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Abstract

From the Course Syllabus: On the occasion of the College's 250th anniversary, this course will foster conversations between past and present students about experiences at Hampden-Sydney. Through readings, guest lectures, and resources from the StoryCorps project, students will learn communications techniques related to interviewing, listening, and taking oral histories. Each student will be paired with an alumnus for a series of three conversations during the semester. The class will work to construct a series of conversation topics and questions that each student-alumni pair will explore together. The meetings with the alumni partner will constitute a recorded oral history using techniques and topics developed during the course. The class will also construct a public-facing project to report its findings about the College to a larger community in late April. Throughout the course, active learning exercises will give students the chance to set goals for conversations, and then to practice skills and techniques. Each activity will be followed by in-class reflection to critically examine the goals and expectations of the exercise. Students will use what they are learning to construct conversation prompts and goals for their meetings with alumni. Each alumni conversation will be followed by a written reflection that includes insights gained and ideas for the next meeting. Both formal and informal writing related to all active learning in the course will be kept in a field journal.

Extent

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Description of Subordinate Components

Elias Turney and Griffin Salyer

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Unit Date Inclusive dates of 3 conversations

Elias Turney '26 Bio

My name is Elias Turney, and I am a current senior at Hampden-Sydney College majoring in Business and Economics and minoring in Law and Public Policy and History. I am from Springfield Virginia, and I came to

Hampden-Sydney to play football. I chose Hampden-Sydney over other institutions due to the brotherhood, community, and opportunities that would be available to me, which I felt from the moment I first set foot on campus. After playing my freshman season, I left the football team because I felt the time commitment it came with limited me from pursuing everything that Hampden-Sydney offered. After leaving the football team, I joined the Honor court as an investigator, took a leadership role in the pre-law society, got admitted into the honors program, joined the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and still scratched my athletic itch by playing for the rugby club. Since then, I have become captain and president of the rugby club, become president of the Phi Alpha Delta pre-law fraternity, explored my artistic and musical interests through painting and playing drums and saxophone for our music ensemble as well as my social band, and spent my summers studying abroad at Oxford, and playing semi-professional rugby while training with the Crusaders International Academy in Christchurch, NZ. My time at Hampden-Sydney has played an instrumental role in molding my character into who I am today, and I am very excited to contribute to a lasting project for our 250th anniversary.

Griffin Salyer '19 bio

I'm a proud graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Economics within the Honors program, complemented by studies in Applied Mathematics. During my time there, I was deeply involved in campus leadership across multiple domains. I served as a Head Resident Advisor and Freshman Resident Advisor, was active in President's Men as an ambassador to alumni and prospective students, and participated in the Phi Beta Lambda Business Society. I also served as a student representative on the Academic Affairs and Safety committees, worked as a student court investigator, and engaged with the Society of seventeen ninety-one leadership program, Men's Chorus, and the Freshman Leadership Program at the Wilson Center, among other continuous engagements. This foundation has proved invaluable as I navigate my career. After graduation, I earned a Master's degree in Business Analytics from the Raymond A. Mason School of Business at the College of William and Mary, which launched me into data science and leadership. My career has since expanded across pharmaceuticals, insurance, and finance, where I specialized in advanced and predictive analytics, machine learning, artificial intelligence, and leadership of technical teams. I'm currently completing my MBA at The College William and Mary, and am expected to graduate in 2027 as I transition into more senior leadership roles. Beyond my corporate work, I'm an entrepreneur who owns four businesses. Interweaved in my post-graduation career, I have proudly served as the president of the Virginia Peninsula Alumni Club for five years, and as a member of the Young Alumni Council for three years. Motivated by giving back to my Alma Mater, I often mentor graduating students in taking the next step in their careers and lives - having mentored more than two dozen young men graduating from the college in the last five years. Hampden-Sydney is the backbone of my career, network, and successes.

