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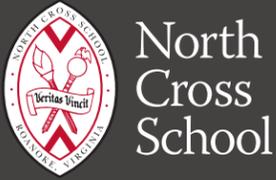
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Message from the Headmaster

I was recently at an event where I was introduced by an alumnus as the “new” headmaster at North Cross. I pointed out that I just completed my fourth year and the moniker “new” was at best, a relative term. In fact, the Class of 2015 entered the upper school as I entered North Cross. At the risk of sounding cliché, time has definitely flown as I have had so much fun.

So it was with an unusual amount of pride that I led the faculty down the aisle at graduation. An hour and a half later, I could not wipe the smile off my face. You see, the past four years have not been easy. We have struggled with a difficult financial reality, worked hard to improve our academic culture, and stretched to add a global awareness to our graduates. Every year, I have asked more from our faculty, staff, students, Parents Association, coaches, alumni, and donors. And every year, each of our constituencies have risen to the occasion and have made North Cross a better place. At the graduation ceremonies in May, I got to sit back and enjoy the remarks from our Valedictorian, **Meg Evett '15**, our Global Studies speaker, **Sterling Moskal '15**, and our Alumni Service Award recipient, **Liz Frankl '82**. From three different perspectives, these speakers provided affirmation that the hard work we have put in over the past four years has not just been worthwhile, but it has resulted in lasting improvements to our school.

If you were not able to hear Meg’s valedictory address, it was exceptional in its use of ten quotes that spoke to her experience at North Cross. She spoke of an unusual bond between the faculty and their students, a bond that taught her the lessons of failure, the importance of resilience, the nature of critical and intensive thought, the acquisition of memories, and the beauty of dreams. At the heart of a good independent school education is the relationship between the teacher and the student and Meg’s words told the whole world that while we always have room for improvement, we are succeeding more often than failing in our quest to be an exceptional school. Meg joins 36 other North Cross students over the past four years that have been accepted to the University of Virginia.

Sterling Moskal was selected to speak on behalf of our Global Studies Scholars. Three years ago when we created the Horace G. Fralin Program for Global Studies, we were not sure to what impact our global ambitions would have on our students. Three years later, we had nine Global Studies Scholars in the Class of 2015, and 25% of our upper school students have traveled abroad on a school program. The Class of 2015 also contained eight international students from four different countries. These figures provide ample evidence of the impact global studies have had on our students, but Sterling’s remarks spoke directly about the effect our global studies program had on his college admissions process. His thoughtful description of the program to a skeptical college admissions counselor made him an excellent candidate for the Wake Forest Class of 2019. Sterling obviously had more going for him than just global studies but in the competitive world of college admissions, our Global Studies Scholar distinction serves as an important differentiator.

Liz received our Alumni Service Award given to an alumnus that has provided exceptional service to North Cross School. While a member of our Board of Trustees, Liz shepherded our fledgling Crosswalk program through its infancy. The program, designed to assist high ability students with verbal learning differences, has almost doubled in size and now serves as a tutorial center for all students at North Cross. The Crosswalk program has quickly become an integral part of our academic program. Most importantly, we are able to retain high ability students that would otherwise be forced to leave North Cross. Keeping these students on our campus makes our school stronger and keeps our families together. As a fortuitous aside, the desire of families to keep all of their children at the same school has resulted in numerous students attending North Cross because of siblings enrolled in Crosswalk. Liz has lived out the quote she used from Nelson Mandela, “The difference we make in other’s lives will determine the significance of our life.”

In my largely forgotten address, I asked our graduates to lean in, make sure they have a seat at the table, and to be a player not a spectator, all points of emphasis duly cited and taken from Sheryl Sandberg. Don’t fear for my bruised ego as the fact that my address was overshadowed by the remarks of our recent graduates was precisely what put that smile on my face. I feel confident that the North Cross Class of 2015 will make an impact wherever they end up.

It remains a joy to come to school each day, to work with exceptional people, and to see the continued growth in our students. A graduation like our most recent makes one proud to be at North Cross School. There is definitely no better time to be at North Cross



Christian J. Proctor, Ph.D.

“While we always have room for improvement, we are succeeding more often than failing in our quest to be an exceptional school.”

Our Newest Alumni

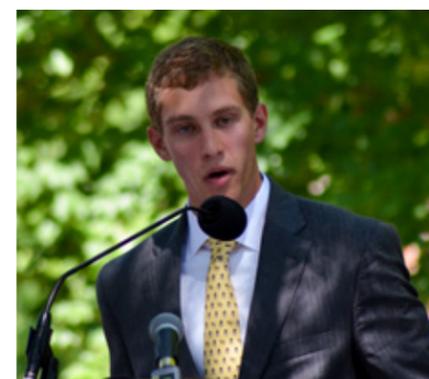


On Saturday, May 30, 40 members of the Class of 2015 received diplomas at the school's 52nd Commencement. Speakers included **Rye Barcott**, author of "It Happened on the Way to War," Valedictorian **Meg Evett '15**, Global Studies Scholar **Sterling Moskal '15**, and **Liz Frankl '82**, recipient of the Alumni Service Award. **Meghan McDonnell '15** received the North Cross Cup, given by the Board of Trustees to the Salutatorian. **Kerin Daly '15** was presented with the Thomas A. Slack Award, awarded to a member of the senior class who has "rendered highest service to North Cross School through leadership based on the influence of character."



