

Hollins News Flash - March 2008

Campus



Survey Says: Women's Colleges ARE Better

A new national survey of women who graduated from college over a 27-year period has found that in a number of key areas, women's college graduates are reporting outcomes that *surpass* those of women who attended co-ed public and private colleges and universities.

Hollins is joining women's colleges across the country in asking our alumnae, parents, and friends to help communicate this survey's important and exciting results. A grassroots effort to educate prospective students, their parents, and the general public can generate interest in your local communities that will potentially get the attention of the national media.

We encourage you to use these findings (below) to write op-eds or letters to the editor and send them to your local newspapers about the women's college experience and its positive impact. We also encourage you to weave in your own Hollins experiences in addition to talking about the findings. Please send your news clippings to us at the address at the bottom of this e-mail.

The survey indicated that women's college alumnae:

- Are more likely to gain **leadership experience** in student government and campus media; learn to think analytically; bring social and historical perspective to issues; work as part of a team; write and speak effectively; and gain entry to a career.
- Report strong benefits from **mentoring, small classes**, and personal interaction with professors while having sophisticated research equipment and internship funding focused on and available to them.
- Have significantly greater chances than women who graduate from co-ed public or private colleges or universities of earning a graduate degree, and **succeed in entering a range of career fields and graduate programs**, regardless of their undergraduate major.

Highlights of the survey:

<http://www.hollins.edu/academics/advantages/advantage.htm>

Complete survey results: <http://www.womenscolleges.org>

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Quad Quote

"I am a leaf-cutter ant that, although oblivious to its object at the end of the trail, follows nevertheless with faith that it is being led



New VP for Academic Affairs

Jeanine Silveira Stewart, Ph.D., has been named Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA). As the second highest ranking officer at Hollins, she will serve as the chief academic officer and will be responsible for planning, administering, and enhancing the academic program. The VPAA also oversees a number of academic support areas, including the Horizon program for adult women returning to school, graduate programs, international programs, library and technical services, athletics and riding, the office of the registrar, and the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum.

Dr. Stewart comes to Hollins from Washington and Lee University, where she has been a member of the faculty since 1994, most recently as Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience. She also served W&L as interim Dean of the College from 2003 to 2005, where as the College's chief academic officer she worked with 135 faculty in 21 departments. Dr. Stewart joins Hollins on July 1. She succeeds Dr. Wayne Markert, who is returning to teaching at Hollins after serving for over a decade as Hollins' chief academic officer and interim president.

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Riders Take First Place in Region

The Hollins riding team has clinched first place in Zone 4, Region 2 of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). Hollins will now compete against the winning teams from Region 1 and Region 3 at Randolph College on April 13 to determine the two teams that will represent Zone 4 at the National Championship IHSA Horse Show in Los Angeles in May.

In addition, Katie Furches '10 is the region's high point rider and has thus qualified to compete in California for the Cacchione Cup, the equestrian equivalent to college football's Heisman Trophy. The cup is awarded to the National Champion Rider each year, and Hollins boasts three previous winners: **Heide Bossow Casciaro '88** (twice), **Charlotte Sprague '92**, and **Parris Cozart Collins '93**.

In addition, we are pleased to announce that Liz Courter, associate head coach of riding, has received the Guy Burkholder Memorial Sportsmanship Award for 2007 from the Southwest Virginia Hunter/Jumper Association (SWVHJA).

to something somewhere."

- Jenny Bouilly '98, MA '99, excerpt from her new work, "The Book of Beginnings and Endings," which was positively reviewed by the Los Angeles Times. Jenny read from her work at Hollins on March 6.

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Students / Faculty



Associate Professor of Political Science Ed Lynch in Israel

Associate Professor of Political Science Ed Lynch has been accepted for admission to the Academic Fellows Program of the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies. He will take part in an intensive, 10-day program in Tel Aviv, Israel, during June. The goal of the program is to offer information to teaching professionals about the latest trends in terrorists'

ideologies, motives, and operations.



Hollins Fills the Festival of the Book

Hollins will be well represented at the 14th Annual Virginia Festival of the Book, which will take place in Charlottesville March 26-30. The five days of mostly free literary events honor book culture and promote reading and literacy. Hollins authors participating this year include Visiting Assistant Professor of English Aaron Baker; Professor of English and Director of the

MFA & Undergraduate Program in Creative Writing Jeanne Larsen; Assistant Director of English Thorpe Moeckel; Director of the Playwright's Lab Todd Ristau; and Pulitzer Prize-winner Natasha Trethewey M.A. '91. For more information, visit www.vabook.org.

