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September

3 Convocation, Carter Athletic Center,
10 a.m.

9 New Parent Reception, Headmaster's
Home, 7 p.m.

13 Art Reception, Logan Gallery,
2 - 4 p.m. (art will remain on display
until October 18)

18 Legacy Picnic, 12 p.m.

October

13 Headmaster's Coffee,
Cartledge Multi-purpose Room,
12 p.m.

15 Admission Open House
(JK3/JK4/K), Ellis Hall, 8:30 a.m.

16-18 Alumni Reunion
& Homecoming Weekend (see
detailed schedule on page 21)



21 Fall Board of Trustees meeting,
12 - 4 p.m.

31 Lower School Trick or
Treat, Headmaster's
Home, 5 - 8 p.m.

November

3 Admission Visit Day (1-6),
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

7 Upper School Drama
Production, Fishburn Auditorium, 7 p.m.

8 Art Reception, featuring the work
of Shirley Johnson & Friends, Logan
Gallery, 2 - 4 p.m. (art will remain
on display until December 18)

Upper School Drama Production,
Fishburn Auditorium, 3 p.m.

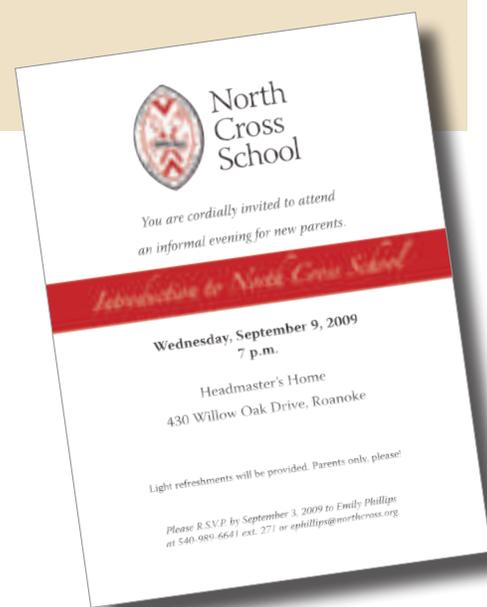
9 - 15 Book Fair, Tanglewood
Barnes & Noble

10 Headmaster's Coffee,
Cartledge Multi-purpose Room,
12 p.m.

11 Admission Open House
(JK3/JK4/K), Ellis Hall, 8:30 a.m.

24 Grandparents' Day, 9 - 11 a.m.

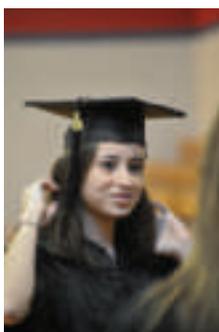
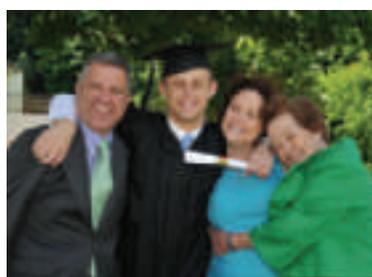
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Headmaster's Message

Commencements, though named for beginnings, also, of course, mark endings. Our seniors move from being our students to being alumni; our parents move from being current parents to being parents of alumni. And, for some teachers, a commencement marks the end of their time at North Cross School, either to leave for another school, or to head for a new life in retirement.

While buildings are important, and technology provides useful tools, the heart of any school will always be its faculty. This is true at independent schools to a greater degree than it is at other sorts. While the public system strives to make all teachers alike in their technique, their delivery and in the content of their courses, independent schools are built on the notion that students thrive best when teachers are free to teach as the spirit moves them, and in response to the particular students in a particular class. In this way, independent schools pay homage to ideas clear since Socrates first seduced the youth of Athens into seeking truth and justice, using only the power of his knowledge, insight and skill: that at the heart of education is the relationship between an inspired student and inspiring teacher, not a syllabus or a textbook or a standard of learning.

We said goodbye at this commencement to two teachers who are each the incarnation of the independent school ideal referred to above. It is a bit breathtaking to realize **Mrs. Margaret Grayson** will no longer grace the hallways of Willis Hall; that **Mr. Gates DeHart** will no longer pour out his heart to students in room three (now named in honor of him as a testament to his 39 years of service to the School and its students). Ms. Grayson's

unedited enthusiasm for bringing the joys of Latin to her students, whether they were equally enthusiastic or were just trying to survive, inspired me. I want my students to think of me as hers do of her; I hope I am at least somewhat as unforgettable in my classes as she has been in hers. Mr. DeHart's boundless compassion for students, matched by his love of language and for the subtleties of the stage, served as an inspiration as well for me of someone who understood the heart of teaching. Every student in Mr. DeHart's classes knew he had in his teacher an advocate, someone who would never give up and who would be unrelenting in generosity,

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care and help. Among those reading this magazine are former students taught by Mr. DeHart at home, and by Ms. Grayson over the phone, because their teachers refused to let them fail. But no pushovers these two. Their students knew as well that what needed to be done, needed to be done, or there would be consequences. Loved and respected both, Ms. Grayson and Mr. DeHart got the teacher's golden ring: students believed the measure of their love was embedded in the demands they made.

You see, Margaret and Gates never forgot the point, never failed to see the forest for the trees: they knew we are here



so our students grow in knowledge, skill, confidence and hope. They knew that all else must step aside in the service of these ideals.

Commencement at schools is a bittersweet time. The air is full of the nearly unmitigated excitement of the soon-to-be graduates, and the more mixed emotions of parents eager to see their children receive the honor, but a bit sad at the knowledge that this right of passage means another is looming—the dropping off at college and the end of living with their children. For those of us on the faculty, and for generations of alumni of North Cross School, at this commencement the bitter slightly outweighed sweet, as we knew it marked the end of our time as colleagues of Margaret and Gates, and the beginning of a North Cross School without them.

To Ms. Grayson and Mr. DeHart, and to all our most recent graduates, Godspeed.

*Farewell, my [friend], fare thee well.
The elements be kind to thee, and make
Thy spirits all of comfort: fare thee well.*
~William Shakespeare

*atque in perpetuum, [mater], ave
atque vale.* ~Catullus

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy J. Seeley".

Timothy J. Seeley

Summer Programs

Summer Programs Celebrate Another Successful Year

This summer, more than 650 children from across the Roanoke Valley enjoyed the summer months on the NCS campus. NCS continued its commitment to enroll a record number of non-NCS students.

The camps are hosted annually as part of the School's mission to serve as a community resource. This summer saw the addition of three new camps and a large growth in the number of campers enrolled in the Middle School Madness programs.