"Here at North Cross, efforts have been placed not just on our education inside the classroom, but on our character and the people we become. We fundraise and contribute to other sports teams, to Eagle Scout projects, and to those in need, whether it be a person living in Roanoke battling cancer or people in Nepal. A great emphasis here at North Cross is placed on community and character, and this will undoubtedly serve us in the future."

Margaret Anne Evett '15—Valedictorian, Class of 2015



"The admissions officer at Wake Forest said that I should definitely put on my application that I was in the Global Studies program because I was the only student she had ever interviewed to have a program like this on their application. She told me that this program along with a few other things on my application would surely set me apart from other applications in a good way...I know that this program is one of the reasons why I got off of the wait list and will be attending Wake Forest in the fall."

Sterling Moskal '15—Global Studies Scholar

Congratulations to the Class of 2015

This fall, graduates are attending the following schools:

- Appalachian State University
- Boston College
- The College of William and Mary
- Georgetown University
- Georgia Tech
- Hampden-Sydney College
- James Madison University
- Johnson and Wales University
- Longwood University
- Miami University
- Radford University (2)
- Randolph-Macon College
- Roanoke College (4)
- Shepherd University
- Southern Virginia University
- University of Virginia (5)
- University of South Carolina (2)
- University of Dayton
- University of Kentucky
- University of Richmond
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia Tech (3)
- Virginia Western Community College (3)
- Wake Forest University (2)
- Wofford College

Commencement 2015

Raider Happenings

2014-15 Year in Pictures



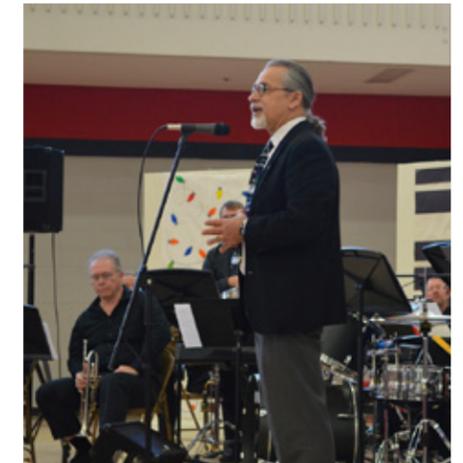
In August, the Varsity Football team, led by coaches **Stephen Alexander** and **Alex Hash**, volunteered at the Salvation Army's Back 2 School Blast. Players assisted with parking and helped with crowd control.



Students in **Kevin Wells'** Conceptual Physics class investigated standing waves using a string vibrator. By changing the tension in the string with weights, they changed the speed of the waves and measured the results.



The Boy's Varsity Soccer team earned a VISA Division II state championship by defeating Highland School 2-0. The team finished 23-1-1 on the season.



Nationally renowned jazz musician and composer, **Bradley Sowash**, performed with students at the annual Lower School Holiday Performance.



Students in **Sandy Patterson's** seventh grade science class studied the major lobes of the brain by making "brain caps."



After a summer of expansion and renovation, the CrossWalk Program held an open house and dedication in the new space.



Lower school students marched in the annual Halloween parade.



Nearly 300 members of the North Cross community showed their support for the FOTA Coffeehouse at the South County Library. The "Marimba Monkeys" kicked off the performances.



Twenty-two students attended the Harvard Model United Nations. Delegates represented Guatemala in the General Assembly and Haiti in the Economic and Social Committees.



Ann Ashley Daniel '19 (left) and **Emmy Graham '19** (right) gave a short presentation about their experiences as Pages in the General Assembly in Richmond last winter.



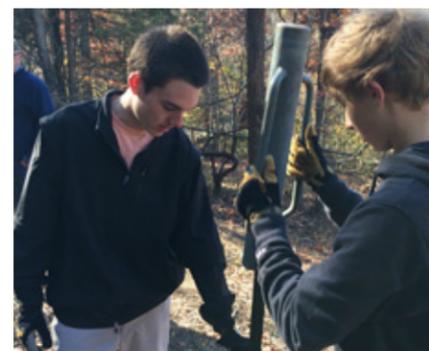
Twenty-nine students, representing 36% of the Class of 2014 and 2015 combined, earned recognition from the College Board for their positive results on their cumulative exams while in secondary school. Nineteen earned the designation of AP Scholar, 3 were designated AP Scholar with Honor, and 7 earned AP Scholar with Distinction. Two students were recognized as National AP Scholars.



In the annual Powderpuff game, the team of juniors and senior girls defeated the combined freshmen and sophomores by a score of 14-7.



Second grade teachers **Audrey Osborne** and **Alison Vagts** decided to add a Halloween theme to the traditional book report assignment. Titled "Scary Story Fiction T-shirt," the students selected a scary title, researched specific parts of the book, then represented the setting and a favorite scene on a t-shirt.



A group of teachers and students, including **Harrison Macher '15** (left) and **Patrick Daly '20** (right), helped plant a chestnut tree grove on campus that will be studied by science classes.



Katherine Fulton '73 (far right) moderated a panel discussion titled "Education: 2025" with (from left) **Dr. Chris Howard**, **Dr. Bob Sandel**, and **Dr. Rita Bishop**. Approximately 100 members of the community gathered in Fishburn Auditorium for the forum.

Raider Happenings



Through the support of sponsors, donors, families, alumni, and friends, the Winter Gala was a community and financial success. The event raised \$135,000 before expenses for the school's annual operating budget and \$15,000 in donations to faculty professional development.



