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ALUMNAE/I

New Alumnae Relations Director

We are pleased to announce that **Judy Bates '98** will become Hollins' new Director of Alumnae Relations on December 19. **Erika Peterson Shelburne '90**, who was Director of Alumnae Relations at Hollins since 2001, has been promoted to Director of Development. Judy is an alumna of the Horizon program and is completing her duties as Director of Programs and Artists' services at the Arts Council of the Blue Ridge. Previously she was Director of Community Relations at the Jefferson Center Foundation in Roanoke. She was an art major at Hollins and is an accomplished watercolorist, winning many awards for her still-life paintings. "It is such a thrill to be coming back to Hollins!" Judy says. "I am looking forward to working closely with alumnae as we engage in the life and continuing vitality of our alma mater."



Image from *True Story*

Stephanie Via '05 has just learned that her short film, *True Story*, has been accepted at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival, to be held January 19-29, 2006. Sundance selected 73 films from over 4,300 submissions. Stephanie has had an impressive year – *True Story* won first prize at the Aurora Picture Show's Eighth Anniversary Weekend. Hollins professor and two-time Sundance alumnus Jake Mahaffy surprised Stephanie when he entered *True Story*, her senior thesis, on her behalf at Sundance.



Pamela J. H. Slutz '70, the U.S. Ambassador to Mongolia, welcomed President Bush when he visited that country on his recent Asian tour. Pamela is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. Previously she was Deputy Director of the American Institute in Taiwan, chief of the political section in Jakarta, director of the Office of Regional and Security Policy in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and deputy director of the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs. Earlier in her career, she was a political officer in Shanghai, Jakarta, and Kinshasa, and served in the Bureau of Political Military Affairs and as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the Nuclear and Space Talks with the USSR.

National Public Radio broadcast an essay by Pamela about the similarities of Mongolia's "open range" to her – and President Bush's – native Texas landscape. Read her essay on NPR [here](#).



Justine Treadwell '01 has been chosen to receive the Young Heroes for Humanity Award by The Echo Foundation. Treadwell currently resides in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She works for the Centers for Disease Control as the capacity building and training officer under the Global AIDS Program and the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). Previously, she served in the Peace Corps in Malawi. The Echo Foundation is an educational foundation which seeks to sponsor and facilitate those voices that speak of human dignity, justice and moral courage in a way that will lead to positive action for humankind. For more information, visit www.echofoundation.org



Portrait of
Spc. Jacob D. Martir, U.S. Army,
by Bill White

Annette Polan '67, the driving force behind the acclaimed "[Faces of the Fallen](#)" art exhibition, was a featured guest the day after Thanksgiving on the nationally syndicated Montel Williams Show. Polan appeared with two families whose son and daughter are featured in the exhibit. "[Faces of the Fallen](#)," an exhibition of over 1,000 portraits made from previously published photographs, honors American service men and women who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The portraits are on exhibit at the Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C. until the end of this year. Nearly 200 artists – including Hollins Professor of Art Bill White and Hollins alumnae Taisie Berkeley '70, Mary Page Hilliard Evans '59, and Lida Matheson Stifel '70 – contributed approximately 10 portraits each in a variety of media and will ultimately donate the portraits to the families of the deceased.



Ann Liv Young '03 was featured in *The New York Times*, *Time Out New York* and *The Roanoke Times* as her new work, "Michael," was staged by the Dance Theater Workshop in New York City. Her controversial dance was called the product of a "vivid, rigorous theatrical imagination" by *The New York Times*' web-only review site.



Venita Gresham '03 has been awarded a \$100,000 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award pre-doctoral fellowship from the National Institutes of Health. The NIH and National Cancer Institute will fund Venita's graduate education for the next five years while she completes her Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences at UNC-Chapel Hill. Venita's research will center on improving the delivery and efficacy of a drug currently used in the treatment of breast and ovarian cancers. While a student at Hollins, she was the recipient of a scholarship from Merck/United Negro College Fund. The award paid for her tuition senior year and two summer internships with Merck.

► Read more [Alumnae Accomplishments here](#).



STUDENTS/FACULTY

A first-year student is helping to pioneer one of the most talked-about new forms of filmmaking. **Meghan Foster '09** is an animator and actor in the genre known as “machinima.” A combination of the words “machine” and “cinema,” machinima is a process in which video game backdrops and characters are manipulated with a keyboard or game controller to create and record an actual movie, complete with story lines and dialogue.

Meghan joined with about a dozen other machinima artists to create *The Codex*, an online series set in the universe of the popular science fiction video game, *Halo*. Released in 20 episodes between February and August, *The Codex* was called, by the editor-in-chief of Wired magazine, “the best machinima I’ve ever seen. It has a stirring plot, edge-of-your-seat pacing, distinctive characters, and a pulse-quickening soundtrack...It builds to a crescendo that will leave you breathless.” *The Codex* also caught the attention of the mtvU network, which is broadcast to 6.5 million college students on over 730 campuses around the country. Meghan and the rest of The Codex Crew were invited to Los Angeles to tape a segment for the program “Gamer’s Ball,” which aired in November.