"It's interesting and exciting that the same campers interested in basketball and baseball are coming back and signing up for academically enriching classes," said Summer Programs Director **Stephen Belderes**. "It really speaks to the caliber of our coaches and teachers who work in unison to help our campers and students reach their full potential."

The program allows participants to choose from a broad range of enrichment programs and sports camps designed to provide students of all ages with safe activities that are interest-

ing, challenging, and fun.

These offerings are intended to improve the social, mental, and physical skills of participants and allow them to make new friends, as well as develop new interests and revisit old ones. The School has been hosting summer programs for more than 30 years. Programs begin in early June and run through the third week of August. Summer camps range in price from \$85 – \$175, based on the length of the camp and the activity. Camps also range from several day sports clinics to one-week camps.

The wide variety of programs offered at NCS during the summer months are intended to provide safe activities for students of all ages. These programs are led by an experienced group of NCS faculty and coaches with years of experience in their respective fields. The programs are intended to improve the social, mental, and physical skills of the children who attend. School officials believe strongly that these programs should be a resource to the entire region that NCS serves, and should strengthen the School's relationship within the community. Therefore, programs are available to students from all schools as well as NCS students.

For more information visit www.northcross.org/summerprograms.



Summer Programs

2009



Grants Allow 24 to Attend Camp

NCS continues to gain foundation support for financial assistance for campers from low income families. In the summer of 2006, nine students from Fallon Park Elementary School joined the summer enrichment and the total has grown to 24 campers in 2009.

As part of the School's community service program, middle and upper school students have been working at Fallon Park Elementary School on each of the School's six community service days each year for the past six years.

Special thanks are extended to Edgar A. Thurman Foundation for Children and the Katherine N. Fishburn Foundation Fund for awarding scholarships to 24 students from Fallon Park Elementary School to attend camps.

Raider Happenings

Lower School News

Students of all ages celebrated the birthday of legendary children's book author Dr. Seuss. On March 4, kindergarten students read "Green Eggs and Ham" aloud before they spent time cooking green eggs and ham in class. Also, kindergarten students read several Dr. Seuss books to junior kindergarten students. Upper school students and teachers also brought in their favorite texts to display and discuss.



Emily Joseph, Tanner Vogel, and Caroline Blum enjoy a book.

On May 1, 40 fifth graders reenacted a Roman battle scene taken straight from the pages of their history books. One side of the CAC quad stood an army of Roman legionaries, on the opposing side, an army of Barbarian Celts. Each student dressed in full attire and carried a hand-painted plywood shield called an "aspis" and a Roman sword replica. The Roman army was lead by fifth grade history teacher **Victor Lamas**. Middle school English teacher **Henry Wise** portrayed the Celtic king Vercingetorix and marched his army of barbarians into battle. The activity follows a unit on ancient Rome that students have been studying for a month.

The fourth grade presented Rip Van Winkle and Tom Sawyer, Pirate (two short plays) for the school community and parents on May 22, in Fishburn Auditorium. This was the students' final reading unit. The students read the plays, memorized their lines, made the props, and designed their own costumes. Fourth grade is the first opportunity that students have to perform on stage.

The Ellis Hall SCA visited the Roanoke Rescue Mission on May 28, to drop off items collected in the lower school. The donated supplies included school supplies, toiletries, condiments, laundry detergent, and baggies. The students also presented the Mission with a check for \$500, raised through this year's General Mills Box Tops for Education collection. While there, the students toured the Rescue Mission. Teacher **Donna Horak** is the SCA advisor.

Fifth grader Hannah Dunn won the Lower School Spelling Bee on April 2 in Fishburn Auditorium. Prior to spring break in March, each third, fourth, and fifth grade homeroom class held its own spelling bee. The top four students from each class competed

in the final competition, with a total of 23 students. Each student had to correctly spell one word per round throughout the six-round spelling bee. Fourth graders **Natalie List** and **Brenna Harman** won second and third. Dunn correctly spelled "conquered" to win first place.

NCS's Girl Scout Troop #791 has donated 25 books to Hancock Library. A portion of the money earned from their annual cookie sale was used to purchase the books. Easy books for the younger grades and a new set of DK Biographies for older students were donated. Scout members are **Rebecca Benson '17, Madisen Charles '18, Lauren Echols '18, Cailyn Hash '16, Natalie Huebschman '17, Caroline McGimsey '17, and Emma Stacey '17**; their troop leaders are Tonya Benson and Ellen McGimsey.

Seven students received the VIP treatment on April 30 when a white limousine pulled up at 3 p.m. to pick them up from school and took them for grilled cheese and milkshakes at Pop's Ice Cream and Soda Bar in Grandin Village. The out-



Fifth graders prepare for the annual roman battle (left) in which they carry hand-painted plywood shields and swords and take on the barbarians (above).

Raider Happenings



ing, which was auctioned off as part of this year's Mosaic Online Auction, was very exciting for lower school students **Brenna Harman '17, Juliana Goodrich '17, Ashtyn Gerhart '17, Morgan Sturm '17, Margaret Deane '17, Natalie List '17, and Laney Fralin '17.** The girls were accompanied by NCS mom Karen Fralin, who bid on, and won, the auction item. Limousine services were donated by Prestige Limousine and Pop's Soda and Ice Cream Bar donated grilled cheese sandwiches and milk shakes.

On March 24, Jon Goss, astronomy columnist for *The Roanoke Times*, spoke to 41 students in **Julie Grove, Sharon Daly, Melanie Harrison, and Dawn Hollandsworth's** kindergarten classes about the solar system. Goss discussed and demonstrated topics such as the distance between planets, how the Sun was formed, the phases of the moon, and how much people and other objects would weigh on the moon compared to their weight on Earth. Kindergarten students study the solar system all year long and enjoyed this chance to talk to an expert in this field. ☺

Parents' Association Hard At Work During Summer Months

The Parent's Association has been hard at work this summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

Over the summer, PA member and Spirit Store Manager **Kim Roe** coordinated the Back to School Supply Drive and the effort to recycle old, unwanted school supplies for students. Roe is also working to stock the Spirit Store in preparation for the start of school. Parents interested in purchasing school supplies, including lower school white polo shirts and red crew-neck sweaters with the NCS logo may do so anytime.

Among the new initiatives planned for this year:

- The PA is planning to work with the School's Environmental Action Committee to encourage the entire NCS community to "Live Green" on campus and at home.
- A new fundraiser with Lavender's will replace the former Innishbrook fundraiser. Lavender's offers many different products including gift wrap, cookie dough, gourmet pies, gourmet beverages, flower bulbs, fresh Balsalm wreaths, and many other holiday items.