Students in ECP Level 2 invited the school to visit their 100 Day Museum to commemorate the 100th school day of the year. Students created themed collections of 100 objects and put them on display in their classroom.



Students in Eaton Hall learned about heart health. The SCA sold "Bags for Bentley" and helped raise \$603 to help Bentley Page, a ten-month-old from Roanoke with a congenital heart defect (CHD).



Third grade classes dressed in colonial attire and participated in activities reflective of the time period that they had studied throughout year. Activities included practicing calligraphy, creating signboards, learning embroidery, and more.



Fourth grade students delivered their PowerPoint presentations in early May. Each student researched an animal and delivered the presentation to students and family members.



The lower school continued a program called "The Reading Group." The purpose is to pair older students—5th through 12th graders— with kindergarten and first graders to "buddy read."



The seventh grade trout team went to Roaring Run to release the trout raised in Ms. Sandy Patterson's classroom this year. The trout arrive as eggs at the beginning of the year.



Forty-three North Cross students, along with students from Liberty Christian Academy, Carlisle School, and Andrew Lewis Middle School participated in Combined Honor Band Day. The students worked with guest conductor **Polly Middleton**, Associate Director of Athletic Bands at Virginia Tech.



The 2015 North Cross School Student Art Show in Logan Gallery featured studio and digital art project completed by middle and upper school students.



The fifth grade class had an egg drop—thanks to help from **Victor Lamas** and **Mary Semler** on the roof of Ellis Hall.



Willis Hall Herald, yearbook, and literary magazine students traveled to New York City for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Students attended nine sessions over two days.



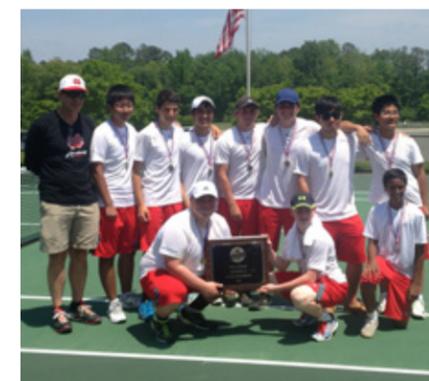
The lower school students performed their annual El Festival del Español in the CAC. Students in each grade sang, danced, and performed to celebrate hispanic culture.



First grade students presented their originally composed and illustrated stories at their "Meet the Authors" event. Students took turns reading their books to the audience.



Middle school students spent time volunteering for local non-profit organizations including the Rescue Mission, Gladetown Trail, Hope Tree Academy, and at the Science Museum of Western Virginia.



For the first time in school history, the Boys' Varsity Tennis team brought home the VISAA Division II crown. The Raiders defeated top seeded Highland School 5-2.



14 members of the Class of 2015 received the Fat Pencil Award. The award recognizes the accomplishment of completing 12 years at North Cross School.

Focus on Faculty

Liz Holt Retires After 29 years

How can you fully measure the impact one individual has on a school and the powerful imprint they have made on so many students over a 29-year career?

Looking back on Liz Holt's time at North Cross School, everyone can see that she made a significant difference in many ways while she was on campus. Her legacy will also live on for many more years through the moving "Fat Pencil" ceremony she started to recognize seniors who have been at North Cross since kindergarten. It was named Fat Pencil for the fat pencils these students actually used as they started to write. In this long-standing honored tradition, seniors share their stories and reflections and everyone who has ever witnessed this event is moved by it. She has touched many students' lives and here are a few comments from some of the Class of 2015:

Sage Vilgats: "I'll always remember how intimidating I thought Ms. Holt was in lower school, but after having her in the high school this year, I have realized how kind and helpful she is."

Hart Semler: "I would like to congratulate Ms. Holt on retiring. She has been a big part of my life growing up. She has been my all-time favorite person at North Cross. Thank you, Ms. Holt, for everything."

Harrison Macher: "A special thank you to Ms. Holt for always believing in me, and taking us boys out to lunch back in middle school when we found out that life wasn't always fair."

Sterling Moskal: "My favorite person by far from my time at North Cross is Ms. Holt. I never went to her office in Lower School, but today I'm there almost everyday. No, I'm not getting into trouble every day, I just stop in to say hello or to ask her for help with something."



TOP: From the 2000 yearbook, Liz with Daniel Inman '08 (left) and Johnathon Nakhle '08 (right).
BOTTOM: Liz tells students what it means to be a Raider at the tree dedication in May.

I am very glad that I was able to spend my last year at North Cross with her."

Madison Bloomfield: "For a while I used to be a little scared of Ms. Holt because I was told that if you got in trouble you would be taken to her office where a paddle machine would hit you repeatedly. This, of course, was just a made up story, and I soon learned that she is one of the sweetest people at NCS. This year I was thankful to have Ms. Holt in the upper school. She is such a loving person, and she never fails to brighten everyone's day. I know she will be greatly missed next year."

During her career, Liz has been a role model for Raiders, including students, faculty (many of our notable lower school faculty are people Liz hired), and staff. She was a constant presence, visible to students, supportive of faculty, and available to parents. She could be seen thoughtfully working behind her desk with that giant fat pencil hanging on the wall behind her desk, roaming the halls talking to the children in the hallways, and cheering from the sidelines or stands at athletic events. Her smile is infectious, and her love for North Cross and its community is genuine. She will be missed by all.