Turney and Salyer, conversation 1

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Unit Date 2026-02-27

Abstract For our first conversation, we started by reflecting on our experiences at Hampden-Sydney and how our institution has had a lasting influence on our personal and professional development. Griffin discussed how he was introduced to the college through a familial connection, how he was extensively involved in campus life as a Resident Advisor, Student Court Investigator, fellow at the Wilson Center, and member of Garnet and Gray, and how he found particular meaning in recruiting and mentoring prospective students. Griffin discussed his appreciation for the accessibility of faculty and administrators, and how meaningful relationships he formed with some of them had a significant impact on his professional trajectory. He highlighted further how our emphasis on rhetoric and communication, and our culture of responsibility and accountability shaped his understanding of leadership and development. Finally, we explored Griffin's post-graduate path in data science, entrepreneurship, and further graduate education, as well as his continued engagement with Hampden-Sydney as a member of the Young Alumni Council. We concluded with a discussion of the revamped career center, the strength of our alumni network, our institutional traditions, and our evolving development initiatives.

Keywords

Hampden-Sydney College

Alumni Engagement

Young Alumni Council

Residence Life

Entrepreneurship

Mentorship

Turney and Salyer, conversation 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2026-03-04

Abstract For our second conversation, we reflected on how Hampden-Sydney has cultivated an admirable culture of mentorship and brotherhood and how cultivating those ideals in young men remains paramount to forming good citizens. We reminisced on how our relationships with our mentors at Hampden-Sydney fostered leadership and accountability within us and gave us lifelong connections that we still rely on. We further discussed how we learned to become mentors and how we transitioned from mentees to mentors throughout our time on the hill, further emphasizing how these relationships are core parts of our college's culture. We then moved to institutional changes at the college that we have experienced as students, where we explored what it was like to be a student during the administrative transition to the leadership regime of President Stimpert. Griffin discussed how the change in presidents sparked numerous debates among students surrounding the college, its mission as an institution, and its future. We entertained questions such as the mission statement, the co-ed debate, and our long term sustainability as an institution. We concluded with a preface to our third conversation, which will seek to examine the history of the college and how it might shape its future.

Keywords

Brotherhood

Mentorship

Student Leadership

campus culture

President Stimpert

Institutional Identity

Alumni Confidence

Turney and Salyer, conversation 3

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Unit Date 2026-03-24

Abstract For our final conversation, we reflected on our previous discussions and traversed in conversation through our four years based on our personal perspectives. We reflected on our personal, academic, and social developments during our underclassmen years, where we formed identities and joined communities, and the pressures we felt to carry on the legacies of our institutions at Hampden-Sydney in our upperclassmen years. Griffin recounted how he overcame initial struggles to establish a social foundation by relying on connections forged by relationships with upperclassmen, which ultimately led to leadership roles and further personal growth. Griffin further detailed how he relied on his community and relationships with his peers to overcome adversity, particularly during personal struggles in his junior year. We followed that discussion with a conversation about the lasting sense of community we both share within the rugby team, and how we both have created continued purposeful relationships within this community. Finally, we discussed the emotional and practical challenges of graduating, such as the uncertainty of postgraduate career decisions, and the loss of your central identity as a college student, while highlighting the endurance of college relationships through the alumni network. We finished by discussing what would keep us proud as alumni, where Griffin underscored the importance of continuing alumni engagement efforts, advocating for more structured efforts to connect alumni and current students in an institutional manner. Overall, we concluded in agreement that Hampden-Sydney presents a transformative environment that cultivates lifelong relationships, develops leaders, and maintains a strong sense of legacy.

Keywords

College Experience

Student Leadership

Mentorship

Identity Development

academic growth

community building

student organizations

Rugby

Luke Shourds and Jim Moseley

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Language English.

Luke Shourds '26 Bio

I was born in Arlington, VA and have spent most of my life in Richmond. I'm a current senior at Hampden-Sydney majoring in History, and I've spent my time at H-SC participating in athletics, clubs, and greek life. I made the decision to come to Hampden-Sydney because I was drawn to the brotherhood, valued a strong education, and wanted to join my two step brothers in college. I was a 2-year member of the Football team and I am a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Some of my best memories here include football game days, eating lunch with my friends in the dining hall, and enjoying nights on the circle.

Jim Moseley '84 Bio

I am a Hampden-Sydney College alumnus from the class of 1984. I am a life-long resident of Jacksonville, Florida with the only interruption being Hampden-Sydney and law school. On the personal side I have been married to Heather Moseley since 1999. I am a proud father of a daughter (Kate), and two sons (Olin and Andrew). My oldest son graduated from Elon University then went to Ireland to attend law school at Trinity College in Dublin where he now lives. My youngest son, Andrew, is a proud alumnus of Hampden-Sydney College ('24) and is currently obtaining his joint degrees of master's in government policy and a law degree from Jacksonville university. I am a proud alumnus of our college and have participated on the Alumni Board and The Hampden-Sydney Bar Association. Whenever I step foot on campus, I feel like I am back "home" no matter how many years transpire.

