

# Hollins News Flash - July 2009

## Campus



### [Commencement 2009:](#) **Uncommon Women**

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Rainy and unseasonably cool weather did little to dampen the celebration as Hollins conferred 173 bachelor's degrees and 66 master's degrees during the school's 167th Commencement Exercises, held Sunday, May 17 on the historic Front Quadrangle.

Guest speaker **Wyndham Robertson '58**, the first female editor at Fortune magazine and the first female vice president at the University of North Carolina, told the graduates to expect to be asked "What is Hollins?" many times in the years to come. She encouraged them to use that opportunity to talk about what makes Hollins distinctive. She praised the openness of President Nancy Gray and the faculty, and also saluted the graduates themselves.

"You are uncommon women, not crowd followers," she said. "What could be rarer than a student body of independent thinkers, each having access to a tailor-made education?"

Robertson assured the Class of 2009 that "there will always be a market for smart, hungry, talented Hollins graduates" and told them to "go out and do something wonderful with your lives."

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>> Roanoke.com story: [Kat Milyko '09 wore graduation robe passed down through four generations](#)

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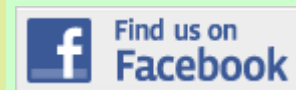
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## Hollins is a "Cool Citizen"

The Roanoke Valley Cool Cities Coalition has announced the winners of its new "Cool Citizen Awards," which recognize individuals, organizations, and companies that have had the greatest impact toward reducing the greenhouse gas emissions that are recognized to be a principal cause of global climate change.



Hollins is one of two winners this year in the Non-Profit category. The coalition congratulated Hollins on embarking on a program to make the entire campus "carbon neutral" and becoming the first establishment of its size in the Roanoke Valley to begin measuring its carbon footprint. They also commended Hollins for bringing outstanding expert speakers on the subject of global climate change and sustainability to the valley.

>> [Read more about environmental sustainability at Hollins](#)

## Alumnae/i

### Women Who Have Gone Places: [Reunion 2009](#)



More than 500 alumnae and friends returned to campus for a weekend of fun and remembrance.

- [Attendees](#)
- [Photo Gallery](#)
- [Class Gift Totals](#)
- [25th Reunion remarks](#) given by Allison Stanton McDuffie '84
- [50th Reunion remarks](#) given by Florence Fowler Peacock '59

Landscape painter **Mary Page Evans '59** gave a talk and slideshow of work from her new exhibit, *From Nature*,



## Quick Hitters

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[Julia Parker '10 TV interview on her success at Roanoke Valley Horse Show](#)

[US Airways Magazine Highlights Hollins in "Keys to the City of Roanoke"](#)



## Quad Quote

"I somehow felt inadequate to stand before you because I am 'just a mom.' I felt like our reunion speaker should be someone more accomplished than me. Because after all, Hollins prepared us to go out and be successful in the world. But after giving it much thought I realized that Hollins didn't just prepare me to be a success professionally. Rather, through the challenges I faced and the relationships I developed while I was here, I was prepared to succeed in life. To be a successful

which is on display in the [Eleanor D. Wilson Museum](#). Evans noted that she was once asked by a student if she made a living by her artwork, and she replied no, but she makes a life. She was presented with the Betsy Green Grubbs Award at Reunion, for significant achievement in the arts.



### **Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Riding Program in the Guy Burkholder Era.**

Alumnae riders enjoyed dinner in the riding ring, cocktails, and time to visit riding program staff and the award-winning horses. Burkholder, director of riding from 1959 to 1985, was posthumously inducted into the Hollins Athletic Hall of Fame (see below for

other inductees).



**Behind the Doors Art Tour.** Amy Moorefield, director of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, led a VIP tour of the arts in Roanoke. The journey began at Hollins' Wilson Museum and continued into downtown Roanoke with stops at downtown Roanoke's new Taubman Museum of Art , the Virginia Museum of Transportation, the Roanoke Times printing press with Publisher Debbie Meade, and the studio of sculptor **Betty Branch '79** (pictured). Branch will

have an exhibition of her sculpture at the Wilson Museum at Hollins this fall, opening September 17.

**Women Who've Gone Places.** Eight alumnae from a variety of backgrounds shared how Hollins framed their experience of the larger world around them. Though they graduated in decades that ranged from the Great Depression to the new millennium, the alumnae discovered the common threads that connect us all.

>> [Read more](#)

### **The 35th Anniversary of Hollins Abroad - London**

was celebrated with a British high tea on Saturday afternoon. Along with a slideshow of memories, President Gray discussed the [London program today](#). The hiring of Kirsten McKinney as director builds on the 35 years of success of the program.