The *Compass*, our yearbook, was dedicated to Liz twice (the second time was this spring), and a maple tree was planted on May 28, 2015 in her honor next to Thomas Field. At that ceremony, Liz told the students, "I am a Raider. I will always be a Raider. You all are Raiders and you always will be Raiders. Raiders are hard-working, honest, and take care of each other. That's all there is to it."

A portrait of Liz (right) painted by Vera Dickerson will be hung in Ellis Hall, alongside the portrait of Margaret "Billie" Northcross Ellis, to honor her 29 years of service to North Cross School.



Lawrence Award Recipients

The Lawrence Award is funded through the generosity of former North Cross School parents who experienced, through their children, the rewards and benefits of great teachers and teaching. The award is to be used for professional development opportunities

Upper school math teacher **Scott Wilde** received support to attend a professional development class at UVA Wise during their summer institute titled "The Paperless Classroom: Technology Integration for Education."

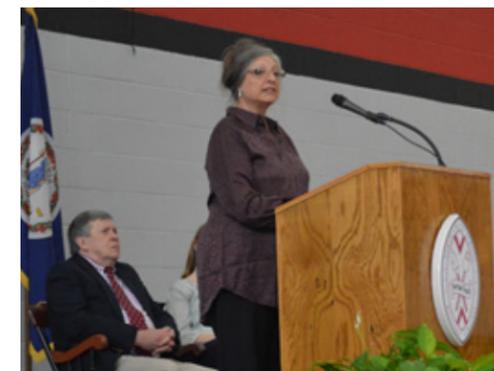


Scott Wilde

Robert Robillard, Director of International Programs, received funding to support a Global Studies trip to Switzerland this summer. The funds allowed him to participate in an educational summit. "These two days in Davos have been beyond category in my experience as an educator. The students are actively engaged in almost all aspects of the summit—even if it is simply laughing, applauding, clapping, snapping, woo-hooing, or um-hmming approval of the various talents on display. More often than not, students are on stage, asking questions, providing ideas, or generating megawatt energy."



Robert Robillard



LEFT: Lee Ann Farley delivering remarks during the Founders' Day ceremony. RIGHT: Ms. Farley with Erin Jones (right) and Lee Ann's grandson Jakeob.



Ms. Farley Receives 2015 Morris Award

"Ms. Farley is a master at connecting with students. They all feel a sense of belonging in her classroom because she creates a community atmosphere." ~ Robin Garrett, Eighth Grade Language Arts Teacher

Lee Ann Sigmon-Farley, sixth and seventh grade Language Arts teacher, was named the 2015 recipient of the Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching at the school's Founders' Day ceremony on January 30, 2015, in the Carter Athletic Center.

Now in its fifteenth year, the award recognizes a faculty member who has a minimum of three years teaching experience at North Cross School, expertise in his or her field, and the ability to effectively communicate that expertise/knowledge, the desire and commitment to grow professionally, and participation in the greater school community through co-curricular activities.

"Ms. Farley has a rare ability to impact her passion for reading and writing on her students in a very lasting and meaningful way," says **Ed Dickenson**, Director of the Middle School. "She loves working with young people, and her class is always alive with energy and ideas. She is profoundly talented at helping students to self-respect, to read with an analytical eye, and to express themselves effectively in writing and speech."

Ms. Farley has been teaching at North

Cross School for 20 years. Not only does she teach reading, writing, and grammar, but she also used to be in charge of the middle school plays, taught HORIZONS (a drug awareness and self-esteem class), and organized the school spelling bees. Not to mention her love of all things "Hobbit," from homemade t-shirts about the book to private viewings of the movies, every middle school student has a fond place for this book in their heart because of Ms. Farley.

Eighth Grade Language Arts Teacher, **Mrs. Robin Garrett**, said, "Ms. Farley is a master at connecting with students. They all feel a sense of belonging in her classroom because she creates a community atmosphere, which is most important to middle school students."

Lee Ann earned her Bachelor's Degree from Lenoir-Rhyne College and her Master's Degree from Radford University. In addition to teaching, Ms. Farley is passionate about photography (mostly birds and flowers), her farm in Floyd, and her family, especially her daughter, **Emily Farley '96** of Virginia Beach; son, **Calin Farley**, his wife, Mindy, and her two grandchildren, Lola Gail and Jakeob, all of Floyd, VA.

Focus on the Future

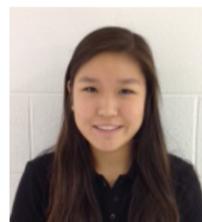
Scholars Named for 2015-16

The Founders' Scholarship program was developed to attract and retain the best and brightest students in the Roanoke Valley and to assist these students in their efforts to attend North Cross School. Applicants are expected to demonstrate excellence in academics, extra-curricular interests, leadership, and community service.

In addition to the Founders' Scholarship application, all applicants must complete the school's admission application and/or finalize re-enrollment. The completion of an application does not constitute admission to North Cross School or receipt of scholarship. Congratulations to **Joseph Cartledge '16**, **Enkhee Dendev '17**, and **Albert Newberry '17** who will join the current group of Founders' Scholars for the 2015-16 academic year.