Shourds and Moseley, conversation 1

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Unit Date 2026-02-19

Abstract Jim and I discussed what initially brought the both of us to Hampden-Sydney, emphasizing things like the brotherhood and the alumni network. We also shared memories during our time on campus that we believed we would never forget, like specific sporting events as well as everyday activities that often go unnoticed. Finally, we discussed what life was like on campus in the 1980's vs today. Jim identified technology as the main difference.

Shourds and Moseley, conversation 2

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2026-02-26

Abstract During this meeting Jim and I discussed our experiences during our first days on campus, and I asked him about his last day at H-SC as well. We also talked about if and what we would have done differently if we could go back to our freshman year. Jim added that he wouldn't change a thing and I agreed that I wouldn't change much if anything. Lastly we talked about whether we thought the all-male tradition at H-SC would ever change, and concluded that it wouldn't.

Shourds and Moseley, conversation 3

Unit ID [Archival Resource Key](#)

Unit Date 2026-03-05

Abstract During our final discussion we talked about any H-SC slang terms we could think of, mostly just the generic ones like moans and the circle. Next, we talked about memorable events that happened on campus during our time, Jim told me about a football game that was nationally televised during his time here. Lastly, I asked Jim if he had any advice for me as a senior getting ready to take on the real world. Jim had a ton of great advice that I will include in my reflection.

Fletcher Parsons and Jeff Jones

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Unit Date Inclusive dates of 3 conversations

Language English.

Fletcher Parsons '26 Bio

I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Fletcher Christian Parsons '26, and I am currently majoring in Economics with a minor in German Studies. I come from a small town on the eastern shore of Maryland called Easton, roughly an hour and a half from Washington, D.C. I also spend a lot of my life in the Florida Keys, visiting family down there. While at home, in Florida, and at school, I enjoy fly fishing (especially in the Keys), golf, and cooking. Growing up in a small town, I was surrounded by a few Hampden-Sydney alumni, who ultimately made me comfortable attending an all-men's college. I chose HSC because some friends came with me, and it seemed to have a nice mix of social and academic life, which I believe I have taken advantage of. My freshman year, I lived in Cushing and have lived in the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house for the past 3 years. Other than Phi Gam, I have been involved in Ducks Unlimited, the Fly-fishing

club, the German club, the Center for the Study of the Political Economy, and the Hobbie Scholar program.

