

Hollins News Flash - June 2010

Campus

Riding Team Takes Fourth at National Championships



The Hollins riding team capped off a stellar year of competition with a fourth-place finish at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Championships, May 6 - 8, in Lexington, Ky.

- **Katie Furches '10** competed against 30 of the nation's top collegiate riders for the United States Equestrian Federation's Cacchione Cup, the equestrian equivalent to the Heisman Trophy. Furches was awarded the 2010 IHSA Nationals Riders Sportsmanship Award.
- **Meredith McDonnell '12** earned first place in the Intermediate Equitation Over Fences, one of eight divisions in which the teams competed.
- **Kelley Douglas '94** competed in Alumnae Equitation Over Fences and won the national championship in that class.
- [More highlights](#)

Hollins also won the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) Championship, where all four team members were named All-ODAC, Furches was honored as ODAC Rider of the Year, and Coach Sandy Gerald was named ODAC Coach of the Year.

We are very proud of our accomplished riders. Go Green!

- More about [the riding program](#)
- Katie Furches '10 highlighted in [the Roanoke Times](#)
- Roanoke's [WDBJ-7 profile of the riding team](#)

Hugs, Smiles, Tears: Commencement 2010



Pulitzer Prize winner **Natasha Trethewey MA '91** urged the Class of 2010 to embrace "a necessary occupation for all of us: the ongoing pursuit of knowledge, a commitment to lifelong inquiry and the blossoming of ideas" during the 168th Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 23. Hollins conferred 159 bachelor's degrees and 57 master's degrees during the ceremony on Front Quad.

Last Chance to Get On Board



[Make your gift to the Hollins Fund by June 30](#), to count in the **Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places.**

Be a part of the largest fundraising campaign in Hollins' history!

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Students / Faculty

Student and Faculty Highlights

- **Sarah Vasquez '10** and **Fiona Zwieb '10** are among recent alumnae headed to graduate school. Sarah's one of only three students accepted into James Madison University's rigorous new Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Program - her career plans include working with autistic children. Fiona's been accepted into New York University's master's program in music business, which prepares students to be leaders in the global marketplace of pop and commercial music.
- "[Roanoke Pastorale](#)," a poem by Distinguished Visiting Professor of Creative Writing **David Huddle**, is featured in the May 31, 2010, issue of *The New Yorker*.
- **Jeanne Larsen MA '72, professor of English**, is one of 15 distinguished faculty from private colleges in Virginia to be awarded the Maurice L. Mednick Memorial grant. Administration of the Mednick Memorial Fund is vested in the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges to encourage the professional development of college teachers and improve their academic competence through fellowships for research and advanced study.
- **Assistant Professor of Art Christine Carr** has been invited to exhibit five images in "Shoot'n Southern: Women Photographers Past and Present" at the Mobile Museum of Art in Mobile, Alabama. The exhibit runs through July 18, and includes the noted photographer **Sally Mann '74, MA '75**.
- **Michelle Ann Abate, assistant professor of English**, was elected to the Executive Board of the Children's Literature Association (ChLA). ChLA is an international professional organization that is dedicated to encouraging "high standards of criticism, scholarship, research, and teaching in children's literature." ChLA will hold its [annual conference at Hollins in June 2011](#).

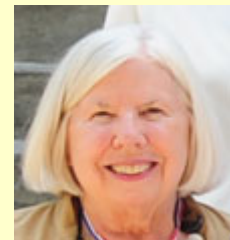
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Quad Quote

"I don't know how many of you felt as I did as a student when I would see older alums returning to campus for their reunions. I would think to myself, 'I'll never do that! I want to look ahead, not back. I don't want to be one of those old women who lives in the past.' ..." [Read more](#)

- **Betsy Forsythe Hailey '60** at the Honor Guard luncheon at Reunion

Saying Goodbye: Bill White and Donna Faye Burchfield

Professor of [Art](#) Bill White, who came to Hollins in 1971, retired at the end of this academic year. During his long and distinguished career, he made innumerable contributions to Hollins as a talented painter, a gifted teacher and mentor, and as a tireless worker on behalf of Hollins. He is a recipient of the Herta Freitag Faculty Award and the Distinguished Service Award for his dedication to his students, colleagues, and profession. His role in the exhibition program and collection, the establishment of the Frances Niederer Artist-in-Residence program, and the planning and building of the Wetherill Visual Arts Center all will live as testaments to his career. A new fund, with a goal of \$50,000, will endow the William G. White Endowed Fund for Studio Art. This endowment seeks to honor Bill's legacy by creating a fund to bring regional and national artists to Hollins for short periods of time to present lectures, conduct workshops, and meet with students.