In cooperation with Roanoke County, **Renee Godard**, associate professor of biology, and students **Morgan Davis '08** and **Anne Fitzgerald-Pittman '08** are coordinating the reinstatement of a recycling program at Hollins. The university kicked off the program with a bin-painting contest on September 1. The contest was open to the entire campus community, and cash prizes were awarded by a panel of judges for the most creatively painted bins. Roanoke County has placed 75 hard-plastic, 48-gallon containers on the Hollins campus for use by students, faculty and staff to collect recyclables. The County also agreed to place a 20-foot trailer with four bins on campus that will serve as a community drop-off site. County residents will be able to drop off newspaper, plastic, aluminum, and clear glass in the bins at Hollins.



Heather Hurst '06, Jennifer Adams '06, and Jennifer Champagne '06

Photo courtesy of

campusequestrian.com

Heather Hurst '06 paced the Hollins riding team to an outstanding showing at the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Association (SWVHJA) competition this fall at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. Hurst won in the Adult Medal Finals as she competed against 25 of southwest Virginia’s best riders in a three-phase event: jumping, flat (walk, trot, canter), and a final test. The victory marks the 14th win in 17 years for a Hollins rider in this prestigious competition. **Holly Bailey '06**, **Jennifer Champagne '06**, and **Beth Johnson '07** also represented Hollins in the medal finals.

CAMPUS

New Look: www.hollins.edu

The Hollins web site has a fresh new front page. Check out the redesign at www.hollins.edu.





Hollins' new [environmental studies major](#) and [MFA program in dance](#) were prominently featured in the annual college guide published by the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *The Daily Progress* in Charlottesville, and *The News & Advance* in Lynchburg. Environmental studies at Hollins was also showcased on the Web site, www.collegesofdistinction.com.



Beale Garden work has begun

The Garden Club of Virginia's work to restore Beale Garden began in late October. The restoration includes: replacing the stone wall and steps to the chapel, resurfacing the chapel terrace, replacing the large boxwoods on the terrace with small flowering trees to provide a view from the chapel into the garden, and re-establish walking paths within the garden's original circular plan. Whenever possible, plantings will be reused on campus or within the existing garden. Weather permitting the project should be completed in early spring. We are grateful to the Garden Club of Virginia for this opportunity to enhance the garden's aesthetic appeal and its value as a site for outdoor activities. It will be a permanent location on the Garden Club of Virginia's annual tour which has drawn as many as 40,000 gardening enthusiasts in recent years.



Starkie to become Swannanoa Hall

Renovation work on Starkie House began this summer, transforming the building from a residential hall to a home for the English and creative writing program. Swannanoa Hall will be named in tribute to Swannanoa Horne Priddy, Class of 1911, and mother of the donor, Robert Priddy. The renovation is anticipated for completion in January 2006. The dedication of Swannanoa Hall will be held on April 21, 2006.

FUNDING

Gift Report is online

The 2004-2005 Report on Giving is now online:

http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/giving_report.htm

The 2004-2005 report recognizes gifts made to Hollins from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. We're very grateful to all alumnae, parents, and friends who give so generously to Hollins. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Tuggle Anderson '98 at ltanderson@hollins.edu.





[Museum Memberships](#)

You're invited to become a member of the [Friends of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#). The group comprises individuals, families, and corporations who share an interest in the visual arts and a desire to contribute to the museum's growth. Friends of the Museum support exhibitions, programs, lectures, publications, special events, and student research. For more information, contact the museum director, Wyona Lynch-McWhite, at (540) 362-6341 or wlynch-mcwhite@hollins.edu.



Tax Incentives for Giving to Hollins

The Katrina Emergency Relief Act of 2005, signed into law September 23, provides the opportunity for a taxpayer to **claim, as an income tax deduction**, qualified charitable contributions of cash made from August 28, 2005, to December 31, 2005, **up to 100 percent** of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income. This law even applies to gifts made to most non-Katrina-related charitable organizations, such as Hollins. For more about this new law, please contact your legal or tax advisor. For more information, you may also contact Jayne Shaw, director of capital and planned giving, at jshaw@hollins.edu or (800) 846-5371. You may [give online](#) using our secure online form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Campus Events Calendar](#)

▶ [Art Exhibitions in the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#)

[Alumnae Events](#)

▶ [Photos from alumnae events](#)

Houston Alumnae Chapter Holiday Coffee: December 9

New York Chapter Reception for President Gray, Trustees, and J-Term

Interns: January 10, 2006

D.C. Alumnae Chapter Post-Holiday Gathering: January 12, 2006

Reunion 2006: June 2-4, 2006

[Hollins Alumnae Travel](#)

Scotland - Highlands, Islands, and Lowlands: June 25-July 3, 2006

For more information, contact Dotty Weaver at (540) 362-6393 or travel@hollins.edu.

[Hollinsummer: July 9-21, 2006](#)

Two weeks of fun and learning on one of Virginia's most beautiful college campuses. Hollinsummer is open to girls who are currently in 9th, 10th, or 11th grade. Contact the admissions office to enroll your daughter, niece, or babysitter: huadm@hollins.edu or (800) 456-9595.

LINKS

▶ [Alumnae Web site](#)

▶ [Update your information](#)

▶ [Log in to Connect@Hollins](#)

▶ [Send your class news](#)

▶ [Give a gift online](#)

▶ [Send a Hollins E-Card](#)



Seniors cheer President Gray at her inauguration

QUAD QUOTE

“Within our mission as a small university with undergraduate programs for women, we have a unique opportunity to be truly distinctive by building on the three hallmarks of a Hollins education cited in our mission statement: creativity, problem solving and critical thinking, and the free exchange of ideas.”

– President Nancy Oliver Gray in her inaugural address October 14, 2005.

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