Jeff Jones '75 Bio

I am happy to meet you; it is my pleasure to be part of this wonderful project as we celebrate the 250th Anniversary of our cherished institution, Hampden-Sydney College. Thomas Bailey, in his *The Amercian Pagent* textbook, lists the nice Colonial colleges. I would strongly argue that since the Colonies were not fighting for Independence until July 4, 1776 there are ten Colonial colleges, with Hampden-Sydney being the tenth. I live in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, a town about 30 minutes east of Manhattan. I applied to both Hampden-Sydney and Randolph-Macon Colleges and was accepted to both and chose Hampden-Sydney. Fifty-plus years since my graduation in 1975 I have absolutely no regrets over my choice of Hampden-Sydney and would choose it again in a heartbeat. Some highlights of my undergraduate days include living on Campus, traveling to/from Hampden-Sydney, always saying hello to everyone you met on Campus and the glorious eagle by the flag pole at Death Valley. All freshman were required to live in a dorm and were assigned to either Venable or Graham Hall. I was assigned to Venable Hall, room W-11. The only showers were in the basement, where there was one large shower room. Winston Hall held the dining commons while the bookstore was on the lower floor. Traveling from New Jersey to Hampden-Sydney involved taking a Florida-bound Amtrak train from New Jersey to Richmond Broad Street Station, transferring to the Greyhound station and taking a Greyhound bus to Farmville. There was a two-hour layover between train and bus and the bus, taking the most circuitous route, took two hours to get to Farmville. Once in Farmville, I needed to walk to the Longwood College two high rise dorms where I would hitch a ride to Hampden-Sydney. Since Freshmen were not permitted to have cars, we needed to hitch a ride to/from Farmville. Going to Farmville, one would stand by College Church and get picked up; on the return, one waited my the Longwood high rises.. We were told at orientation that you say hello to everyone you meet on Campus. That is how I met Lt. Col. Gus Franke and because of that encounter went on to major in Mathematics. I'll be happy to provide many more details about my association with Col. Franke and his lasting positive influence on my life in our later conversations. The third highlight is the magnificent eagle on the football field by the flagpole When I was back at H-SC this past Spring and Fall I was surprised few know of its historic past. Our eagle was one of 22 that originally sat on top of the Pennsylvania Station in New York City before it was destroyed in the mid-1960's. More on this in our conversations as well. I completed my degree requirements in December, 1974 so I could attend Longwood College in the Spring of 1975 as a male day student to complete my Professional Semester in Education. This included 10 weeks of student teaching at Breckinridge Junior High School in Roanoke, Virginia. Hampden Sydney would not give us credit for this professional semester and the idea of taking more than four years to earn a bachelors degree,, in 1974, was unthinkable. I returned home to New Jersey; earned a Masters Degree in History, with a concentration in Colonial and Revolutionary History; taught in a Catholic High School for five years; earned a Maters Degree in Mathematics; taught one year in a K-8 elementary school; then 31 years in a two-year college. After retiring in December 2017, I was bored and missed teaching so I returned to teaching in the spring of 2020, first at a local community college and then at Rutgers University where I am still teaching today. Along the way I was a National Park Ranger at Morristown National Historical Park and served as a docent on Amtrak trains as part the the National Park Service's Trails and Rails program. From 2004 to 2024 I was a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for my town and a neighboring town. Well, this was supposed to be brief, but I hope you find it intersting. Allow me to close with my favorite quote, from Christa McAuliffe, the teacher who perished in the Challenger explosion in January, 1986 as it pretty much sums up what I love to do: "I touch the future, I teach."

Parsons and Jones, conversation 1

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Unit Date 2026-02-16

Abstract I started our conversation with a general inquiry about why we both chose HSC, since he had also applied to Macon and Wake Forest. Then we pivoted to our love of the college and its unique history. One thing I remember is him showing me a picture of a train car with "Hampden-Sydney College" on it, then a postcard of the SS Hampden-Sydney Liberty Ship. Since he was also an alum from the bicentennial, I wanted to ask him about what it was like being a student then, as the times have changed; he mentioned several differences, such as Hardee's being the only fast food in town, and there being a drive-in movie theater where the Wawa is today. We continued discussing the college's history, specifically the first female and Black professors on campus, including one who was a mathematics professor. It was interesting that he remembers both of the first women professors and that the first to be a professor was not the first to be tenured. We then shifted to how the campus has changed, notably the loss of Bagby and the fact that buildings like Graham Hall and Maples had two entirely different uses. It was very interesting to hear stories from a time on campus that was so different from what it's like now, and to hear how it will change when I am his age during the tri-centennial.

Parsons and Jones, conversation 2

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Abstract Our conversation in this meeting builds upon the previous conversation we had. Fitting the guidelines for the second conversation was a bit difficult, as we discussed some of the main points from conversation one. We started by discussing how HSC has changed over time, most notably in the buildings on campus and their uses. We talked about the ages of some buildings, how they have been used by certain departments over time, and whether that has changed. I asked how HSC had changed while we were students. I noticed that our campus has changed a lot since I was a student, and he noted that it did not change much at all while he was a student. I then asked him about hangout spots or things people would do on campus, and he noted that there was nothing like the TI that is now on campus. Despite our talk about how the campus has changed since he was a student, we went into more depth on campus, such as the pool. We then talked more about how Farmville has changed since he was a student, talking about the Baptist church, Fuqua School, and desegregation.

Parsons and Jones, conversation 3

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Unit Date 2026-03-19

Abstract Jeff and I were able to do our final conversation in person while Jeff was on campus for the week. We started off talking about how he found new ways to donate to the school and how that worked. I then shifted it to asking him questions about how hsc has changed in 50 years and what we both expect to change over the next 50 years. This idea dominated the conversation as we have a 51 graduating class difference. I then talked about what I want to see from the alumni as I become one, hopefully seeing a larger involvement of alumni on campus and more that come to events in the future.