The PA holds monthly meetings in Hancock Library and all parents are invited to attend. The first meeting will be on Sept. 10 at

12 p.m. A copy of the meeting schedule for this year is available at www.northcross.org/parentsassociation. Minutes are posted on the web following each meeting. For more information, or to get involved please contact President Kristsi Gerhart at klgerhart@aol.com or 540-772-3283.

The 2009-2010 Parents' Association Board:

- Kristi Gerhart - President**
- Elizabeth Cranwell - Vice President**
- Susan Thurman - Secretary**
- Mary Lynn Wright - Treasurer**
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- Anne Hearp - JK3 representative**
- Leslie Chandel - JK4 representative**
- Sarah Blum - K representative**
- Anne Turner - 1st grade representative**
- Jennifer Karlen - 2nd grade representative**
- Mary Barton - 3rd grade representative**
- Lisa Hooker - 4th grade representative**
- Laura Arnold - 5th grade representative**
- Cathy Lemon - Eaton Hall representative**
- Patricia Eggleston - 6th grade representative**
- Paige Rock - 7th grade representative**
- Peggy McDonnell - 8th grade representative**
- Kate Worthy - Willis Hall representative**
- Trish Bonelli - 9th grade representative**
- Martha Martin - 10th grade representative**
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- Mary Hunt - Education Chair**
- Jane Bondurant - Faculty/Staff Liaison**

Don't Forget



The NCS Parent's Association would like to ask all parents to fill out the volunteer form in the back of the 2009 Volunteer Opportunities Handbook, available at www.northcross.org/parentsassociation.

Raider Happenings

Middle School News

Middle and upper school students donated more than \$400 to the Children's Miracle Network by participating in a plethora of activities across campus March 6 – 7. The money was donated through "Dick & Dave's Radiothon for Kids" on Q99 FM Radio Station. This is the second year that NCS has participated in the event, contributing more than \$700 to the cause.

The NCS Destination Imagination team, led by parent Nancy Pecor, comprised of **Cailyn Hash '16**, **Adrienne Spring '16**, **Emma Stacey '17**, **Margaret Deane '17**, and **Moira Pecor '18**, worked with Mill Mountain Zoo as a resource for their research. The team placed 5th at the state competition.

On April 23, middle school students spent the morning volunteering at the Roanoke Rescue Mission. The students helped straighten storage of supplies, toiletries, food, and clothing that will be distributed to residents. The effort was part of the School's annual community service program, in which upper and middle school students must participate in three community service days each year. ☺



Several middle school students volunteered at the Roanoke Rescue Mission on April 23.



The 2009 International Dinner, held on April 22, was attended by almost 200 people.

Upper School News

The NCS community celebrated the cultural differences of students, faculty, and staff at this year's International Dinner, hosted by the Foreign Language Department on April 22. The dinner, which was attended by almost 200 people, was open to all upper school students and their families. The evening began with non-denominational blessings in several different languages including Arabic, Chinese, French, Hebrew, Korean, and Latin. Families were asked to bring an international dish to share, and upper school Spanish students performed during the event.

Sophomore Stephanie Till earned a seat in the flute section of the coveted Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra. With only two openings in the flute section for next year, Till made it, despite the very competitive auditions. Oboe player **Lauren Oddo '11** is also a member of the RYSO which practices for three hours on Sunday afternoons and performs several concerts throughout the year.

On April 4, Lara Min '12, won the Blue Ridge Conference singles championship in tennis. The tournament was held at Eastern Mennonite High School in Harrisonburg. Min had a bye the first round of the tournament and then defeated players from Chatham Hall (Chatham) and Carlisle School (Axton) to make it to the championship game. In the finals, she faced off against the returning champion from last year. Ultimately Min won the tiebreaker match 7-0 and was crowned 2009 BRC champion. ☺

CCA Marlins Announce New Programs for Younger Students

Did you know that NCS and Carter Center Aquatics (CCA Marlins) have collaborated for nearly 20 years to develop one of the Valley’s top-notch swimming programs? This long-standing relationship has offered youth in Roanoke County, City and the surrounding valley the opportunity to compete with a USA Swimming sponsored club, and has given NCS tremendous exposure to the community it serves.

To recognize the renewed partnership between the School and the Marlins, the team is announcing the development of two new programs. The programs are geared specifically to NCS parents and students and are being offered as a way to help NCS families get involved in the school’s swimming community as early as possible.

“Beirne Carter had a vision for the Carter Athletic Center-- that it be a facility to benefit both School and the community, a place to serve as a bridge between North Cross School and the Roanoke Valley,” said Headmaster **Timothy J. Seeley**. “The Marlins program is a wonderful manifestation of that vision, as it is open to all, whether or not they are a North Cross School family, and so brings together the entire community. It also serves as a way for families unfamiliar with the School to be introduced to it, and be exposed to our philosophy to

serve all children’s needs, their physical growth as well as their cognitive and character development.”

A new learn-to-swim (LTS) program for students in junior kindergarten through second grade will be offered after-school throughout the year. The lessons will be taught by the newest member of the Marlin’s coaching staff, **Mallory McClaine**.

Also new this year, the Mini Marlins program is intended to serve as a bridge between swimming lessons and competitive swimming for students between five and 10 years old. The program will be offered two days per week, after school and is designed to teach the four competitive strokes as well as basic fundamentals of swimming competition. These swimmers will be able to compete in local and regional meets.

“This is a great opportunity for the School’s youngest students to become active swimmers. The learn-to-swim and Mini Marlins programs will both be offered after school hours, and, of course, will take place in the CAC swimming pool. The Marlins really do have something for everyone now,” said **Greg Johnson**, Head Marlins Coach.

For more information, including a fee schedule, please visit www.ccamarlins.com or call 540-989-7284. Johnson may also be reached at gjohnson@ccamarlins.com.



Parents Invited to Join Boosters

The NCS Boosters was formed several years ago as a formal means of promoting and supporting NCS athletic programs and their student athletes. Booster membership is open to everyone with an interest in NCS athletics. Lower school parents are encouraged to join this year, even though they don’t currently have children involved in NCS athletics, to become familiar with programs and help plan for a solid future.

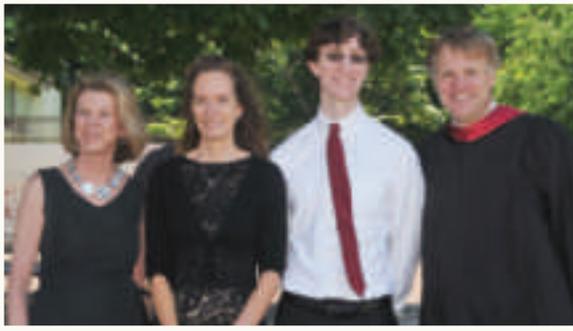
Booster members, in coordination with the Development Office, raise funds for capital improvements and wish list items for the Athletic Department. In addition, Booster members provide volunteer support to teams in the form of scorekeepers and timekeepers. They also help by collecting admission fees at certain athletic events.