Joseph Cartledge '16



Enkhee Dendev '17



Albert Newberry '17

FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

2015-16

Fishburn Auditorium Grant Received

The Katherine Nelson Fishburn Foundation awarded North Cross School a grant to install a state of the art digital audio system, wireless microphones, double video projection system, and new lighting package in Fishburn Auditorium. **Sibyl Fishburn** (mother of **Laurie Farr '81**, **Sibyl Kuelling '83**, and **Blair Burford '87**), **Katherine Fulton '73**, and **Sally Fulton Cardamone '76**, are the directors of the Katherine Nelson Fishburn Foundation, and they wanted to honor **Robert N. Fishburn** and **Sally Fishburn Crockett**, former parents, tireless supporters, and long serving Trustees.

Their family said, "Since 1961 the Fishburn name has been deeply woven into the fabric of North Cross School. Bob and Sally truly loved North Cross, what it stood for, and all that it provided its students and the community. We're pleased that the Fishburn Auditorium is integral to the experience of every student and that we are able to provide the resources to make that experience even better."

Fishburn auditorium was dedicated in 1973, and honors the Fishburn family. **Katie Fishburn** was a founding member of North Cross Country Day School and served on the Board from 1960-1973, **Bob Fishburn** served from 1968- 2009 including 22 years as Vice Chairman, and **Sally Crockett** from 1973-1995.

The new audio, video, and lighting package will enhance our on-stage school performances, visiting speakers and lecturers, numerous assemblies, daily upper school meetings, and the DeHart Project speeches given by every senior. We will appreciate the benefits of this upgrade literally every day of the school year.



ABOVE: **Sally Fishburn Crockett** and **Robert N. Fishburn**

From the Parents' Association, FOTA, and Boosters

Parents' Association

The 2014-2015 Parents Association had a busy year. In the fall, our Ways and Means Committee held a very successful Innisbrook wrapping paper sale. The PA organized an incredible Homecoming Weekend for students and alumni, and in December hosted a Winter Holiday Bonfire. NCS celebrated its 70th birthday on Founder's Day and the PA helped the students celebrate with cupcakes, games, and lots of balloons! The spring brought a new look to Red and White Games/Field Day with lower school games, middle school intramurals, and an all school pep rally for the spring sports teams on Thomas Field. That evening there was an all school bonfire party, with dinner and music, and the students enjoyed volleyball, soccer, and corn hole on Hooper Field. All of these events could not have happened without the hard work of our Community Committee lead by **Jill Woltz** and **Kathy Callis**.



Susan Card

I want to also say a most heartfelt thank you to the **Upper School SCA** and especially **Susan Wenk**, who tirelessly and with enormous enthusiasm, helped the PA with many events throughout the year. From pep rallies to powderpuff games to fundraisers, Homecoming, Founders' Day, Red and White Day, and many other activities in between, the SCA and Mrs. Wenk were there in person and in spirit! The year would not have been the same without their ideas, their hard work, their commitment, and their amazing talent!

The PA Committees work hard throughout the year organizing informational coffees, helping Admission with visit days and working with Development on various projects. The tireless support and good humor of all our PA Board members make it a pleasure to be their leader and I cannot thank them enough for all the hours they volunteer and all the great ideas they share.

I am looking forward to another successful year!

Susan Card—President, Parents' Association

Athletic Boosters

The 2014-2015 North Cross Athletics Boosters were active this year in game day operations for most sports with gate collections and concessions. Our mission is providing volunteer assistance to the athletic department and financial support to the student athletes. We implemented a liaison program with a parent for each sport leading that collective group of parents, which assisted in communications and manpower where needed. Our volunteers managed Raider Joe's, the outdoor concessions, and overall raised thousands of dollars which were then returned to the students and teams through purchases for the swimming, soccer, and baseball programs.

One of the projects we assisted with was the Big Flea, where more than 50 parents and student athletes helped with setup and cleanup, and turned a multi-day task into a successful multi-hour effort.

I want to thank **Pam Moskal**, **Marlo Pearson**, and **Beth Anne Revercomb** for serving as officers this past year, and continuing into next year; without their leadership we would not be successful. Also, a sincere thanks to our liaisons, who serve a key role in everything we do.

We look forward to the upcoming school year, and as always hope that more parents will join us in support of North Cross athletics!

Scott Smith—President, North Cross Athletic Boosters



Scott Smith

Friends Of The Arts

Friends of the Arts (FOTA), a group of dedicated volunteers who "promote and support the North Cross fine arts programs and its students," has wrapped up another successful year. Under the inspiration and leadership of President, **Peggy McDonnell**, the 2nd annual FOTA Coffeehouse raised over \$6,000 to support the arts programs; but more importantly, it showcased the exceptional art, music, drama, and vocal talents of our students. The group has already begun planning for this coming year's occasion on November 13 at an exciting new venue, the Whitman Auditorium at Virginia Western Community College. Make plans to join us!



Peggy McDonnell

FOTA volunteers also hosted art receptions for the Studio School show and the student show, and donated food for the participants of Combined Band Day. Locker signs were made for the middle and upper school band and choral students who tried out for their district groups. Additional money was raised through the selling of concessions at the winter and spring choral and band concerts, and at the spring musical. Commissions from sales at the Logan Gallery in Old Slack Hall rounded out our fundraising efforts. With these funds, we were pleased to purchase drums for the lower school music program, a projector for the choral room, and art supplies. FOTA will also be contributing some funds to the renovation of the auditorium. A special thank you to the wonderful FOTA volunteers! They are a joy to work with. And a fond thank you and good-bye to Peggy and our other senior moms, **Margaret Shaff** and **Beth Sayers**, who "graduated" this year. We will miss you!

