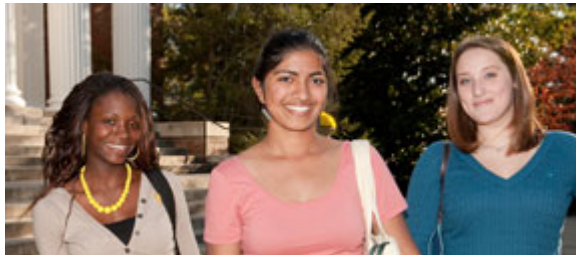


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Campus

Hollins Among Top Ten Nationally for Alumnae Support



Hollins has been named one of the ten "Top Institutions in Alumni Support Per Student" by the Council for Aid to Education, a national nonprofit organization focused on improving quality and access in higher education. Hollins placed sixth among the country's colleges and universities with \$11,837 per student.

We are delighted to see our alumnae recognized for their exceptional generosity - thank you for all that you do to ensure Hollins remains *the* place for women who are going places!

- [Read more](#)

Hollins is Among Best in the Southeast

Hollins is one of the best colleges in the Southeast and one of the country's best institutions for undergraduate education according to The Princeton Review. Hollins is one of 133 colleges and universities The Princeton Review recommends in the "Best in the Southeast" section of its Web site feature, "2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region."



- [Read more](#)

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First Dual Exhibition Between Hollins and Roanoke College



The Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins and Roanoke College Galleries are pleased to announce the joint exhibition *Jim Campbell: In the Repose of Memory*, which opened on September 16. Campbell is a pioneering electronic artist whose works have set the standard for art made with technology for over twenty years. He uses technologies developed for information transfer and storage to explore human perception, memory and the ways we measure time.

Also open at the Wilson Museum, in partnership with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts: *The Fleeting Glimpse: Selections in Modern and Contemporary Photography from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts*. Featuring the work of 28 artists, including **Sally Mann '74, M.A. '75**.

- [Current exhibitions](#)

Students / Faculty

Student and Faculty Highlights

- **Jessica Cohen '11**, a political science major, has had her senior thesis research on Iranian youths' use of social media in the democratization movement accepted for presentation at "711-2011: East Meets West," which will be held in March at Virginia Military Institute.
- **Assistant Professor of Film Amy Gerber-Stroh** will release her latest documentary film, *My Grandfather Was a Nazi Scientist: Opa, von Braun and Operation Paperclip*, this fall. The film has already been officially selected for the 17th Annual Independents' Film Festival in Florida. She has also been invited to screen her film and speak at The National Archives and the German-American Heritage Museum in DC.
- Three student papers from **Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Vladimir Bratic's** "Peace, Conflict and Media" class have been accepted for presentation at "Cultivating Peace: A Symposium for Violence Prevention," which will take place at Virginia Tech November 12-14. The symposium will be held in conjunction with Va. Tech's International Summit on Transdisciplinary Approaches to Violence Prevention. Dr. Bratic and the students (**Hannah Smith '10, Maria Salivanovna '10, and Cynthia Everitt '10**) will present at the conference.
- Two current students and a recent graduate of Hollins' M.F.A.



Quad Quote

"Many of my classmates at Hollins have founded charities, served in the Peace Corps, served in the diplomatic corps, gone to law school and medical school. I have a daughter, and I hope that when she is considering colleges, that she falls in love with an institution like Hollins, one that is a supportive community of academic professionals and bright students who will inspire her for the rest of her life."

- **Peyton Lawrimore '01**, in response to [Washington Post op-ed](#), "**Are Women's Colleges Still Needed?**"

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program in creative writing are among the 50 poets featured in the new anthology, [Best New Poets 2010: 50 Poems from Emerging Writers](#). Hollins writers selected for this year's edition include **Meighan Sharp M.F.A. '11** ("Habitats"), **Matthew Williams M.F.A. '12** ("Eulogy for the Method"), and **Luke Johnson M.F.A. '09** ("Remembering the Old Testament While Walking the Dog"). *Best New Poets 2010* was edited by Claudia Emerson, Pulitzer Prize-winner in poetry in 2006 and the Louis D. Rubin Writer-in-Residence at Hollins in 2007.

- **Associate Professor Susan Thomas**, director, gender and women's studies, and associate professor of gender and women's studies, and political science, has been named vice president of The Institute for Critical Animal Studies (ICAS). The ICAS, founded in 2001, is the first interdisciplinary scholarly center in higher education dedicated to establishing and expanding the field of Critical Animal Studies (CAS). Professor Thomas will oversee publication of the peer-reviewed *The Journal for Critical Animal Studies* (S.U.N.Y) and the CAS book series (Stanford), and will manage both the domestic and international CAS conferences, among other responsibilities.

> Read more [student accomplishments](#) and [faculty highlights](#)

Hollins Senior Among Israeli, Palestinian Students in Summer Program for Peace-Building

Hanan Abu Shanab '11 was one of ten young people from Israel and Palestine selected to take part in an innovative leadership program this past summer designed to foster a different approach to peace-building in the Middle East. New Story Leadership (NSL), a non-political, non-partisan initiative based in Washington, DC, is drawing upon similar programs its directors have organized over the past two decades with college-age adults from Australia, Northern Ireland, and South Africa to bring together young leaders from both sides of the Middle East conflict. During the eight-week session, Israelis and Palestinians lived in pairs with host families; participated in grassroots community service projects; interned with organizations such as the United States Congress, World Bank, and public policy institutes; and engaged in an intensive leadership curriculum with training in negotiation and social entrepreneurship and employed case studies of American leaders such as Abraham Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King, Jr.



- [Read an article](#) and [view the photo gallery](#) from The Washington Post
- Watch Hanan's interview on [Fox News](#) (Washington, D.C.)