Regular monthly meetings will be held throughout the school year. Look for a complete list of upcoming meetings at www.northcross.org/boosters. Board member and officer positions are currently available for the coming year.

For more information contact President Charlie Watson at charles.watson@cengage.com or 540-776 3423.



On June 1, hundreds of parents, students, and faculty members filled the Carter Athletic Center gymnasium during the School's 46th Commencement. Longtime Upper School English and Drama Teacher **Gates G. DeHart III** was the keynote speaker. DeHart's address focused on the importance of language in everyone's life. After 39 years of service to NCS, he retired at the end of the 2008 – 09 school year. Following the ceremony, which recognized the accomplishments of the 30 members of the senior class, a reception was held in front of Slack Hall where the School's newest alumni celebrated with faculty and family members. During the ceremony, the School also honored Dr. **Linda Valleroy '68** with the Alumni Service Award, presented each year by the School's alumni association. 🍷



Board of Trustees Chair Anne Lee Stevens, left, and Headmaster Timothy J. Seeley, right, with Donna Boyd and '09 Class Valedictorian Merritt Boyd.



Commencement

Celebrating

2009 Academic Awards

The following awards were announced during Commencement:



North Cross Medal

Clifford Merritt Boyd

Presented by the Board of Trustees to the Valedictorian of the graduating class.



North Cross Cup

Robert Scottfield
"Scotty" Groth

Presented by the Board of Trustees to the salutatorian of the graduating class.



Thomas A. Slack Award

Glenn Bright Williams

This award is presented to the student in the senior class who has rendered the highest service to North Cross School through leadership based on the influence of character.

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College Acceptances

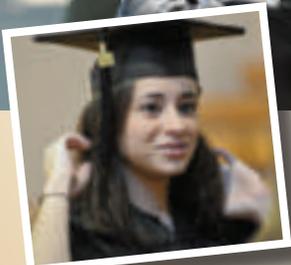
Congratulations to the Class of 2009. The 30 students were admitted to ___ colleges and universities across the country. 100 percent of the Class of 2009 will attend a four-year college or university.

Samuel Holt Bibee §	Hampden-Sydney College
Clifford Merritt Boyd •	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Mary Stuart Carter	Furman University
Michael Alexander Cecil §	Hampden-Sydney College
Christopher Michael Champa	Radford University
Mark Alexander Clements	Hampden-Sydney College
Laura Grace Copplesstone	Bryn Mawr College
Patrick Lawrence DelBuono	Roanoke College
Jade Denise Donaldson §	George Mason University
Charles Derek Fisher	Emory and Henry College
Claiborne Carey Fletcher	Wofford College
Hugh Davis Frith §	Washington and Lee University
Edward Yudian Gracia•	Haverford College
Robert Scottfield Groth • §	Washington and Lee University
Stuart Anson Titus Hickey	Virginia Military Institute
Kali Morgan Hill §	Radford University
Elizabeth Farrell Irons	University of Virginia
Claire Kathleen Johnson	SUNY - The Fashion Institute of Technology
Tae Kyoung Kim	Iowa State University
Olivia Elizabeth Langhorn §	The College of William and Mary
Steven Leonard Oiler	Ferrum College
Shelby Adin Putnam	College of Charleston
Brent Alan Ring	Guilford College
William Theodore Robison • §	Bucknell University
Ga Yeong Seo	Pratt Institute
Paul Shin	Roanoke College
Garrett James Stone	George Mason University
Glenn Bright Williams	The College of William and Mary
James Burns Willis §	Virginia Tech
Erin Rose Reuter Wynd	Savannah College of Art and Design

• Cum Laude Society
§ Margaret Northcross Ellis Award

2009

Our Newest Alumni



Valedictorian Clifford Merritt Boyd

Note: Speech delivered by Clifford Merritt Boyd at commencement. Boyd, now a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was accepted to every school to which he applied.

A few weeks ago, on the day of Athletic Awards, my mom was approached by a strange man after bringing my brother, sister, and me to the bus stop. Seeing us board the bus wearing formal dress, he demanded to know where we went to school, and, being answered, became belligerent, asking if my mom thought our local public school was not "good enough." My mom sensibly declined to argue this point in a parking lot; but now, in the midst of our pomp and circumstance, I'd like to give my best answer. While I usually favor the pragmatic, I think the question of why we're all here, and why some of us are leaving, is an important one - and one I'd like to address, hopefully before anyone collapses of heat stroke.

On the surface, I think we (by which I mean everyone in this room, and even a few who aren't) are a fairly diverse group of people - we have scholars, athletes, artists, people who do a lot, and people who do little. We have introverts and extroverts, leaders and followers, and parents, teachers, students and administrators. However, while diversity may be one of our strengths, I think it's often a superfi-

cial concept. At some level, we're not as different as one might imagine, because we've all made the same critical choice. The fundamental concept of an independent school is of a place that exists to serve not the law but its students, and where people come out of passion and not fear of punishment. And to those students who laugh at the idea of wanting to go to school, just know that someone wants you to be here -- or else they wouldn't keep paying the bills.



We, as a community, exist because of passion. Passion not just for excellence or success, but for failure and inadequacy as well. We could go elsewhere - somewhere easier, cheaper, and perhaps more comfortable. We could still go to college - somewhere less difficult, perhaps, and we might even be happier there. We could get good paying jobs, and achieve the American dream, even when taking the easy way out. After all, we are all extraordinarily talented people, even those of us who don't know it yet. And the temptation is there - surely, we've often thought, we don't need to excel, and we probably couldn't even if we wanted to. Often, the cadre of the brilliant seems closed to anyone not born on the Harvard campus, and we are tempted to give up the pursuit of excellence as futile.

But in our collective heart of hearts, we know, in the words of Woody Allen, that eighty percent of success is showing up. And so we do, waking up early each



Finds Common Ground

morning and working late each night. We play sports, we study, we write, and we bite off more than we can chew. We stumble, we fall, we fail, and we suffer, and the next week, we're ready to do it all again. And somewhere, sometime, we realize that we're not really chasing success, and we don't really need it. We are no longer driven by the promises and threats of our superiors, but dream our own dreams of glory and flee our own inner demons. Despite the worry of our parents and the chagrin of our teachers, we are becoming less of children and more of independent, if immature, people. And despite our myriad remaining flaws, we are gloriously transformed, for we now have our own passions to follow, our own ideas to develop, and our own ideals to die for. And while we may not do what is right, we do what we love. For that is what, for me at least, success is about -- not grades, acceptances, or titles, but the opportunity to labor out of love.