Ellen McGimsey—Incoming President, FOTA

Alumni News & Notes

Message from the Alumni Association

As I sit down to write a wrap-up for 2015, I struggle to fit all of the Alumni Association's activities into one article. Your association has been a busy group, and we should be proud of all that we have accomplished in 2014-15:

- The Alumni Board created and gave a new award, the Distinguished Alumnus/a Award, to honor alumni who have made outstanding contributions to his/her profession or field of interest and have brought benefit to the community or humanity and honor to North Cross while embodying the values and spirit of the school. Our first recipient, **Katherine Fulton '73**, was chosen for her dedication to philanthropic and social change. Katherine led a discussion panel "Education: 2025" with educational leaders from the region in January. Her address to the school at Founders' Day concluded with the following: "Among the many gifts I received here in Roanoke and at this school, one was more important than all the others: the confidence and courage to claim my own life".
- The Alumni Association was busy with many social events this year, including Happy Hours in both Roanoke and D.C. This is an opportunity to meet and reconnect with other alumni in your local area, and I encourage you to organize one next year in your hometown. Perhaps the social highlight of the year was the Oyster Roast and Alumni Soccer Game held over Thanksgiving weekend. We had a record turnout for both events and hope to continue this tradition in the future.
- The Alumni Board approved the merger of an existing scholarship with our Alumni Merit Scholarship, renaming it the "DeHart-Grayson Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund" to honor **Gates DeHart** and **Margaret Grayson** for their contributions to and influence over countless alumni in the school's history. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to encourage and support alumni to send their children or grandchildren to North Cross. Personally, I have many fond memories of Mr. DeHart in both Interact Club and as director of school plays, expanding my grasp of literature beyond the classroom. I took five years of Latin for the sole purpose of having Mrs. Grayson as a teacher, during which I gained an everlasting appreciation of language and history. If you would like to make a gift to support this fund, please contact **Chris Moore '71** in the development office, at cmoore@northcross.org.



Music, soccer, and fellowship at the Thanksgiving weekend Oyster Roast.

On May 30, the Alumni Association welcomed 43 new members as the class of 2015 graduated. We are proud and fortunate to have them join us, and we wish them well in college and beyond. At graduation, we also honored **Elizabeth (Liz) Fulghum Frankl '82** with the Alumni Service Award.

Thank you to all North Cross Alumni for a wonderful year, and I look forward to another productive year in 2015-16!

Sarah Boxley Beck '98
Alumni Association President '14-15



Sarah Boxley Beck '98

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2015 Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award

Sarah Boxley Beck '98 presented the inaugural Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award to **Katherine Fulton '73** during the Founders' Day celebration in late January. In her comments, Katherine asked the students to imagine the world ahead of them and hoped they would each carry forward the same lessons and love of learning that she received as a student at North Cross School. Katherine also shared a letter, written to her when she was born, from her great-grandfather, J.B. Fishburn—one of the men who helped build Roanoke. She shared the wish that Mr. Fishburn bestowed upon her—for a "long, happy and useful life"—and encouraged the students to make it truly their own.

The Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award recognizes an alumnus or alumna who has made distinguished and outstanding contributions to his or her profession or field of interest and has brought benefit to the community or humanity and honor to North Cross while embodying the values and spirit of the school. The recipient must agree to attend the presentation of the award.

To make a nomination for the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus(a) Award, visit www.northcross.org and go to the "Alumni" tab. Deadline for submissions is August 7, 2015. The award will be made during Founders' Day on Friday, January 29, 2016.

2015 Alumni Service Award

At the 52nd commencement ceremony, **Jack Hamlin '03** (left) awarded **Elizabeth Fulgam Frankl '82** (right) the **2015 Alumni Service Award**. The Alumni Service Award is presented annually to one outstanding alumnus/a who has made significant contributions to his/her community. Nominees should meet the following criteria:



- The candidate must have graduated from or attended North Cross School and must continue to demonstrate a strong commitment to the school and its ideals.
- The candidate must be someone other than an alumnus/a currently serving on the North Cross School Alumni Association Board.
- The candidate should be a responsible citizen who generously contributes time and/or resources and who continues to be involved with North Cross School and/or with his/her community.

In his remarks, Jack referenced the dedication Liz has made to the CrossWalk program. "When the CrossWalk program was up for approval by the Board of Trustees, Liz spent a great deal of her personal time researching why a program like CrossWalk was so important for the North Cross community and the Roanoke Valley. She developed a personal understanding of dyslexia and what the current available resources are for children with dyslexia in the Valley," he said.

Past Recipients

2014 Russ Ellett '84	2006 G. Andrew Kegley, Jr '77
2013 Katherine Watts '67	2005 T. Christopher Moore '71
2012 Allen B. Whittle '91	2004 Kathryn Krisch Oelschlager '69
2011 Joseph D. Logan III SA '49	2003 Deb Bennett Haggerty '76
2010 Stephen W. Lemon '80	2002 David D. H. Willis, Sr '77
2009 Linda A. Valleroy '68	2001 J. Randolph Garrett III '65
2008 David B. Trinkle '79	2000 T. Garrick Steele '71
2007 Anne Lee Stevens SA	1999 Rossie Carter Hutcheson '73

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'73

Katherine Fulton '73 received the Distinguished Alumnus (a) Award at the Founder's Day celebration on January 30, 2015 in the Carter Athletic Center. The award recognizes an alumnus or alumna who has made distinguished and outstanding contributions to his or her profession or field of interest and has brought benefit to the community or humanity and honor to North Cross while embodying the values and spirit of the school.