Matthew Miscikowski and Patrick Martin

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Language English.

Matthew Miscikowski '26 Bio

Majors: Biology, Psychology Minors: Chemistry, Neuroscience School Affiliations: H-SC Journal of the Sciences, The Tiger Newspaper, Society for Neuroscience, Alpha Chi Sigma, Society for Collegiate Journalism, Eta Sigma Phi, Sigma Xi, Psi Chi, Omicron Delta Kappa Research Experience: I have spent my time at H-SC studying a variety of biological topics ranging from cancer genetics to neurobiology. Among my more interesting experiences was presented at the annual Society for Neuroscience in 2023. In the Summer of 2025 I also worked at the University of Kentucky for two months as a visiting undergraduate in the Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center. My proudest achievement over my four years at the college is quite likely the 2025 Journal of the Sciences of which I was the Editor-in-chief. I work diligently to attain that same quality as editor-in-chief of the 2026 edition as well.

Patrick Martin '02

Dr. Patrick Martin is a roboticist who develops the algorithms, architectures and systems that support human-robot collaboration in the performing arts. Patrick has 20 years of experience across academic, industrial, and government roles. He is currently an Assistant Professor in University of Richmond's Department of Computer Science and held prior academic appointments at Virginia Commonwealth University, and York College of Pennsylvania. He was also a research scientist and engineer at BAE Systems, MITRE Corporation, and Intelligent Automation, Inc. (now Blue Halo). He is a Senior Member of the IEEE and Vice Chair of the IEEE Robot Task Representation standard working group. Patrick holds a Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, an M.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of Maryland, and a B.S. in Physics and Applied Mathematics from Hampden-Sydney College.

Xavier Mears and Wilson Schoellkopf

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Language English.

Xavier Mears '26 Bio

I'm a senior at Hampden-Sydney, and I'm currently studying Foreign Affairs and a minor in National Security. I played football all four years at Sydney and enjoyed it. I love to hunt, fish, and watch football. I'm a family man, I have a 5-month-old son named Kai, and I have a Fiancé and her name is Jasmyn.

Parenthood has been fun, but it is also challenging as well. I want to be able to get a good job when I finish my degree to be able to support my family.

Wilson Schoellkopf '93 Bio

Wilson Schoellkopf is a native Texan, born in Dallas, where he currently resides with his wife Lynde and daughter Willow. He graduated from the Episcopal School of Dallas, majored in psychology at Hampden-Sydney ('93) and then earned a Master's degree in clinical psychology from Southern Methodist University. Wilson started his professional life in advertising, working for three large agencies in Dallas. He then moved into aviation, where he worked as a flight instructor and contract pilot on single engine, propeller driven aircraft. From there he found his true calling in education and taught mathematics in grades 4 through 8 in public and private schools in the Dallas area. After four grueling years in the classroom he decided to devote himself full time to serving others. In addition to being active in his church he serves on the Board of Trustees of St. John's Episcopal School, is an officer of the Exchange Club of East Dallas, and advocates for children in foster care with Dallas CASA. He is also a member of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. He has established two scholarship funds for economically disadvantaged students, one at a school where he taught and another at his alma mater. Most days you can find him in a classroom in Dallas ISD, where he tutors math as a volunteer. When not volunteering his time, Wilson enjoys travel, reading, and spending time in northwest Montana. He speaks highly mediocre Portuguese and plays an even more mediocre game of golf.

Grayson Marriott and Blake Dozier

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Grayson Marriot '26 Bio

Grayson Marriott grew up in Richmond, Virginia, and attended St. Christopher's School and is part of the Hampden-Sydney class of 2026 with a B.A. in Economics. During my time at Hampden-Sydney, I have been involved in athletics, clubs, and Greek life. Grayson played two seasons on Hampden-Sydney's football team as a Wide Receiver. Grayson is also a brother in the Kappa Alpha Order Fraternity. He is also involved in the President's Men, Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society), Investment Banking Club, Commercial Real Estate Club, and Phi Beta Lambda (Pre-Business Society). Grayson will be pursuing a Master's in Commerce at The University of Virginia this coming August.