It is this process of development that, in my opinion, is central to the concept of a school. In fact, school is not really about developing the mind or the body; a good school should develop the soul, instilling in its students the kind of passion that will serve and be served by them for the rest of their lives. A school is less about lifelong learning, but lifelong living - it is about self-discovery, freedom, and the pursuit of happiness. The real lessons we learn here aren't taught, but come from the students themselves, and don't depend on how they're dressed, or if they've done their homework. The sublime concepts

that rest at the core of humanity -- honor, humility, and love -- cannot, and should not, be written down. The mission of a school is to make itself obsolete, by giving students the passion and virtue to continue learning and living on their own.

And so it is with this sort of passion in hand that we can answer the doubters, those who assert that the easy path is sufficient. No, public school is not good enough. Independent school is not good enough, nor are our teachers, nor are ourselves. We are people for whom nothing is "good enough," as long as we have the life to make it better. It is both our blessing and our curse to continually chase our passions and dreams, not out of any hope of achieving them, but out of the sheer glory and wonder of the pursuit. And so we are leaving this place with our newfound knowledge of ourselves, driven by our own hopes, dreams, joy, sadness, love, and fear.

To those of you who taught us, and to those of you who learned from us; to those of you who shared in our happiness and to those who enjoyed our sadness; to those who comforted us, and to those who were sources of discomfort; to those who pushed us harder, and to those who pulled us back; to those we knew, and to those we never met; to those who told us truth, and to those who lied to us; to those who built us up, and to those who broke us down: we thank you. You have given us ourselves, and we are better for it. You, North Cross School, have our sincerest thanks. 🙏



Spring Red & White



"Happiness is the utilization of one's talents along lines of excellence" — Aristotle

In independent schools, a culture of volunteerism is essential in providing an outstanding, well-rounded educational experience for our students. North Cross School is fortunate to have many dedicated parents and alumni who happily share their time and talents in ways that enhance every facet of the North Cross School experience. In addition to helping the school with its many programs, volunteers are on campus daily throughout the school year serving as an important example to our students who actively participate in the School's community service program, and who will one day volunteer in the communities where they live and work.

In this section, we have highlighted the Spring Red & White Events, which take place only through the care, planning and participation of more than 180 volunteers and raise nearly \$50,000 each year. In addition, there are so many other ways volunteers make a difference, whether it's planning class parties, driving students for the community service program, helping with the book fair, setting up for drama productions, or participating through the Parents' Association, Boosters, Friends of the Arts, Corporate Advisory Committee, and the Alumni Association. It is through all of this work that the spirit of volunteerism is modeled and passed on to our students.

On behalf of the Development Office, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who gives happily of their talents to make North Cross School the special community it is.

Sincerely,

Kim Williamson

Kim Williamson
Director of Development

The Big Flea: Big Fun, Big Success

The School's annual Big Flea (white elephant and clothing sale) was held on March 28, in the Carter Athletic Center. About 2,200 people shopped between 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Remaining items were donated to Goodwill and the Rescue Mission. Thanks to the generous help of more than 75 volunteers and the families, friends, and local businesses that donated goods the School raised more than \$23,000. A special thank you is extended to this year's committee: (pictured below)

Tonya Benson, Ellen McGimsey, Jenn Mitchell, Gretchen Robertson, Kim

Roe, and Susie Wag-
oner. Sincere thanks are extended to the sponsors: Data Safe Inc., Virginia Varsity Self Storage, Premier Designs Jewelry, Salem

Printing, Tidy Services, Mobile Mini, Inc., Subway, Golden Shoestring, Once Upon a Child, The Cobbler's Wife, Valley Cleaners, and 1-800-GOT-JUNK. The event is coordinated by **Emily Phillips**, director of annual giving. 🍷



White Events



Field Day Festivities Bring NCS Community Together

NCS community celebrated its 47th Field Day on May 8-9 with the theme "You ought to be in pictures." The Friday night family picnic included a talent show featuring many NCS "stars" who joked, danced and sang the night away! Despite a rainy forecast, the weather held out and everyone who attended enjoyed music, games, food and friends outside on the NCS campus. Field Day 2009, which raised \$16,000, was chaired by parents **Wendy Murray** and **Karen Pruitt**. Sincere thanks are extended to the sponsors: BB & T Insurance Services - Chaney Thomas, The Homestead Preserve, Advanced Auto Parts, Kroger, PMI, Stop In, Blue Ridge Rescue Suppliers, Inc., Fink's Jewelers, First Citizens Bank, Tanglewood AutoWash, The Lube

Center, Bread Craft, Foodies, Maggie Moo's, Chick-fil-A, Elderberry's, Food Lion, LLC, Fork in the Alley, Fork in the City, Lewis-Gale Medical Center, McKesson Medical Supplies, Captain Party and the South Roanoke Circle. The event is coordinated by **Jane Bondurant**, director of alumni and family relations. A special thank you to this year's committee: **Wendy Murray (chair), Karen Pruitt (co-chair), Gay Pollock, Jeanne Watson, Jenni Nolen, Karen Fralin, Karen List, Laura Arnold, Linda Morgran, Pam Moskal, Peggy McDonnell, Robin Cooper, Susan Bailey, Traci Robinson, Anne Hearp, Jeanne Fishwick, and Cheryl Glose.**

Mosaic Online Auction Expands

This year's Mosaic Online Auction raised nearly \$15,000 with a total of 144 users from 11 different states (VA, CA, MD, FL, TX, NJ, OH, IL, MI, NY and MA) placing bids. A total of 187 items were included in the auction, including student artwork as well as jewelry, sports memorabilia, unique experiences, outings with faculty members, get-aways and trips, antiques and many, many other items. The auction ran from March 27 – April 13 at www.northcross.cmarket.com. A special thank you to this year's committee: **Susan Card (chair), Tracy Helmer, Trista Farrell, Karen Fralin, Patricia Eggleston, Martha Martin, Paige Rock, and Elaine Stephenson.** Sincere thanks are extended to the sponsors: Ziiva, The Cobbler's Wife, and Kevin Hurley Photography. Mosaic Online Auction is coordinated by **Laura L. Neff-Henderson, APR**, director of marketing.