FROM LEFT: **Chris Moore '71, Katherine Fulton '73, and Sarah Boxley Beck '98** following the Founders' Day event in January.

'75



David Fink '75, (second from left) Founder and CEO of Mirabel Hotel & Restaurant Group in Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, has opened several successful restaurants and hotels in Northern California. In addition, he started the Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest, a food and wine extravaganza which showcases a prestigious lineup of

2015 Alumni Oyster Roast

Presented by the North Cross School Alumni Association

Join us Friday, November 27, 2015, the day after Thanksgiving, for a fun-filled day of athletic contests, entertainment, and food.

2 p.m.: Co-ed Alumni Soccer Game, Thomas Field

3:30 p.m.: Alumni Oyster Roast, Hooper Field

Put the date on our calendar. More details will be coming soon.

world renowned chefs and wineries. On March 6, fellow NCS alums (from left in photo), **Chris Moore '71, Jon Fink '72, Chris Teeter '74, and Jeff Fink '70**, traveled to Carmel-by-the-Sea to attend the 2015 Relais & Châteaux GourmetFest.

'76

Jim Revercomb '76 and **James Revercomb '06** started a new outdoor adventure business in Roanoke. Roanoke Mountain



Adventures (RMA) opened on April 1 and offers guided and self-guided outdoor adventures. Their office is located in the River House, backing up to the Greenway and Roanoke River. For more information visit roanokemountainadventures.com.

Will Trinkle '76 (left in photo) and partner Juan Granados welcomed son, Oliver, on May 5, 2010 and daughter, Pia, on September



23, 2013. In addition, Will was elected to the GLAAD National Board of Directors in 2009, the board of Mill Mountain Theatre for a second time, and the board of Hollins University also for a second time. Will also received the UVA distinguished alumni award given in October 2012.

'82

Elizabeth Fulgam Frankl '82 was awarded the 2015 Alumni Service Award at the 52nd Commencement of North Cross School on Saturday, May 30, 2015. She received this award for her dedication to the School, Board of Trustees, and her commitment to the opening of the CrossWalk Program at North Cross School.

'90

Daniel C. Summerlin III '90 has been elected president of Woods Rogers.

Summerlin joined Woods Rogers in 1997, where he worked as a summer associate in 1996. Summerlin's experience covers a wide range of law, including administrative and regulatory, labor and employment, and litigation. He also advises clients on government investigations and white collar defense.

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'99

Blair Huffman Ellis '99 and her husband, Chad Ellis welcomed their son, Oliver Redding Ellis on October 3, 2014. Oliver joins his older brothers, Grayson and Everett. The family lives in Bartlesville, Oklahoma where Chad is a scientist for Phillips 66 and Blair is a legal consultant and takes care of the kids.

'03

Jessica and **Will Gwaltney '03** welcomed daughter, Caroline Todd Gwaltney, on April 30, 2015.

'05



Kate Beedie '05 married Coleman Adams on April 11, 2015 at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, VA. Alums in attendance included **Ainsley Cooper Revercomb '05, James Revercomb '06, John Pendleton '05, Maria Curran Williams '05, Jack Hamlin '03, Bentley Gearhart Dorn '04, Caitlin Clompus Anderson '05, Chris Anderson '03, Katey Houck '05, Holly Bucher Hamlin '05, and Gray Hamlin '06.**

'05

Holly Bucher '05 and **Gray Hamlin '06** were married on November 15, 2014. Members of the wedding party included **Jack Hamlin '03, John Pendleton '05, James Revercomb '06, David Callis '06, Mike Corswandt '02, Alex Butler, Kate Beedie '05, Ainsley Cooper Revercomb '05, Caitlin Clompus Anderson '05, and Katey Houck '05.**

Colleen Carroll Hamlin '78 is the mother of the groom. There was a large gathering of North Cross alums as evidenced by the photo below. This was the all NCS picture.



'06

Ashley Parks '06 was the first Roanoke native to graduate from Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.



Photo from Roanoke.com

'10



Ben Weiserbs '10 is hiking the Appalachian Trail this year and was in town for a few days registering for a Masters program he starts this fall at UNC-C. He mentioned the varying geologic formations and ecosystems (Ben was a geology major). "You can see spring happening every day. The people you meet on the trail are really cool and from many different backgrounds and areas of the country." You can keep up with his progress by going to share.delorme.com/rebelyell2015, password is "AT2015".

'11

Kaki Comer '11 and **Hallie Martin '11**, are hiking the Tour du Mont Blanc this summer as part of Hannah's Hike Campaign, a tribute to fellow UVa student Hannah Graham. The two along with others will hike the 105 mile trek through Switzerland, France and Italy with 34,000 feet of ascent and descent.

After leading the Johns Hopkins baseball team to a 30-13-1 record, Centennial Conference title and being named Centennial Conference Player of the Year, **Craig Hoelzer '11** (right) can add All-American to his list of accolades this



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season. Craig was named Honorable Mention All-America by D3Baseball.com. He graduated from Johns Hopkins on May 21 with degrees in Applied Math & Statistics Engineering and Economics.