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**Save
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Date**

**Reunion 2011
June 3-5, 2011**

**For classes ending in 1
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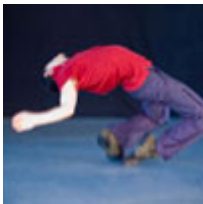
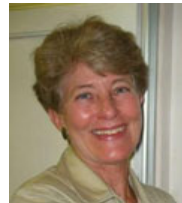
Alumnae/i

Alumnae/i Highlights



Natasha Trethewey M.A. '91, Pulitzer Prize winner, was the featured guest on Aug. 18 on [NPR's "Fresh Air."](#) Trethewey talked about her new memoir, memories of the Gulf Coast region, and how members of her family worked to rebuild their lives after Katrina. Trethewey also contributed an op-ed to [the New York Times](#) on Aug. 28.

Anna Logan Lawson '65, M.A. '70 will be inducted into the [Junior Achievement of Southwest Virginia Business Hall of Fame](#) on Nov. 1. Laureates for induction into the Hall of Fame are chosen based on their outstanding leadership in the free enterprise system and business success as well as contributions and involvement in the community.



Choreographer and dancer **Jesse Zaritt M.F.A. '08** was honored for Outstanding Solo Performance, Outstanding Choreography, and Outstanding Performance Art Production at the 2010 New York Innovative Theatre Awards. Zaritt has served as an artist-in-residence at Hollins.

Devoted Hollins Friends Pass Away

Lee Hartman, Jr., longtime friend to Hollins who hosted many a Tinker Day on his property atop Tinker Mountain, passed away this summer. [Read his obituary here.](#)

Dr. Mary "Miss Emma" Bruce, member of the Hollins community for more than 40 years and recipient of a Doctor of Law degree, passed away at the age of 100 in September. Read the obituary and the following Roanoke Times articles:

- ['Miss Emma' was longtime Hollins fixture](#)
- [Hollins helps to celebrate ex-staffer's 100th birthday](#)
- [Obituary](#)

Lee Smith '67 to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award



The Library of Virginia will present its [2010 Literary Lifetime Achievement Award](#) to accomplished author **Lee Smith '67** on October 16 for a "life's work [that] exemplifies the very best of Virginia's literary tradition." Smith's first novel, *The Last Day the Dogbushes Bloomed*, was developed from her senior thesis at

Hollins and was published by Harper and Row in 1968. She is the author of 12 novels including *Fair and Tender Ladies*, *Oral History*, *Saving Grace*, *The Last Girls*, *On Agate Hill*, and *Mrs. Darcy Meets the Blue-Eyed Stranger*. A retired North Carolina State University English professor, Smith ranks among the South's most gifted writers. The Library of Virginia hosts the [Annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards Celebration](#), which attracts authors, publishers, and those who enjoy the written word.

Seeking Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

The Athletic Hall of Fame is seeking nominations for inductions to take place at **Reunion 2011 (June 3-5, 2011)**. The Hall of Fame recognizes members of the Hollins community who have demonstrated superior athletic accomplishments at Hollins as well as sportsmanship, character, and leadership at Hollins or in their community.



The deadline for nominations is October 15, 2010.

- [Current members](#)
- [Nomination form](#) (PDF)

Order Cheese Straws and Support Hollins



Sponsored by the Richmond Alumnae Chapter

Do you love the tangy crunch of southern style cheese straws? Are you an alumna, parent, or friend of Hollins? If you answered "Yes," then we know you'll be excited that this Hollins fundraiser is now available nationwide!

The Richmond Alumnae Chapter, in partnership with Carriage House Products, is delighted to offer cheese straws - plus a wide range of delicious products - for a discounted price to Hollins alumnae, parents, and friends anywhere in the U.S. A portion of the proceeds from the chapter's sales has been donated to the Virginia Lee Cox Blakely Scholarship at Hollins, which is a need-based scholarship for students from the Richmond area.

- 10% discount off all products ordered online or over the phone, exclusively for Hollins alumnae and family
- Easy shipping to Hollins alumnae, friends, and family
- Perfect for parties, gifts, or just snacking!
- [Learn more and order online](#)

Funding

Campaign Crosses Historic Finish Line

[The Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places](#), which began in 2002, officially ended June 30, 2010, with \$161.6 million raised, far exceeding its goal of \$125 million.

"The magnificent generosity of alumnae and friends blew the lid off the campaign goal," said Campaign Chair Wyndham Robertson '58, member of the Board of Trustees. "These funds will make Hollins stronger - professors will have more resources, and students will have a richer academic experience with greater scholarship support and increased opportunities to study abroad and travel for research and internships."



In addition, the campaign helped Hollins grow its endowment from \$85 million in 2003 to its present value of \$130 million and enabled the university to eliminate all debt and strengthen its financial foundation.

- [Read more](#)
- [Watch the video thanking our donors](#)

Upcoming Events

[Alumnae Events](#)

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

October 7: Philadelphia Reception
October 8-10 - [1842 Society Weekend in Philadelphia](#)

October 19: DC Reception with President Gray honoring U.S. Ambassador Pam Slutz '70

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.

October 24: Tinker Day Party in Richmond

Save the Date!

Reunion 2011: June 3-5, 2011

For classes ending in 1 and 6 and the class of 2009

All alumnae, regardless of class year, are invited to attend!

Campus Events

You're invited to the Hollins campus for lectures, [art exhibits](#), films, plays, [athletic events](#), readings, and much more.

October 14: Poet Daniel Donaghy M.A. '94

October 15: Art Talk, "The Fleeting Glimpse" Curators' Tour

October 20-24: Theatre, *These Shining Lives*

November 4-6: Fall Dance Gathering

November 9: Rebecca Skloot, author of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*