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Annual Fundraiser Brings Local Artists to Campus

On May 1, the NCS community celebrated the annual *Art With A Twist* show in the Logan Gallery. The reception featured the original artwork of 50 artists, which was available for purchase. More than 100 guests attended the event. Special thanks are extended to *Art With A Twist* committee members and parents **Lisa Turner (chair)**, **Donna Batzel**, **Marty Call**, and **Elizabeth Erath**. **Trustee Doug Call**, and fellow parents **Michael Erath** and **Tom Turner**, graciously served as hosts

for the evening. The show, held annually, exposes students and faculty members to the artwork of professional artists and furthers the School's commitment to the fine arts and to serving as a community resource. This show is one of four held each year. Additionally, the show raised about \$3,000. Special thanks are extended to the event sponsors Member One Federal Credit Union and Automated Mailing Systems. *Art With A Twist* is coordinated by **Laura L. Neff-Henderson**, APR, director of marketing. ☺

Annual Event Recognizes Parent Volunteers

On Wed., May 20, the Development Office hosted a Volunteer Breakfast in Hancock Library.



The event began with remarks from Headmaster **Timothy J. Seeley** who spoke about the value of parent volunteers and thanked them for their generosity.

"The day-to-day activities and events are accomplished because of the countless hours that our parent volunteers give to the School," said Seeley.

The volunteer appreciation event is an annual event to which all NCS parents are invited. ☺

Honor Roll of Giving Now Available Online

The 2008-09 Honor Roll of Giving is now available online at www.northcross.org.

The publication recognizes 600 donors for their financial generosity. Sincere thanks are extended to all donors for enabling NCS to continue to be the premier school in the Roanoke valley.



Admission Office Thrives During Summer Months

This summer, as the members of the class of 2009 embarked on the next phase of their lives as college students, NCS faculty and staff were already hard at work making plans to welcome the School's newest – and youngest – students this fall: 26 Junior Kindergarten 3 students, the class of 2024.

These young students, along with more than 530 older students, will continue the tradition of participation in all facets of the NCS community. And again, for the fourth consecutive year, the number of enrolled students on the first day of school is poised to be higher than ever.

"It is gratifying to know that even in a time of tighter resources, so many families still understand the value of the investment they make in their children's education. Every statistic available testifies to the benefits an independent school education brings to every child, both in college and as adults. I am glad we can bring those ben-

efits to ever more children, and I am proud North Cross School represents the premier independent school option in the Roanoke Valley," said Headmaster **Timothy J. Seeley**.

Each of the more than 125 students who will join the NCS community this fall was paired with a current student/family after enrolling. The effort is part of the School's Family and Student Ambassador Program. The program helps ease

the transition for new students by providing them with an ambassador to guide them in their first year on campus. New families were also invited to several family events, as well as a New Parent Reception on Sept. 9.

"This is a great program because it is indicative of the true sense of community fostered at North Cross School. We have received such wonderful feedback from both new families and ambassador families about their welcoming and helpful experiences," said Director of Admission and Financial Assistance **Deborah C. Jessee**.

Families interested in being ambassadors should contact Associate Director of Admission **Amy E. Jackson** who coordinates the program.

Additional information about upcoming admission events and testing dates is available at www.northcross.org/admission.

Note: Actual numbers were not available when the magazine went to print.

**Junior Kindergarten 3 & 4 • Kindergarten
OPEN HOUSE**

- October 15
- November 11
- January 12
- February 3

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

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November 3
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

To RSVP please contact
Deborah Jessee
at djessee@northcross.org or
call 540-989-6641.



Lower school students ceremonially plant a tree in observance of Earth Day '09.

Students Celebrate Reduction in Energy Usage

In observance of Earth Day on April 22, students used funds saved from a 14 percent reduction in electrical consumption to purchase and plant a maple tree on campus. The day began with a ceremony recognizing students, faculty, and staff for exceeding the Headmaster's Challenge by reducing electrical consumption by more than 10 percent between the first day of the winter term on Dec. 2 and April 1. The tree was purchased using funds raised by the SAVE (Students Actively Volunteering for the Environment). SAVE organization raised money by selling NCS aluminum drink containers. These containers are permanent and are intended to reduce the amount of throw-away plastic bottles.

The 14 percent reduction in energy savings has saved the School an estimated \$3,000.

Partnership with Shaklee Expands Green Initiative

It began with a challenge from Headmaster **Timothy J. Seeley** and continues every day at North Cross School. Students, faculty, staff, and families are working hard to "Go Green!"

The newest effort to go green is a partnership that will allow the NCS community to purchase environmentally friendly products, while generating financial support for the School's Going Green initiative.

This new partnership with Shaklee Company, a manufacturer of environmentally sound products in nutrition, household cleaners, and beauty and personal care, has a dual purpose. The first is to encourage families to consider these products as one way of incorporating the School's efforts into the student's homes.

"As we move into our second Going Green year, we want to build on our notable success from last year. A new focus will be to expand our efforts beyond the campus to all of our homes. It will be instructive for our students to realize that we can all make a difference even in our daily buying decisions," said middle and upper school Spanish teacher **Malcolm Douglas** who was appointed last year as the chair of the Schools' Environmental Action Committee.

The second goal of the partnership is to generate funds to expend on campus in support of the Going Green program. As a distributor of Shaklee products, the School will receive a percentage of sales based on a point system. As sales increase, points and income follow suit. Most immediately, the School would like to consider replacing outdated hallway lighting fixtures with more efficient electrical units which will increase lighting power and reduce energy consumption and install motion sensors in areas that do not require constant lighting.

Shaklee has received numerous national and international awards and recognition for its efforts in this area. It has been a leader for over 50 years. NCS is promoting two introductory offers: the Healthy Home Pack for \$86.90, and the Get Clean Starter Kit for \$176. Since most Shaklee products are concentrates, these two packages represent hundreds of dol-

lars in comparable products that may not have the same environmental impact. There are also several less expensive ways to get started with Shaklee.

For more information, or to place an order, visit www.northcross.org/goinggreen.

"It will be instructive for our students to realize that we can all make a difference even in our daily buying decisions,"
— **Malcolm Douglas,**
middle and upper school Spanish teacher



Exploring the Notion of Sustainability on Campus

Last year marked a concerted effort on campus to become more aware of environmental issues. NCS community members worked hard all year and made significant strides in the School's efforts to become a more responsible steward of the natural resources it uses. Last summer, a faculty/staff EAC (Environmental Action Committee), chaired by Middle and Upper School Spanish teacher **Malcolm Douglas**, was formed to guide the process, with help from student organizations in each division.

The *Going Green* initiative kicked off in July 2008 with a challenge by Headmaster **Timothy J. Seeley** who asked the lower, middle, and upper schools to reduce electrical energy consumption by 10 percent. Faculty, staff, and students exceeded the challenge, reducing total energy consumption on campus by 13 percent.