Hollins is saying goodbye to three remarkable members of our community:



Lynda Calkins, Director of Athletics and Chair of Physical Education, has decided it is time to explore other opportunities after serving Hollins with distinction and dedication for 23 years. She has held many leadership positions within the NCAA during her tenure here, including serving as chair of the Council on Women's Athletics and vice-chair of Division III Management Council. While at Hollins, Lynda stepped up to serve as acting dean of students.



Marcy Trianosky, director of the Writing Center, will leave Hollins at the end of the term to become assistant professor in the English, Languages, and Literature department at Spring Hill College in Alabama. Marcy has directed the Writing Center for 14 years, spending 11 years simultaneously teaching and advising in the English department, and has been at Hollins for 22 years.



Wyona Lynch-McWhite, director of the Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, is leaving Hollins in April to assume the deputy directorship of the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Massachusetts. Wyona joined us in 2004 as the first director of the Wilson Museum. She has been instrumental in showcasing the museum to the Hollins and Roanoke communities and consolidating the partnership with the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Funding



Dee Hull Everist '75 Speakers Fund

In 1975, Dee Hull graduated from Hollins with a degree in English and a love of literature. After Dee passed away in 2005, her family wanted to honor her enduring passion for the written word. Dee's husband, Brian D. Everist, and their three children have presented Hollins with a gift of \$1 million to establish the Dee Hull Everist Visiting Speaker

Series.

The series will bring to campus speakers of international reputation, including writers and critics, for readings, lectures, and interaction with students and faculty. The Everist family's remarkable gift will greatly advance Hollins' existing reputation for excellence in creative writing. "Dee was proud of that reputation," Everist said, "and in the view of our family, would enthusiastically support additional programs which would enhance English and writing at Hollins."

Contributions from classmates and friends who wish to add to the fund are welcome. To make a gift, please contact Gwen Thompson, director of development, at gthompson@hollins.edu or (540) 362-6663.



First-Year Experience Gets Boost

Hollins has received a generous grant of \$200,000 from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations to enhance the Hollins First-Year Experience for undergraduate students, one of our most important priorities. The funds will be used to support components of the First-Year Experience that have already been developed,

grow the program during the fall term, and add new program elements during the January Short Term.

- [Learn about the new First-Year Seminars](#)



Conquering the Digital Divide

Hollins has been awarded a Digital Age Initiative Grant in the amount of \$22,500 from the Verizon Foundation through a program of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC). The grant will enable Hollins to meet the computer literacy needs of Horizon students by offering a first-year seminar entitled Women and Technology, as well as peer mentoring and a

designated computer lab.

The VFIC and the Verizon Foundation partnered on this program to help VFIC member institutions provide incoming freshmen from challenged backgrounds with assistance in developing the computer skills they need to succeed in their academic careers. Five of the 15 VFIC colleges and universities are selected annually to receive the grant and utilize the funds to offer students personalized instruction and the tools needed for them to study, live, and work in a digital age.

Alumnae/i



Hollins Students Start Smart: Annie Houle '65 and Micki Davis '02

Annie and Micki visited Hollins on February 19 to lead a \$tart \$mart Workshop for students. Micki is the director of community engagement and volunteering at Clark University. Annie is the National Director of Campus and Community

Initiatives for the WAGE Project (Women Are Getting Even). Workshop attendees learn about the gender wage gap and how it affects them personally. For instance, women still earn just 77 cents to every dollar men earn in similar jobs with similar skill sets. Hollins was among the first campuses to offer these workshops. Learn more at www.wageproject.org.



Fellowship for Balli Jaswal '04

Balli Jaswal '04 has been named the youngest recipient ever of the David T.K. Wong Fellowship. The annual award, worth 26,000 pounds (approximately \$53,600), enables a fiction author who wants to write in English

about the Far East to spend a year in the United Kingdom developing their work at the University of East Anglia. Balli is writing a novel tentatively titled *When Amit Returns*, which focuses on the unraveling of an Indian immigrant family when their youngest daughter goes missing. Born in Singapore, where her novel takes place, Balli grew up in Japan, Russia, and the Philippines.



New Novel by Scott Loring Sanders MFA '05

In the fall of 2006, Scott Loring Sanders M.F.A. '05 was the writer-in-residence at the Camargo Foundation in Cassis, France. The foundation picks only two writers, worldwide, each year. Scott's first novel, *The Hanging Woods*, was released by Houghton Mifflin in March. For more information, visit www.scottloringsanders.com.

Upcoming Events

Alumnae Events

Richmond Alumnae Chapter Easter Egg Hunt -- March 22

Marietta McCarty '69 at Yale Master's Tea -- March 27

Richmond Alumnae Chapter Cocktail Party -- April 17

Jamaica Service Project Alumnae Trip -- May 4-11

Lynchburg's Amazement Square Honors Margaret Wise Brown '32 -- May 17

Reunion 2008:
May 30-June 1

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