## **Award Winners**

**The Distinguished Alumnae Award** was presented to: Mildred Emory Persinger '39, Florence Fowler Peacock '59, Elizabeth Fentress Goodwin '69, Ellen Reighley Malcolm '69, and Charlotte Conant Fox '79.

>> [Read more](#)

The inaugural recipient of the **Distinguished Young Alumna Award** was Veronica Votypka '99. This brand new honor was established this year by

human being."

- Allison Stanton McDuffie '84, in her 25th Reunion Remarks

## **Links**

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**The Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places**

**The largest fundraising campaign in Hollins' history**

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the Board of Trustees. The Distinguished Young Alumna Award recognizes a member of the 10th Reunion Class whose accomplishments during her first decade since graduation have been extraordinary.

>> [Read more](#)

**The Pat Thomas Bain '49 Award** was presented to Suzy Mink '74.

**The Rath Award** was presented to Polly Barksdale Garbee '59 and Linda Koch Lorimer '74.

#### **Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**



Ann Davant Crehore '84 - soccer and lacrosse

Nancy Novak Curran '79 - field hockey

Sandra Garrison Hodges '79 - basketball and lacrosse

Alice-Cole Moss Reynolds '04, tennis and field hockey

Margaret Grill Tickner '79 - field hockey and lacrosse

Guy Burkholder - director of the riding program, 1959-1985 (posthumous)

>> [Previous inductees](#)

### **Recent Alumnae Accomplishments**

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that The Nature Conservancy's Mobile Bay Oyster Reef Restoration project will receive support from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create jobs and restore coastal habitats in south Mobile County, Alabama. **Mary Austill Lott '00** is Coastal Programs Director at the Nature Conservancy of Alabama, and leads the restoration project.



**Beth Macy M.A. '93** has been named one of 24 fellows by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism. She will spend the 2009-2010 academic year at Harvard University.

During her fellowship, Macy will be able to take classes, attend seminars, and participate in other special events.

Macy has been a reporter at The Roanoke Times since 1989. Her work on immigrant communities has won national awards, including a Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism and inclusion in The Best Newspaper Writing, 2007-2008 Edition.

2007-2008 Edition.

>> [Read more alumnae accomplishments](#)

## Trustee News

Our gratitude to retiring trustees **Elizabeth Valk Long '72** and **William R. Johnston**.

Our welcome to newly elected trustees **Miriam Hayllar Farmakis '67**, **Holly Hendrix '75**, president of the alumnae association, and **William C. Wiley M.A. '74**.

## Students / Faculty

### Six of Ten Art History Majors Headed to Grad School

Six of the ten art history majors from the Class of 2009 will be continuing their education this fall in some very prestigious places.



"We've sent students to graduate programs in art history before, but typically it averages out to maybe one a year," says Professor of Art Kathleen Nolan. "This class has some terrific students who would stand out in any college." The six majors are:

- Samantha Cole's graduate-level research at Hollins helped earn her admission to the University of Georgia.
- Abbie Fisher will attend Southern Methodist University on a full scholarship.
- Emily Morris will study decorative arts at the Corcoran College of Art and Design.
- Rhiannon Platt is heading to City College of New York to pursue her love of Latin American art.
- Kara Scott was recruited by both Florida State and the University of Texas. Ultimately, she bested two hundred other applicants for a position at UT, which she will attend on a scholarship.
- Leah Twichell has been accepted with a scholarship into the master's program in Italian art at London's Courtauld Institute of Art.

### Faculty News

- Promotion to full professor for **Ed Lynch, political science**, effective July 1. Congratulations, Dr. Lynch!
- **Professor of History Joe Leedom** has been accepted into an NEH Summer Institute on the Rule of Law at the University of New England for summer 2009.
- **Assistant Professor of English Jen Boyle's** article "The Hollins Community Project: New Media, Narrative, and Affective History" was published and available on [Wi: The Journal of Mobile Media](#),

a refereed academic journal that addresses the latest developments in digital culture and new media.

- **Assistant Professor of English Pauline Kaldas** was one of the speakers on the panel, "Containing Multitudes: A Conversation with Arab American Writers," which was part of the festival, Arabesque: Arts of the Arab World, held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

### New Faces



**Aubrey Shinofield** has been appointed director of athletics and chair of physical education, a position she has held on an interim basis since last September. Shinofield came to Hollins from Washington and Lee University, where she served as a career advisor and service learning coordinator. She holds a bachelor's degree in American history from Princeton University and a master's in public health, health behavior, and health education from the University of

Michigan. Her own experience as a student-athlete at Princeton culminated in a national championship and led her into a collegiate

coaching career in women's rowing at Princeton, Harvard, the University of New Hampshire, and the University of Minnesota.