Blake Dozier ' Bio

Blake Dozier grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a B.A. in Religion and a minor in Economics. He began his career in commercial real estate brokerage with CBRE of Virginia before transitioning into business development in the eLearning industry. In 2015, Blake co-founded OnPoint Building Services with Cory Jessee, driven by a vision to elevate customer service and employee care in the janitorial industry. Over the past decade, OnPoint has earned a reputation for quality service, exceptional communication, and a company culture that prioritizes employee well-being. Blake has been actively involved in the local community, serving as Chairman of the Board of PiN Ministry (People in Need), a non-profit dedicated to serving the poor. He is also a co-founder and the current Chairman of the Board of VB Fellows, a local non-profit that provides a year of mentorship and career development for recent college graduates. Additionally, Blake serves on the boards of Virginia Beach Vision and the Hampton Roads chapter of IFMA (International Facilities Management Association) and is an active supporter of IREM (Institute for Real Estate Management). Blake volunteers with New Life Church at the Virginia Beach Town Center Campus, and is the recipient of the Inside Business Hampton Roads Top 40 Under 40 Award in 2019. Blake is deeply committed to fostering a supportive work environment, believing that taking care of employees is key to delivering outstanding service. Blake and his wife, Caroline, live in Virginia Beach with their four children: twins Luke (11) and Virginia (11), Annabelle (7), and David (6), along with their black lab, Marshal.

Jordan Jackson and Marcus Ayoub

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Language English.

Jordan Jackson '26 Bio

I was born and raised in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and I graduated from Mountain View High School. I spent my time in high school playing football and basketball, fishing, and working at the community center. I committed to Hampden-Sydney because of the brotherhood. On my visit, they made me feel as if I were already a student there. I am on track to graduate in May, and I have spent the last four years away from the football team while majoring in Business and Economics.

Marcus Ayoub '15 Bio

I was raised in Arlington, Virginia and graduated from Yorktown High School in 2015 with a strong determination to get away from the busy DC area. Most of my free time in high school was spent running a landscaping business that I passed down to my younger brother upon attending Hampden-Sydney College. I chose Hampden-Sydney College for the beautifully rural campus as well as the strong brotherhood that I heard a lot about. I majored in Business and Economics with a minor in Visual Arts. I enjoyed the opportunity to study abroad in Ireland with Dr. Dempster and Dr. Isaacs. The Hampden-Sydney Volunteer Fire Department is where most of my studying occurred and where I spent most of my free time. Throughout my four years on the Hill I held many jobs including: resident advisor, dark room photography lab assistant, photographer for communications, 9-1-1 dispatcher, EMT, real estate photographer/videographer, and hay farmer/distributor. Although I thoroughly enjoyed studying business and economics, I found that my passion had shifted to public service and I was hired by Chesterfield County Fire & EMS after graduation in 2019. I worked for Chesterfield as a firefighter/paramedic and lived in the Richmond area for the first year after graduation before my love for the Hampden-Sydney community brought me back. I moved to a house on Five Forks Road next to campus so that I could continue to engaging in campus events. After moving back I was hired by Prince Edward County for a position as the Program Administrator for FEMA Public Assistance. My passion to help others was eventually transformed by LTC Rucker Snead into something I never thought I would be capable of—a Marine Corps pilot. After training for over three years with the United States Marine Corps I officially earned the designation of Naval Aviator this past December. My training in took me to Quantico VA, Pensacola FL, Corpus Christi TX, Milton FL, and as of last week Jacksonville NC. Upon completing training under my current command I will report to San Diego, California to fly the MV-22 Osprey.

Joseph Gonzalez and Warner Winborne

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Joseph Gonzalez '26 Bio

My name is Joseph Gonzalez, more known on campus as "Jojo". I am a native of Texas but from Virginia before coming to Hampden-Sydney in 2022. Growing up in San Antonio and then moving to the Fredericksburg area was a real life shock. I have played sports all my life, but this past semester my football career as a player finished after 14 years. I always had big dreams as a kid to make it to the big leagues but sadly the genetics were not all the way there. I am proud to leave a mark here on the program overall as I did make First-Team All ODAC. Now as my schooling comes to an end, I have been thinking of taking paths through construction, the military, or something in the lines of Business and Economics which is my major.

