX Crew-2 to the International Space Station, and the return of Crew-1 back to Earth. Over the years, he served in several other leadership roles at the agency, including as associate administrator of the Space Technology Mission Directorate and director of NASA’s Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. He received the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, two Outstanding Leadership Medals, the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Executive in 2006, and the Presidential Rank Award for Distinguished Executive in 2016. After retiring from NASA in May 2021, he continued to contribute to the field of space exploration as the president and CEO of Quantum Space, focusing on lunar space exploration. He was a passionate New York sports fan and could often be found on the couch screaming at the Giants for losing yet another game to the Cowboys. Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Ann, and two daughters.

Steven W. Heimann, M.D. (Col ’85 CM) of Suffolk, Virginia, died Aug. 22, 2023. He earned his bachelor’s degree at UVA, where he was a member of Phi Epsilon Pi fraternity. He then graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School and completed his fellowship at Duke University School of Medicine. He was the medical director of youth and family services at the Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board (H-NNCSB), where he served in various capacities for 23 years as a board-certified child and adolescent psychiatrist. In partnership with the H-NNCSB, he also served as the assistant professor of clinical psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Eastern Virginia Medical School. He was instrumental in establishing a child and adolescent residency program for the H-NNCSB, where he led a specialized learning environment for a rotating set of residents to address crisis needs for children. He was a telepsychiatry champion and led the medical services team in its immediate conversion to telehealth. Survivors include his wife, Treniece, and his daughter.

Ian David Kaufman (Com ’85) of Long Island, New York, and Chandler, Arizona, died Oct. 30, 2023. While studying finance at UVA, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He began his career as a financial analyst but ultimately moved toward work revolving around his passion for technology. He worked as a software engineer and technical project manager at several large private institutions, but he most recently served as the information systems manager for the Arizona Department of Transportation. His many passions included the music of the Grateful Dead, his SAM brothers, UVA sports, the New York Jets, and his family. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Elena; his two daughters; his sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Anne Kneipple Warga (Educ ’86) of Rosslyn, Virginia, died May 10, 2023. She earned a bachelor’s degree at George Washington University, a master’s degree in education from UVA, and a doctorate from George Mason University. She taught in the public schools of Maryland, D.C., Vermont and Virginia at the elementary, junior high and high school levels. Before she retired from Chantilly High School in 2008, she had long focused entirely on chemistry. In her youth, she held an FAA pilot’s license. Her hobbies and interests included science fiction, animals, guitar and chess. She was a home repair enthusiast and amateur sculptor. Survivors include her husband, Anders; four children; a brother; and 12 grandchildren.

Elizabeth (Liza) Acors Bruce (Col ’87 CM) of Glen Allen, Virginia, died Aug. 7, 2023. She earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology from UVA. As a teenager, she was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, and 15 years later, had a kidney-pancreas transplant after losing her sight. The skills she learned at the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired made a full life possible, along with guide dogs from Leader Dogs for the Blind. After a second transplant in 2009 brought her renewed strength, she worked at VCU Health from 2012 to 2022, with a passion for new employee orientation. She did volunteer work and public speaking for organizations including the Virginia Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Vision Impaired, the VRCB Volunteer Council, LifeNet and Virginia Transplant Council, and Leader Dogs for the Blind. She loved hang gliding and tandem biking. She was predeceased by her husband, David Paul Hines (Engr ’68 CM). Survivors include her mother, her brother, and a niece and nephew.
Supporting the University through the generosity of the members of the Eli Banana Society
When UVA turned down a request to fund a Christian student publication three decades ago, it believed it stood on solid legal ground: a set of guidelines rooted in the constitutional separation of church and state.

To the students requesting the funding, however, the denial was a free speech issue. If UVA funded other student groups, they argued, it should fund their magazine, *Wide Awake*.

The students sued. Their case, *Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia*, reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1995.