**Brent Stevens** has been named director of the writing center and director of the program in Writing Across the Curriculum, effective August 1. Stevens, who holds an M.A. from Hollins, is currently an instructor at Virginia Tech. He received his bachelor of arts degree from the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina.

### Students in Prestigious Summer Programs

Sophomores Sarah Budrus and Sara Pena have each been accepted into highly-regarded undergraduate research programs for the summer of 2009.

**Sarah Budrus '11** has a position in the Interdisciplinary - Computational Thinking/ iPLANT Program at the University of Arizona. This paid summer research experience is held in laboratories of faculty who are affiliated with the university's Undergraduate Biology Research Program (UBRP) and with the iPLANT Collaborative, a National Science Foundation-funded initiative in cyberinfrastructure for plant sciences. According to Carol Bender, UBRP director, competition for positions this year was particularly intense and Budrus was one of the top candidates.

**Sara Pena '11** is attending the Rice University Summer Institute of Statistics Research Program for Undergraduates. This program prepares undergraduate students for a graduate research career in the statistical sciences, especially those students from underrepresented minority

groups.

## Funding



### Campaign Enters Final Year

The final year of the \$125 million [Hollins Campaign for Women Who Are Going Places](#) began on July 1, 2009, and will end with the counting of the last dollars postmarked June 30, 2010. With a year to go, Hollins has raised \$104 million toward the goal in the largest fundraising campaign

in its history and the largest campaign ever conducted by a women's college in the south.

### Why is it important?

The goals for [The Hollins Campaign](#) are ambitious, made doubly so by the dive the economy took last fall, coinciding with the public kickoff in November 2008. The campaign is divided into three goals: \$78 million for endowment, \$25 million for campus facilities, and \$22 million for the annual Hollins Fund.

- [Endowment gifts](#) provide dependable and ongoing funding for scholarships, academic chairs and professorships, internships, study abroad opportunities, Batten Leadership Institute, first-year experience, faculty and student research, and building and landscape maintenance.
- The [campus facilities](#) portion of the campaign includes residence hall upgrades, renovations to the Dana Science Building, theatre and barn, a new fitness center, viewshed protection, and campus beautification projects.
- [Annual gifts to the Hollins Fund](#) count toward the campaign and help close the gap between what Hollins charges students for tuition and what their education actually costs. Hollins Fund gifts may be unrestricted or restricted for a specific purpose or department.

### [Naming and memorial opportunities](#)

The campaign offers a number of naming opportunities that enable donors to personalize their commitment by honoring a family member, friend, beloved teacher, or organization. A gift to name an aspect of the campaign will aid Hollins in her mission to provide higher quality education and will honor a person or organization in perpetuity.

>> [Campaign information](#)

>> [Campaign video](#)

>> [Case statement](#)

>> [Campaign events coming to your town](#)

## Reunion Spurs New Scholarship Gifts

President Gray announced the establishment of three new scholarships and an addition to another during the alumnae celebration at Reunion 2009.



John P. Fishwick, former president of the Norfolk & Western Railway, was present and recognized for making a gift to endow the need-based **Palmer Fishwick Posvar Scholarship** in honor of his daughter (pictured), who attended with her husband and the Class of 1974.

Lisa Ferguson Stoeffel and her husband, James, chose to honor her 25th Reunion by making a pledge to name the **Lisa Ferguson Stoeffel Scholarship** to help art students study abroad. Beaming from the audience were Lisa and her mother, **Mima Tally Ferguson '59**, who was celebrating her 50th reunion.



The Class of 1959 gave their entire class much to beam about with the announcement of the **Class of 1959 Memorial Scholarship Fund**, which had amassed \$74,252 in gifts and pledges. The impetus for this scholarship came from a bequest from classmate Desha Graves Rosborough (pictured), who died in November 2007. Other gifts came from the class, families of deceased classmates, and from Desha's husband, Bruce. Reunion Gift Chair Polly Garbee and Phyllis Brooks were lauded for encouraging their classmates to support the scholarship as well as their class Hollins Fund gift.

President Gray also announced that the day before reunion Hollins had received a generous addition to the **Margaret Spencer Ragland '84 Scholarship** from the Ragland family in Margaret's memory on the 25th anniversary of her graduation.

## Upcoming Events

### [Alumnae Events](#)

**July 19** - Washington D.C. Garden Party

**September 25-27, 2009** - [1842 Society Weekend in Chicago](#)

**September 30** - Memphis Cocktail Reception

**October 1** - Nashville Cocktail Reception



**Plan now for Reunion 2010:**

**June 4-6!**

**Campus Events**

- [Exhibits in the Wilson Museum](#)