Through a campus-wide recycling program, the School salvaged paper, cardboard, plastic and aluminum at various recycling centers located in most on-campus buildings. A tally was posted on newly established "Green Boards" in each division, showing tonnage saved from the land fill, trees and gallons of water saved, etc. Again, the NCS community exceeded expectations, saving more than 100 trees

and enough energy to power a home for almost four years.

To celebrate the successes in sustainability, students planted three young maple trees on campus in April 2009, in observance of Earth Day. The brief ceremony capped a year of progress and produced the momentum to begin this year with new goals and renewed determination.

The best schools, however, have always gone beyond being a collection of particular programs and have tried to be comprehensive in approaching whatever they do.

"Our desire to be a responsible community is one such place where it is appropriate to think in broad, rather than narrow, terms, and more and more people have realized the core issue in thinking about resource use is the notion of being a sustainable community, one that can serve its members well indefinitely," said Seeley.

So, what's next?

Renewed Efforts

During the 2009-10 school year, the EAC will continue to renew and expand the activities started last year, and students will be challenged to take a greater lead-



"Here, as in all places, we have a simple goal: to be a school that devotes all its energies to being a leader in whatever it sets its mind to, and to be a school that sets its mind to the matters that best benefit our students, their families, the Roanoke community, and the world," said Headmaster **Timothy J. Seeley.**

Did You Know? This term, sustainability, is one that appears more and more frequently in public discourse. American Electric Power produces an annual Corporate Sustainability Report. Giant retailer Wal-Mart is developing a comprehensive plan to measure the sustainability of every product it sells worldwide. In 2005, the NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools, our parent body) identified sustainability as a key issue for all independent schools. In its broadest sense, sustainability means that every activity of a community or organization should contribute to its long-term health and ongoing viability and vitality. In schools this definition encompasses economic activities, curriculum development, community responsibility, and, of course, stewardship of natural resources.



ership role in the efforts. The EAC will be expanded to include student, board and parent participation.

Carbon Footprint

With the help of Virginia Tech, the School will produce a carbon foot print that will identify areas of potential economies and waste. Efforts to establish a regional sustainability coalition of public and private schools led by NCS are already in the initial stages. The School is partnering with the Shaklee Company to encourage families to bring green products into their home.

Sustainability Audit

Two NCS faculty members attended a

one-week NAIS sustainability forum this summer in Atlanta to help the School begin to think through how this broad definition of sustainability applies here in our community. To this end, they will guide the EAC through a year-long effort that will produce a sustainability audit for the School, focused mainly on our resource use and the impact of programs on the environment. It will look at current practices and expenditures in areas such as the food service, transportation, materials acquisition, and water usage. For each category evaluated the committee will produce a summary of current practices, a vision statement identifying specific goals, and an action plan to achieve them. ☺

2008 – 09 Successes During the 2008-09 school year, North Cross School made excellent progress in its efforts to *Go Green*. A campus-wide recycling program was initiated. The Headmaster's Challenge to reduce electrical energy consumption by 10 percent was successful, with the final tally at 13 percent. Student organizations in all three divisions took an active part in the effort. "Green Boards" in each division were updated monthly to tout the success of each division throughout the year. Educational materials and guest speakers were available on campus throughout the year. A webpage was established to educate the community about the School's efforts.

FocusOn Faculty

Faculty Celebrates End of Successful Year

On June 5, more than 50 faculty and staff members, and their spouses, came together to celebrate the end of the 2008 – 09 school year at the home of Lower School Director **Liz Holt**. During the event, faculty and staff also took the time to honor the following faculty and staff who are not returning for the 2009 – 10 school year:

Anthony Curtis

Upper School
Science
Department
Chair/Teacher
(6 years)

Gates DeHart

Upper School
English &
Drama Teacher
(39 years)

Margaret Grayson

Upper School
Latin Teacher
(33 years)

Angie Martin

Upper School
Spanish Teacher
(7 years)

Erin Odell

Choral Director
(3 years)

Jason Reid

Graphic Arts
Teacher
(1 year)

Missy Warp

Art Teacher
(6 years)

Marleine Jornlin

Upper School
French Teacher
(6 months)

Ray Baughman

IT Director
(4 years)

Laura Bair

Upper School &
Finance Office
Administrative
Assistant
(3 ½ years)

Diane McMaster

Assistant to
the Director
of Finance
(4 ½ years)



Message from the Alumni Association President

During its 46th Annual Commencement on June 1, North Cross School and the Alumni Association honored the Class of 2009 and Linda Valleroy '68, this year's recipient of the Alumni Service Award. I welcome the Class of 2009 to our distinctive alumni community. As our newest members of the North Cross School Alumni Association, they will have abundant opportunities to remain connected with their schoolmates and alma mater.



Whether you are one of our newest alumni or have been one for many years, I encourage you to stay involved with the School by visiting www.northcross.org and updating your profile. I also challenge you to *Strive for 5* by completing at least five of the 10 opportunities at www.northcross.org/alumni. You may volunteer to be a class agent, mentor a current student, or host an alumni event. The School has implemented new ways to stay in touch with you by launching official North Cross School and Alumni Association Facebook pages. Please visit both pages online to keep abreast of recent events at the School.

I am also pleased to report that North Cross School has Gone Green and will continue to reduce its carbon footprint by utilizing electronic means of communicating with you. By the time you receive this publication, you will have received a communication requesting an update of your personal information for the School's records. Please provide the School your updates, so that we can continue to stay in touch with you.

Please think about ways you can increase your involvement with the School, as every former and current student holds a special place in the School's history. We invite any and all NCS alumni to attend the Annual Meeting of the North Cross School Alumni Association on Oct. 17. At that time, we will elect new directors and officers of the Association. Additionally, we hope to see you during the Alumni Reunion and Homecoming Weekend on October 16 and 17.

Sincerely,

Eunice Park Austin '91



2009 Alumni Reunion & Homecoming Weekend

October 16 – 17, 2009

Friday, October 16

- 5 p.m. Boys' Varsity Soccer
- 7 - 9 p.m. Reception for ALL Alumni
to recognize the retirements of Gates DeHart and Margaret Grayson

Saturday, October 17

- 9:30 a.m. Varsity Field Hockey vs. Carlisle
- 10:30 a.m. Varsity Volleyball vs. Carlisle
- 11 a.m. NCS Alumni Association Annual Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Boosters cookout
- 1:30 p.m. Varsity football vs. Atlantic Shores
- 4:30 p.m. Alumni / Varsity Soccer game
- 7 p.m. Reunion Parties

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Dr. Linda Valleroy '68 Awarded 2009 Alumni Service Award

Dr. Linda Valleroy '68 was awarded the 2009 Alumni Service Award at the School's 46th Commencement on Mon., June 1 in the Carter Athletic Center. Each year, the Alumni Association Board honors one individual who has made significant contributions to his/her community.