Coming at a time when constitutional law as it relates to religion was being reinterpreted, *Rosenberger* was from the outset about far more than the $5,862 the students requested. The dispute represented “the collision of two lines of cases,” wrote Rachael Jones (Law ’21) in “Rosenberger’s Unexplored History,” an account of the case published in the March 2021 issue of the *Journal of Supreme Court History*.

One line of cases, known as “no aid,” held that public funding of religion was prohibited. The other line, “equal access,” said the government could not exclude religious groups from open forums.

*Rosenberger* was a victory for the equal access line, and one of a series of wins for religious speech and exercise in recent decades. Taken together, they represent a “complete about-face” in the law as it was traditionally understood, says UVA law professor and former dean John C. Jeffries Jr. (Law ’73), who argued UVA’s case before the high court.

“The one thing I learned in studying (constitutional) law when I went to law school: No money can go from the government to an overtly religious activity,” Jeffries says. “The Supreme Court has now turned that on its head. Not only can money go to religious activities; in many cases, it has to.”

Highly publicized at the time, *Rosenberger* put UVA on the front lines of that cultural and legal battle. Standing on legal principle cost UVA in the court of public opinion, with some inaccurately criticizing the University for things it had not done—such as banning *Wide Awake* from publishing or preventing Christians from attending UVA.

But standing for what they believed in felt like vindication for the students, says Greg Mourad (Col ’93), one of three who brought the case.

“It was certainly an important victory and very satisfying in the end,” he says.
Mourad met co-plaintiffs Ronald Rosenberger (Col ’92) and Robert Prince (Col ’92, Law ’06) while writing for The Virginia Advocate, a conservative political publication. Mourad was a religious studies major from North Carolina, Rosenberger a political and social thought major from Northern Virginia, and Prince a government major from Virginia Beach.

They soon decided to branch out on their own.

“We were just sitting around one night, and Ron had this idea that he wanted to put his energy into this Christian magazine instead,” Mourad says.

They launched Wide Awake in the fall of 1990. The magazine’s mission was “to challenge Christians to live, in word and deed, according to the faith they proclaim and to encourage students to consider what a personal relationship with Jesus Christ means.” They distributed it free and carried ads from churches and Christian bookstores.

Their long legal journey began in January 1991, when they applied for funding from the Student Council’s Student Activities Fund, as reimbursement for printing costs. The council used mandatory student fees—then $14 per semester—to fund a range of groups, called Contracted Independent Organizations.

The council’s guidelines, set by the Board of Visitors, prohibited funding of CIOs engaged in “religious activity,” defined as activity “that primarily promotes or manifests a particular belief in or about a deity or ultimate reality.”

On the advice of University Counsel James Mingle (Law ’73), the council denied the students’ request for funding.

The students issued a press release the same day. They planned to appeal the decision and go beyond that if necessary.

The students obtained the help of the Center for Individual Rights, a public interest group founded two years earlier. Mourad says he can’t recall if the group was referred to the students, or whether they reached out to the group. Whichever the case, the CIR was eager to get involved.

“CIR appears to have understood early the possibility for Wide Awake to become an influential case, as did the University,” Jones wrote in her journal article. Indeed, former UVA President Robert O’Neil, a constitutional scholar, told Mingle he had an “early sense that this was likely to be one of the most difficult and divisive of cases in the field,” Jones wrote.

CIR assisted the students with their appeal, which seemed to have a fighting chance. Two years earlier, in a case that made national news, the conservative Advocate, where Mourad, Rosenberger and Prince had met, successfully appealed its own denial of funding. The denial had been based on a ban of funding for political activities, Jones wrote. The council reversed itself, deciding that publishing anything was expression, not activity, and that “any publication” was eligible for funding, she wrote.

Wide Awake’s appeal failed nonetheless. The students filed suit in U.S. District Court in July 1991.

Mingle represented UVA, in consultation with O’Neil and Jeffries, an expert in constitutional law. Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry (Law ’73), a Democrat and law school classmate of Jeffries and Mingle, supported UVA’s position. By the time the case reached the Supreme Court, there had been a change in administration, and Republican Attorney General Jim Gilmore (Col ’71, Law ’77) sided with the plaintiffs against UVA, an unusual position given that the school was technically his client.