Donna Faye Burchfield, professor of [dance](#) and director of the [master of fine arts program in dance](#), has resigned to take a position as director of the School for Dance in the College of the Performing Arts at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, where she will begin this fall. Donna Faye came to Hollins in 1993 and was already well-known as a creative and inspiring force in dance, both nationally and internationally, through her work with the American Dance Festival (ADF), where she ultimately became dean. Donna Faye took the dance program at Hollins - at the time of her hiring a concentration within the theatre department - and created a separate department to offer a major in the field. One of Donna Faye's greatest accomplishments was establishing the master of fine arts program in dance, launched in the summer of 2005 in partnership with the ADF. The MFA program marked the first time the country's pre-eminent center for modern dance had formed an alliance with a college or university to offer a degree.



We will miss Bill and Donna Faye greatly, and wish them much success as they begin new chapters of their lives!

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Alumnae/i

Connect. Contemplate. Celebrate! Reunion 2010

445 alumnae and friends came home to Hollins to reminisce with old friends, explore Hollins today, and celebrate the connections that we all share.



- [Attendees](#) - 445 alumnae and friends, from the classes of 1945 to 2013!
- [Photo Gallery](#)
- [Award Winners](#) - Distinguished Alumnae, Rath Award, Bain Award
- [Athletic Hall of Fame inductees](#)
- [Class Giving Awards](#) - Record breakers!
- [Special Events](#)
- Honor Class Remarks given by **Michelle DeRussy Dodenhoff '85** and [Buffy Seydel Morgan '60](#)

Alumnae/i Highlights

Mr. Peanut, the first novel by **Adam Ross MA '92**, is reviewed by Scott Turow on the cover of [The New York Times](#) Book Review: "The daring, arresting first novel by Adam Ross, an author of prodigious talent." Stephen King also praised *Mr. Peanut*, saying in [Entertainment Weekly](#) that it's "the most riveting look at the dark side of marriage since *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*...And it induced nightmares, at least in this reader. No mean feat."



Marietta McCarty '69 won a Nautilus Book Award for her book, *How Philosophy Can Save Your Life: 10 Ideas That Matter Most*. The Nautilus Book Awards recognize books that "promote spiritual growth, conscious living, and positive social change as they stimulate the imagination and inspire the reader to new possibilities for a better world." Winning titles were displayed at the Nautilus Awards Showcase Exhibit at BookExpo America held in the Jacob Javits Center in New York on May

26-27, 2010.

Judy Light Ayyildiz MALS '80, MA '81,
University Chaplain **Jan Fuller '78**, and Assoc.

eliminating racism
empowering women
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Dean of Cultural & Community Engagement **Jeri Suarez** were among the honorees at the [YWCA of Roanoke Valley's 8th annual Women of Achievement Awards](#). The awards "recognize women of the Roanoke Valley who have made significant contributions to our community through their educational achievements, leadership, and volunteer activities." Judy, Jan, and Jeri were deservedly recognized for their tremendous work in the categories of Education, Religion, and Racial Harmony, respectively.

Funding

Historic Campaign Ends June 30th

We are in the FINAL HOURS of the \$125 million [Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places](#) which will end with the counting of the last dollars postmarked June 30, 2010. If you haven't given yet, there's still time to be a part of history at Hollins - [make your gift](#) before June 30. Every gift and every dollar counts. Watch your e-mail and the [Hollins Web site](#) for more news in the coming weeks!



Giving News

- [\\$5 Million Batten Challenge for Scholarships, Leadership](#)
- [Second Belk Challenge for Study Abroad Met](#)
- [Hats Off to Our Texas Alumnae and Friends](#)

The 1842 Society Weekend in Philadelphia

October 8 - 10, 2010

Members of our leadership giving societies - the [1842 Society](#) and [Miss Matty's Circle](#) - are invited to join President Gray and the Hollins Trustees for [a wonderful weekend in Philadelphia](#).

- [Schedule of Events](#)
- [Hotels](#)
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Upcoming Events

Alumnae Events

Watch your mailbox, your inbox, or check Facebook or the Hollins Web site for more details on the following events!

August 12 - Austin Happy Hour

August 26 - Legacy Reception for incoming students and their families

September 9 - Tinker Mountain Alumnae Chapter (formerly Roanoke Alumnae Chapter) Cocktail Party at the President's house

September 30 - Memphis Alumnae Event with President Nancy Gray

October 8-10 - [1842 Society Weekend in Philadelphia](#)

October: Tinker Day parties! Chapters across the country will celebrate one of Hollins' favorite traditions throughout the month of October. If you would like to help plan a Tinker Day party in your area, please e-mail alumnae@hollins.edu.



Campus Events

Come to campus this summer for film screenings, lectures, and special events that are part of the graduate programs in:

- [Screenwriting and film studies](#)
- [Children's literature](#)
- [Playwriting](#)

Note: The [Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#) will be closed this summer for floor renovation. The museum will re-open on September 16 at 7:00pm for "The Fleeting Glimpse: Selections in Modern and Contemporary Photography from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts" and "Jim Campbell: In the Repose of Memory."