Daniel Wendell '11 was a guest lecturer in Mr. Richard Cook's AP U.S. History class. Daniel just completed his third year at the University of Virginia studying Political Science. Teaching a class was part of a requirement for a course on Kennedy's legacy. Daniel's interest in government and



political science began as a student in Mr. Cook's class five years ago. While at UVa, Wendell has been exposed to experienced and respected professors such as Larry Sabato, who wrote the book *The Kennedy Half Century*. "Sabato is a renowned political analyst and historian who appears on CNN and other forms of media almost weekly," Wendell said. "I am lucky enough to find myself in a small class co-taught by Larry Sabato and Kenneth Stroupe. Professor Sabato's intense nature and passion for the subject make for a great class."

'14

Nicole Chaney '14 is in the summer musical, *Rootabaga! A MusiCarl*, at Mill Mountain Theatre as one of the leads. This whimsical show of song and dance, adapted by Damian Duke Domingue, is based on children's books written by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Carl Sandburg. The cast includes students and recent graduates of regional theater programs.

Matt Doughty '14 made his collegiate baseball debut for the University of Virginia on April 5. The freshman right-handed reliever got the last two outs of the game as the then #12 ranked Cavaliers lost to #7 Louisville 11-4. The Cavaliers went on to win the national championship by defeating Vanderbilt University in Omaha, Nebraska on June 24.



The Campaign for Cook Field



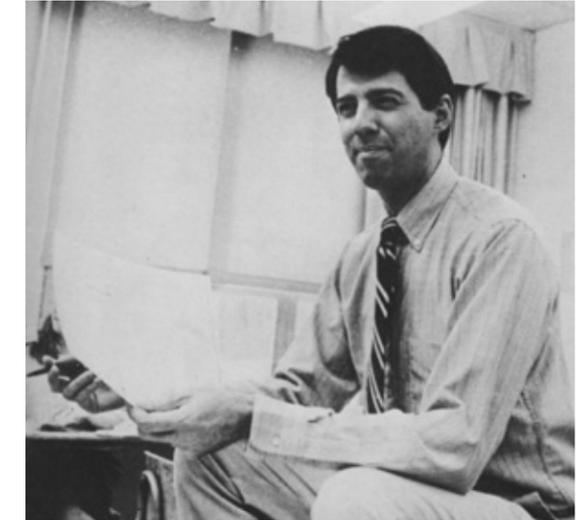
The Campaign for the Nancy and Richard Cook Field is well under way; we have donations from 111 donors and are at \$135,000 in gifts and pledges. The goal is \$360,000, and the campaign has been extended to June 2016. There is still plenty of time to honor a man who has given over 42 years of his life as a teacher, mentor, and coach.

The soccer and field hockey teams need their own field. They currently share Thomas Field with the football and lacrosse teams, and with over 50 games a year, it is almost impossible to keep the field in game condition to enable a soccer or field hockey ball to roll accurately. Soccer and field hockey fields need to be flat and wide enough to accommodate these games. The field will be comprised of Bermuda sod, an irrigation system, scoreboard, bleachers, and perimeter fencing and a rolling mower will be needed to maintain this field.

Mr. Cook has delayed his retirement one more year. Anyone surprised? Ideally we will have all the gifts on hand by June 2016 so that we can complete the field and dedicate it in the fall of 2016. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please do so, and honor a man and two sports that have meant so much to so many North Cross students.

You can make your gift online by going to the "Support" tab on the school website and "Online Giving", and then look for Cook Athletic Field, or by mailing a check to **Jennifer Burtch** in the Development Office, 4254 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA 24018.

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DeHart-Grayson Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund Created

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to encourage and support alumni to send their children or grandchildren to North Cross.

We are pleased to announce that the North Cross Alumni Board met and has approved the merger of the DeHart-Grayson Fund and the Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund, renaming it the "DeHart-Grayson Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund" to honor **Gates DeHart** and **Margaret Grayson** for their contributions to and influence over countless alumni in the school's history. The purpose of this scholarship fund is to encourage and support alumni to send their children or grandchildren to North Cross. Neither fund was at the required minimum of \$25,000 to be able to make an award, but combined we feel we will get the support of those who loved Mr. DeHart and Mrs. Grayson and want to honor them. They have over

60 years combined teaching experience at North Cross. Margaret and Gates were very excited to lend their name to a scholarship fund that seeks to attract talented alumni children or grandchildren. Gates and Margaret are pleased, excited, and honored to be remembered in this way—a lovely tribute to two people whose service to the school yielded personal benefits beyond anything they could do for their young charges. Anyone who had Gates or Margaret as a teacher, or advisor, or worked in a play during their time at North Cross knows what amazing educators they were and how much they cared for their students and the expectations they placed on everyone.

An appeal to the alumni community

has brought the fund total to \$60,137 as of June 30, 2015. This means awards can be made to a qualifying rising 9th grade child or grandchild of an alumnus(a) as early as this fall.

For more information on the criteria that would be applied to a potential candidate for the Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund, contact **Amy Jackson**, Director of Admission, at 540-989-6641 ext.257. If you would like to make a gift to the Fund, you can give online under the "Support" tab on the website, or mail your gift to the school, 4254 Colonial Avenue, Roanoke, VA, 24018, attention **Jennifer Burtch**. Gifts and pledges are accepted, and all gifts are tax deductible.



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