In May 1992, U.S. District Court Judge James Harry Michael Jr. (Col ’40, Law ’42) ruled in favor of UVA. He held that the Student Activities Fund was not a public forum and that UVA’s denial of funds was not based on Wide Awake’s viewpoint. He also ruled that the school had reasonable fears that it could violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment, which prohibits the government from favoring (or helping the “establishment” of) a religion. And he said UVA had not violated the free exercise clause—which gives citizens the right to practice their religion—and that the school had wide discretion in making funding decisions.

UVA won again when CIR, Rosenberger, Mourad and Prince appealed to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, but the opinion it issued in March 1994 leaned much more on a strict interpretation of the establishment clause. It said UVA had a “compelling interest in maintaining a strict separation of church and state.”

The decision was a red flag for Jeffries, who thought the court had gone too far.

“By the time of the case, it was clear to me that the [Supreme] Court was leaning away from its historical commitment to the establishment clause,” Jeffries says. “I thought that painted a target on the University’s back. As soon as I saw that opinion, I thought, ‘Well, the court is likely to have something to say about that.’”

When the high court decided to take the case, Jeffries took the lead, writing the brief and preparing for oral arguments.

On the morning of oral arguments, Jeffries took a cab to the Supreme Court building and walked in alone, prepared to face a “hot bench” certain to pepper him with questions.

He steered clear of an establishment
The court voted 5-4 along ideological lines in favor of the students. Jeffries had hoped to sway William Rehnquist, but the chief justice voted with Kennedy, Scalia, Sandra Day O'Connor and Clarence Thomas in favor of the plaintiffs.

Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Souter and John Paul Stevens sided with UVA.

Kennedy wrote the majority opinion, concluding that UVA had engaged in viewpoint discrimination in the limited public forum created by the Student Activities Fund. UVA did not need to deny funding to obey the establishment clause, he wrote.

Souter got right to the point in his dissent.

“The Court today, for the first time, approves direct funding of core religious activities by an arm of the State.”

To ensure he’d have a spot in court for the announcement, Rosenberger got a press credential, as Supreme Court correspondent for Wide Awake. He said the ruling was proof that one person could make a difference.

“I believed in what I was fighting for,” he said in a 1995 article in The Virginian-Pilot. “I don’t think Christians should be treated as second-class citizens, and I don’t think Christian students should be treated as second-class students.”

At the time of the ruling, Rosenberger worked for Young America’s Foundation, a conservative youth organization. He went on to work for other conservative groups. Mourad, now vice president of the National Right to Work Committee, says he’s lost touch with Rosenberger, who couldn’t be reached for this story.

Prince, who went on to work as an intellectual property lawyer, also could not be reached.

In the wake of the ruling, UVA changed its funding guidelines to remove restrictions based on content. Other universities with similar guidelines did the same.

Rosenberger remains an oft-cited case, Jones wrote. UVA law professor Micah Schwartzman (Col ’98, Law ’05), who was an undergraduate at the time of the ruling, says Rosenberger moved the ball in the equal access line of cases. In the years since, advocates have successfully pushed for public funding for religious schools.

For Jeffries, the case was about a larger shift underway at the time.

“If you want to think of it historically, it’s a decision made right when the tide was going out on the traditional understanding of the establishment clause,” he says.

UVA was swept along with that tide. The resulting sea change in constitutional law regarding religion is “every bit as dramatic and complete as the court’s shift from ‘separate but equal’ to Brown v. Board of Education” was in public education, Jeffries says. He remains convinced that UVA was on the right side.

“I thought—and think—it should have been a winning argument. You can’t say equal access when you’re talking about money, because it runs out. It just doesn’t work to say, ‘You gave money to somebody else so you have to give money to me.’”

Mourad still has a few copies of Wide Awake in his attic. Looking back, he doesn’t blame UVA for taking the position it did.

“We never had any sense of animus for the University,” he says. “They had the sense that this was what the law required of them. We thought the Constitution was on our side.”

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