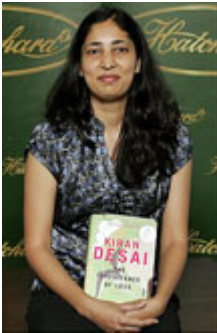


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**CAMPUS**

**Kiran Desai MA '94 wins UK's Top Literary Award**

Kiran Desai, a 1994 graduate of the [master's program in creative writing](#), has been named the winner of the 2006 Man Booker Prize for Fiction, one of the world's most esteemed and influential awards in literature, for her second novel, *The Inheritance of Loss*. At age 35, Kiran is the youngest woman ever to win the award and the first since 2000. "The Man Booker Prize is, second only to the Nobel Prize, the most prestigious international literary prize in the world," said Hollins Professor of English Richard Dillard.



*The SGA presenting the check to VP of Finance & Administration Richard Alvarez.*

**SGA Creates Endowment for Student Research, Internships, Study Abroad**

With an initial gift of \$150,000, the Student Government Association (SGA) has established an endowment fund to provide need-based support for undergraduate students. The fund will be made available beginning in the 2008-09 academic year for selected instructional areas such as special research, internships and study abroad programs. The SGA created the endowment from contingency funds in its budget that were not used in previous fiscal years. The 2006-07 SGA will leave a legacy request that future SGAs at Hollins add an additional amount to the endowment each year as they are able.



**New for Fall 2007: First-Year Student Seminars**

In fall 2007, Hollins will begin offering seminars open only to first-year students. A team of faculty came up with the idea of the seminars, with the object of making each student's first academic experience a distillation of the best Hollins has to offer. To that end, the classes will have the following characteristics:

- Each seminar will be small – no larger than 15 students – promoting interaction between students and between students and professors.
- The professor of each seminar will be the academic advisor to the students in his or her class.
- An upper class peer mentor will be assigned to each group to answer students' questions and promote discussions and understanding.
- Each seminar can count toward the student's ultimate major and can help fulfill general education requirements.



- The seminars will acquaint students with applied research techniques that they will use throughout their college years.
- Seminars will be drawn broadly from across the curriculum to reflect the university's wide range of academic interests. The classes will be experimental, experiential, and cross-disciplinary, and in many cases they will be taught by a team of professors.

A Certificate in Leadership Studies, also starting next fall, will help Hollins become an institutional leader in the study of women and leadership, build on our long-standing tradition of preparing women to become leaders in their chosen fields and help women re-imagine leadership for the future. The certificate will include new discipline-based seminars and move some programs from the [Batten Leadership Institute](#) to academic credit status.



### **National Survey Shows Hollins' Strengths in Action**

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) asks students about the nature of their undergraduate experience. It measures the extent to which they engage in effective behaviors that are linked with learning, personal development, and other desired outcomes such as student satisfaction, persistence, and graduation. In the spring of 2006, 79 first-year students and 100 seniors participated in the NSSE. The results show a high level of engagement, especially among seniors. Among Hollins' strengths are our [study abroad](#) and [internship programs](#) and our many opportunities for students to do independent study and research. The NSSE survey confirmed that students are taking advantage of these strengths, in many cases outpacing peer institutions.



### **New for Fall 2007: Graduate Program in Playwriting**

Hollins is building upon the success of its summer graduate programs with the introduction of an [M.F.A. degree in playwriting](#) in June 2007. The new discipline is designed to be completed over the course of several summers at Hollins, similar to the university's existing M.F.A. programs in [children's literature](#) and [screenwriting](#).

The program's instructors will include Hollins' permanent faculty as well as visiting theatre professionals, established writers, and distinguished scholars from other institutions. One of the M.F.A. program's major strengths will be its collaborative relationship with Roanoke's Mill Mountain Theatre, a professional playhouse nationally known for its support of new work by emerging playwrights.