Valleroy

Candidates must have graduated from, or attended, NCS to be eligible. The Award was established in 1999 and is presented each year at graduation.

"Linda exemplifies what we hope for in our graduates: a successful and interesting life of high achievement in her chosen field and a noteworthy contribution to the good of society," said Headmaster Timothy J. Seeley. "We couldn't be prouder of her and are gratified at the part we played in preparing her for her journey."

Valleroy, who attended NCS from 1965 – 1968, is the Associate Director for Science at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, overseeing the division of HIV/AIDS prevention. She has held the position since 2007. Valleroy has a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology from Swarthmore College, as well as a master's and doctoral degree in Biological Anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Valleroy has an impressive resume that details her fellowship experiences with the American Association for the

Advancement of Science HIV/AIDS Division of the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. and the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. She has also worked as an Epidemiologist and the Deputy Associate Director of Science for the National Center for HIV/AIDS, STD, and TB Prevention.

The author of numerous publications, Valleroy has been honored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for outstanding work in HIV/AIDS prevention numerous times since 1993.

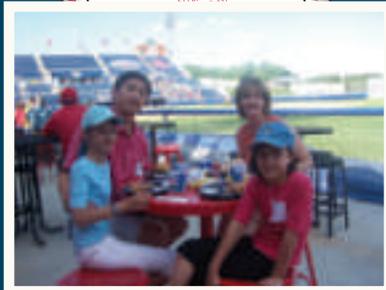
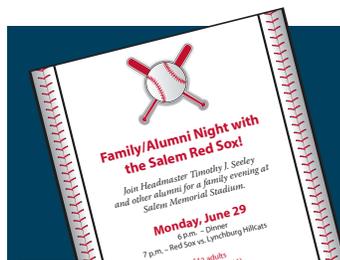
"It was truly rewarding to have my parents in the audience, along with several of my former North Cross School classmates. Having my public service accomplishments read out loud to a group of people I had graduated in front of 41 years before and being able to stand

on that stage and give the speech that 18-year-old me had really needed to hear, was somewhat of a surreal experience," said Valleroy.

To read Valleroy's speech, visit www.northcross.org/ftpimages/257/misc/misc_65872.pdf.

Past Recipients

- 2008 David Trinkle '79
- 2007 Anne Lee Stevens, SA
- 2006 G. Andrew Kegley, Jr. '77
- 2005 T. Christopher Moore '71
- 2004 Kathryn Krisch Oelschlager '69
- 2003 Deb Bennett Haggerty '76
- 2002 David D. H. Willis, Sr. '77
- 2001 J. Randolph Garrett, Jr. '65
- 2000 T. Garrick Steele '71
- 1999 Rossie Carter Hutcheson '73



Roanoke Alumni Enjoy NCS Night With The Salem Red Sox

Roanoke area alumni came together on June 29 to watch the Salem Red Sox defeat the Lynchburg Hillcats 6 - 2. Alums from the class of 1965 to the class of 2009, their families, faculty and staff enjoyed a picnic style dinner in the box seating area. Fara Lukens '07 started the festivities by singing the National Anthem.



Elizabeth "Bette" Kaufman McNamara '97, left of bride Essra Dillaha Kibler '97, fifth left of bride Lisa Baetz Treadway '97, fifth right of groom William Sargent Kaufman '02.

Weddings

'95 **Clint Bundy** and Holly Beeson were married May 23, in Linville, NC. **Hal Johnson** served as a groomsman. The couple lives in Charlotte where Clint is a senior M&A advisor for the Bundy Group.

Trey Mangus and Ferrell McNeil were married May 30, in Roanoke. Mangus is a major in the US Marines. The couple lives in Swansboro, NC.

'97 **Dr. Elizabeth D. Kaufman** and Dr. Robert Stanley McNamara were married May 30, in Roanoke. Included in the ceremony were **Essra Dillaha Kibler, Lisa Baetz Treadway, Laura Ashley Houston Hardaway, and William Sargent Kaufman '02**. The couple lives in Winston-Salem where Bette is a resident in dermatology at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

William Pattisall and Tara Lambert were married April 18, in White Sulphur Springs, WV. The couple resides in Roanoke where Bill practices law.

'98 **Whitney Watson** and **Daniel Nicholas** married on July 4, at King Family Vineyards, Crozet. **Stevan Nicholas '97** was his brother's best man. **Ryan Doyle, Bill Logan, and Andrew Gregory** served as groomsmen. **Ann Ballenger, Anne Carrington Carson**

Hodge, Beth Hubbard Massey, Katherine Kelly and **Ann Nicholas '02** were bridesmaids. Whitney is the daughter of **Dick Watson '67**. The couple resides in Arlington.

'00 **Coleman Gutshall** and Tiffany Price were married May 23, in Roanoke. **Robert Kaplan '99** was a groomsman and **Ann-Michael Waldvogel** was a reader. The couple lives in Charlottesville where Coleman is pursuing his master's degree in business administration at the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.

Births

'83 **Ann Cartledge Hoff** and her husband welcomed a second son, Cole Maddox on May 5. He joins Riley (8), Sophie (6) and Will (4).

'85 **Bo Nelson** and his wife Betty welcomed twins Margaret (Maisie) and Edward (Ted) Nelson on March 9; their big brother Jack is three-years-old.



Other News

'79 **Dave Trinkle** was installed as president and **Catherine Lesko Daniel '88** as a director of the Roanoke Valley Academy of Medicine.

'91 **Julie McGhee Settlege** has joined Virginia Tech's Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences as a clinical assistant professor of surgery.

'98 **Laura Dichtel** graduated from Yale School of Medicine and has begun an internal residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

'05 **U. S. Navy Ensign Justin Adams** graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, May 22, and was commissioned as Officer in the U.S. Navy. Adams has been assigned to the Charleston Naval Base to continue his studies/training in nuclear engineering.

Kate Beedie graduated from the University of Virginia and will attend law school in the fall.

Carrie Knopf graduated from the University of Virginia and will attend graduate school in the fall.

John Pendleton was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society for college men and women in April 2009. He graduated Cum Laude from Hampden-Sydney College in May.

'09 In April, **Alex Cecil, Quint Coles '10** and **Holt Bibee** received their Eagle Scout Award, Troop 17, Roanoke.

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Class Notes include positions, Weddings, Births, In Memoriams, and College Degrees and should be submitted within six months of the event. They are typically posted online and published in All Points. Please e-mail your note to jbondurant@northcross.org. Photographs, including a brief description, with the names of the people in the photograph, should also be e-mailed.



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