Warner Winborne '88 Bio

Dr. Warner Winborne is a native of Virginia, growing up on a small farm in eastern Hanover county, east of Richmond. I entered Hampden-Sydney in 1984, and graduated with the class of 1988. I had thought that I wanted to go to law school, and so I took a job as a researcher for a high-powered Washington D.C. law firm. After two years of that I decided the practice of law (at least at that lofty level) was not for me. So I went to Northern Illinois University, where I earned my PhD in Political Science. After some teaching jobs at a few other colleges and universities, I was fortunate to return to Hampden-Sydney, joining the faculty in 1999. I taught in the Department of Government and Foreign Affairs for twenty-four years, retiring in 2023. I now enjoy retirement with my wife Patti in the very southeastern corner of Puerto Rico.

Jack Davis and Jim Shropshire Jr

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Jack Davis '26 Bio

Born and raised in Radford Va, however Hampden-Sydney has always been a "home away from home." My father was an H-SC grad (1987), my uncle was an H-SC grad (1988). Both of them were brief members of the golf team and football team and were members of KA fraternity. My grandfather was an HSC man, who would've graduated here (1952) if not for being a pilot in the Vietnam war for two years and completing his undergrad after at Centre College (which I bet a Kentucky native like yourself is quite familiar with). My grandfather was a member of Sigma Chi ($\Sigma\chi$) at both of these schools. I also have several distant relatives who also attended this great brotherhood we have collectively joined. However, for all of these legacies towards this campus, I do not believe that it was the reason for my acceptance to the college in 2022. The campus was an atmosphere I truly loved— a small, tight nit community where studies were challenging,

but helped me stay disciplined. I was also offered a spot on both the golf team and the soccer team here, however I chose golf as my sport to continue on campus (less running). I am a current English major, with a minor in both Rhetoric, as well as law and public policy. Like my grandfather, I am also a brother of the ΣΧ fraternity... however I have plenty of friends in SAE and also received a bid there. It is unbelievable to me that this is my last semester, as well as the 250th graduating class of H-SC! What a cool atmosphere it has been on campus, filled with celebrations and history all year round. I think this project you, myself, and my fellow peers with their assigned alumni, have quite a cool agenda ahead us. Looking forward to seeing you face to face, virtually that is.

Jim Shropshire Jr '75 Bio

I arrived at Hampden-Sydney from Lexington in the fall of 1971, having been on campus only once before briefly. I spent my first two years pretty much studying continuously; I didn't have high confidence in my ability to do the work so may have overcompensated. I spent so much time in the library that they offered me a job. Two good friends made during those initial years remain close contacts today. We should see more of one another than we do. I pledged a fraternity, SAE, and double majored in history and govt/foreign affairs. Dr David Holly was one of my foreign affairs professors and my advisor. All in all, I loved my four years at Hampden-Sydney. It was a good fit. Following graduation in 1975, I returned to Kentucky still not knowing what I wanted to do. I started working on the family farm and I'm still here, feeding cows. As a complement to the farming I've been involved in many community endeavors over the years, specifically planning and zoning issues that affect our rural lifestyle and landscape. I served a term as president of the Fayette County Farm Bureau, which provided a useful platform for pursuit of these priorities. I was on the founding board of the Fayette Alliance, an advocacy group for farming and rural land preservation efforts that simultaneously promotes smart growth for the urban core.

Cole Carman and David M. Campbell

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Cole Carman '26 Bio

Cole Carman grew up in Richmond Virginia and attended Benedictine College Prep for high school. He is a 22 year old college student with a major in economics and a minor in history. Up until recently he did not know how to put his degree to use but found a new career goal and hopes to get into construction project management. Some activities he enjoys doing are hunting, fishing, snowboarding, golf, and hiking. After college, he plans to move back to Richmond to pursue a path in construction. Life on the Hill Cole first visited the Hill during his senior year of high school on an official visit, where he got to experience his first class at HSC as well as stay the weekend. Instantly, he knew this was the place to spend the next four years. During his time here, Cole has been involved with various clubs and organizations such as Club Lacrosse, Beekeeping Club, Sigma Chi Fraternity, History Club and more. He knew that he wanted to major in economics or business before he got here, but sitting in for Dr. Isaac's econ 101 course on his visit helped make his mind.