### **Tinker Day Memories**

*The Roanoke Times* published an extensive article on Tinker Day this fall, with beautiful photos of this year's annual trek. Read the article and see Tinker Day photos online: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/88673>

In addition, *Times* staff writer **Beth Macy MA '93** interviewed Hollins dining hall employee Alma Basham, who has been cooking up the Tinker Day feast for more than 40 years. Read the article here: <http://www.roanoke.com/columnists/macy/wb/89460>



### New on the Hollins Web Site

Visit [www.hollins.edu](http://www.hollins.edu) and you will find:

- [New Admissions Video](#)
- [Desktop Wallpaper](#)
- [Hollins E-Cards](#)
- [Podcasts](#)
- [Student Blogs](#)
- [Faculty and Staff Directory](#)
- [New Bookshop Site](#)

### STUDENTS/FACULTY

#### Riding Coach Named VHSA Horseman of the Year

L.M. “Sandy” Gerald, head coach of Hollins University’s riding team, has been named the Virginia Horse Shows Association (VHSA) Horseman of the Year for 2006. Sandy was also named Horseman of the Year in 1992, making him only the second person in the history of the VHSA to earn the honor a second time. Sandy is a four-time Old Dominion Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and this year was inducted into the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Association Hall of Fame. He currently serves as VHSA president as well as president of Zone 4, Region 2 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.



In other riding news, **Beth Johnson '07** topped 32 other riders to win the gold medal at the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Annual Horse Show, held November 11 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. **Erin Richardson '07** took eighth place in the competition, while **Mandy Lynch '08** was a qualifier.

#### Students Named Outstanding Delegation at Model UN

**Samantha Toney '07** and **Brittany Walker '08** were honored as one of the Outstanding Delegations at the American Model United Nations (AMUN) International Conference, held November 18-21 in Chicago. Samantha, Brittany, and 13 other Hollins undergraduates were among 1,400 students representing approximately 70 colleges and universities from the U.S. and around the world at the annual conference.



*Samantha Toney (left)  
and Brittany Walker.*

The AMUN strives to combine educational quality with highly realistic simulations of the United Nations to give students an unparalleled Model UN learning experience. The Outstanding Delegation awards are peer-voted. They are presented to the delegations that are deemed most prepared for the Model UN and demonstrate the best ability to achieve consensus on an issue. Caucusing and speaking skills are also considered. At the Model UN in Chicago, Samantha and Brittany served as a delegation from India and focused on successfully crafting a resolution that would positively impact that country’s interests.



**Amanda Cox '07** and M.A.L.S. student **Victoria Crump** participated in the VMI Undergraduate Research Shakespeare Conference this fall. Timothy Spence, visiting assistant professor of English at Hollins, presented Victoria's essay, "Let Us Speak Our Free Hearts': Spaces of Communication, Homoeroticism, and Gender as Performance in William Shakespeare's 'Coriolanus' and 'Macbeth.'" This essay won the distinction "Best in Session." Amanda presented her essay, "Double Representation of the Feminine in Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew and A Midsummer Night's Dream."

- ▶ Read [Student Accomplishments](#) and [Faculty Highlights](#).
- ▶ View [Student Artwork](#).

### ALUMNAE/I

#### CareerNet

Hollins is launching CareerNet, a worldwide career network that underscores our five-year Strategic Plan goal to create unprecedented internship opportunities and career development support for students. CareerNet will be a formal worldwide alumnae career network and formal alumnae/i speakers program designed to create internship opportunities and support career development for students. The Career Center, led by Tina Rolen, and Alumnae Relations, led by Judy Bates '98, will work together along with the Alumnae Board to implement and oversee CareerNet.



After graduating magna cum laude from Hollins, **Beth Burgin '04** joined the class of 2007 at the College of William & Mary School of Law. She serves on the executive board as Senior Notes Editor for the *William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law* and is a member of the William & Mary nationals Moot Court Team. Membership on Moot Court is an honor, and tryouts for the team are competitive. In spring 2007 her note "Fire Where There is No Flame: the Constitutionality of Single-Sex Classrooms After U.S. v. Virginia" will be published in the *William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law*. She has accepted a job offer with the Roanoke law firm Woods Rogers (which represents Hollins).



**Caroline Hipple '77**, president of the Atlanta-based furniture retailer Storehouse, Inc., was featured in an *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* article (June 2006) because of her success as a woman running a company in a male-dominated industry. She travels the world to find ideas for the chain of stores, which number seventy-two and growing. She plans to expand into other urban markets, such as Baltimore, Dallas, and Washington, D.C. "I'm like the kid in the candy store," she said. "I get to do everything I think I was meant to do on earth, which is to travel the world and bring back beautiful things for people."



An *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* story (March 2006) praised outgoing Peachtree Road Race director **Julia Voorhees Emmons '63** for her twenty years of building the 10K competition into what one racer called “the major fitness event in Atlanta and nationally, and to some extent, world-wide.” Emmons was the first woman executive director of a track club in the United States. She left a sixteen-year career as associate professor at Emory University to take the job with the Atlanta Track Club. The Peachtree attracts 55,000 runners every year.



**Elizabeth Karmel '83** is a grilling and barbecue information resource for the country’s media and food writers, chefs, and cookbook authors. She is frequently quoted and generally regarded as “America’s female grilling expert.” She’s written a grilling cookbook and has been featured several times on Sara Moulton’s Food Network show, “Sara’s Secrets.” She created [Girls at the Grill](#) in 2001.

► Read [Alumnae Accomplishments here](#).

## FUNDING

### Rededication of Historic [Beale Garden](#)

The Garden Club of Virginia officially presented a restored Lucy Preston Beale Memorial Garden to Hollins at a ceremony on October 18. The rededication came at the end of the Garden Club’s work that began twelve months ago to enhance the garden’s aesthetic appeal and its value as a site for outdoor activities. Completed in 1930 and named for a member of Hollins’ Class of 1864, the garden originally served as the main entrance to campus. The restoration included repairing the crumbling stone wall and steps to the adjacent duPont Chapel; resurfacing the chapel terrace; replacing the terrace’s large boxwoods with small flowering trees; channeling the garden’s stream with larger stones and native plants; adding two new footbridges; and re-establishing walking paths within the garden’s original circular plan. [Beale Garden](#) will be open annually during the Garden Club of Virginia’s Historic Garden Week.



### Presser Hall Renovations Complete

A beautifully refurbished Presser Hall opened for campus use this fall. The extensive renovations included:

- A state-of-the-art media listening room, new electronic piano laboratory, new seminar room, new department lounge, and updated and reconfigured practice rooms.
- Wall-mounted shelves in the Erich Rath Music Library were replaced with new wood shelving on the floor to allow for greater accessibility, and a comfortable seating area was added.
- New carpeting, paint, and light fixtures throughout the building.



The rededication of Presser Hall will take place on Founder’s Day, February 22, 2007.



### **One time giving opportunity**

The [IRA Charitable Rollover Provision](#) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 was signed into law recently, enabling donors age 70 ½ or older to exclude up to \$100,000 from their gross income for a taxable year for cash gifts directly to a qualified charity from their Individual Retirement accounts. This change is effective for 2006 and 2007 only.

The [IRA Charitable Rollover Provision](#) applies only to traditional and Roth IRAs – not other retirement plans, such as 401(K), 403(b) and annuities. The provision also excludes contributions to donor advised funds and supporting organizations. Please see your financial advisor for further details or contact Jayne Shaw, director of capital and planned giving, at [jshaw@hollins.edu](mailto:jshaw@hollins.edu) or (540) 362-6480.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Campus Events Calendar](#)

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

[Upcoming Alumnae Events](#)

D.C. Alumnae Chapter Post-Holiday Party: January 11, 2007

New York Cocktail Reception for J-Term Interns: January 18, 2007

▶ [Photos from alumnae events](#)

### **Symposium on playwright Wendy Wasserstein: February 15-17, 2007**

Hollins celebrates Wendy Wasserstein (1950-2006): “An Important Voice for American Theatre and American Women.” Hollins faculty and students, with celebrity guests and six other universities, will lead a public performance symposium.

**Reunion 2007** will be held June 1-3, 2007, for classes ending in 2 and 7 and the class of 2005.

### **[Hollinsummer: July 8-20, 2007](#)**

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](mailto: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](#)

### **QUAD QUOTE**

“With this gift, our Student Government Association hopes to demonstrate to current and future Hollins students the impact that a single act of generosity can have on a destiny.” – Dorcas Mudzingwa ’07, SGA treasurer, on the SGA’s gift of \$150,000 for a new endowment fund.

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