David M. Campbell '15 Bio

David M. Campbell is a highly accomplished technical leader who currently serves as a government civilian Technical Project Officer at US Cyber Command and at NSWC Dahlgren Division. Since graduating from Hampden-Sydney College in 2015, he has spearheaded multi-million-dollar projects, including the development of novel kinetic capabilities for the Naval Railgun and 5-inch gun programs. His experience with the Navy includes a strong background in mechanical and electrical design, systems safety, and program management. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Physics with minors in Mathematics and Music from Hampden-Sydney College and has received numerous awards for his engineering excellence and meritorious service to the US DoW. Life while living at The Hill: During his undergraduate years at Hampden-Sydney College, Mr. Campbell demonstrated a deep commitment to a wide array of campus activities. His passion for science was evident through his membership in the Alpha Chi Sigma (AXE) professional fraternity, where he served as Master of Ceremonies for two semesters and as President for another two. Also, he served as an H-SC physics department tutor during his junior and senior years. Due to his love of STEM demonstrations, he also took on leadership responsibilities within the Society of Physics Students, serving as its Vice President for one year. In recognition of his leadership and scholastic achievements, in 2014 he was inducted into the Omnicron Delta Kappa (ODK) honor society. His contributions extended to campus governance as well, where he was a student court investigator for three years. While balancing his academic and leadership roles, Mr. Campbell also pursued his love for music as a dedicated member of the H-SC Chorus and the H-SC Acousticals for all four years, serving as the President of the Acousticals for two of those years.

Charles Ames and Harrison Taylor

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Charles Ames '26 Bio

My name is Charlie Ames, and I am a second-semester senior from Marietta, GA. I am a Business Economics major who has a strong interest in sales and entrepreneurship through different business ventures in the past. I founded my own vintage resale business, Tomahawk Vintage, in the summer of 2022 and continued to grow the business into a hybrid in-person/ecommerce store that I loved doing for several years. More recently, I had a sales internship this past summer at Coca-Cola UNITED in Atlanta Georgia where I continued to learn more about my passion for sales. After graduation, I plan to go back to live in Atlanta, where I'll hopefully be working in a sales position in the beverage or tech industry! I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at Hampden-Sydney and am extremely excited to add to the College's history as the 250th anniversary approaches. I am a third generation Hampden-Sydney student and love that we have the opportunity to learn more about each other and how the college has changed over the last couple of decades. I am involved here on campus in Greek life as a brother of Delta Kappa Epsilon and also in a few clubs, such as Pit Masters. I have numerous hobbies, such as basketball, golf, working out, painting, video games, pickleball, and cooking.

Harrison Taylor ' Bio

Harrison Taylor is a marketing and digital media strategist working at the intersection of music, culture, and technology. He currently serves as a Creative Marketing & Media Analyst at Savage Ventures, a Nashville-based venture capital group, where he leads creative marketing & design for brands such as American Songwriter and VICE. Harrison's role includes leading artist discovery initiatives, building songwriting education programs, workshopping digital marketing efforts, and running large-scale contests that connect emerging talent with industry professionals. Previously, Harrison led marketing for Elsie Marshall Whiskey, a singer-songwriter startup bourbon company in Nashville, overseeing brand positioning, experiential activations, and local growth initiatives. This effort was a part of Harrison's work as a Marketing Manager at Fizz in Atlanta, supporting campaign strategy and audience development for Fortune 500 brands such as Atari, Coca-Cola, ButcherBox, Greenlight, and Stuckey's. Across roles, his work centers on brand building, storytelling, and turning creative cultural insight into measurable growth. Harrison is also the founder of About to Boom, a music discovery platform designed to help fans find up-and-coming artists before they break through. About to Boom was built during Harrison's tenure as a Master's student in Digital Media Management at the University of Southern California, where he earned his M.S. in 2025, graduating at the top of his class. Harrison also earned his undergraduate degree in English & Rhetoric from Hampden-Sydney College, where he was a 4-year basketball player, a Harrison Scholar, a member of the Garnet & Grey Society, a member of the President's Men, and the marketing lead for the College Activities Council. He also currently serves on Hampden-Sydney's Young Alumni Council in the role of Secretary & Treasurer - he was named the youngest member of H-SC's 10 under 10 in 2025. Some of Harrison's personal interests include basketball, live music, video games, songwriting, AI technology, and traveling. Harrison was born in Richmond, Virginia, but has spent time living in Atlanta, Virginia Beach, Los Angeles, and, now, Nashville, Tennessee.