

# Hot News From Hollins

## Reunion 2008: May 30 - June 1, 2008

Start planning now to attend [Reunion 2008](#) this May 30 to June 1! Classes celebrating reunion are those ending in 3 and 8 and the Class of 2006. All alumnae and families and friends are welcome - join us for a weekend of celebrating Hollins memories and creating new ones!

[Reunion 2008](#) will feature:

- Affordable registration for Classes of 2003 and 2006
- Online registration
- Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Jamaica Service Project
- Panel of alumnae working in historic preservation
- Photography exhibit by Taisie Berkeley '70, who won a Fulbright Scholarship to India where she documented the plight of India's poorest women

Visit the reunion home page for updates:

[www.hollins.edu/alumnae/reunion](http://www.hollins.edu/alumnae/reunion)

## Hollins Receives President's Honor Roll Award for Service

Hollins has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award are chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. Hollins has a long-standing commitment to [community service](#) both locally and internationally, including the [Jamaica Service Project](#) and the Sandusky Service House.

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## Another Major Literary Award for a Hollins-educated Writer

Madison Smartt Bell, who earned his [master of arts degree in creative writing](#) from Hollins, has won a prestigious \$250,000 Strauss Living Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Distributed in

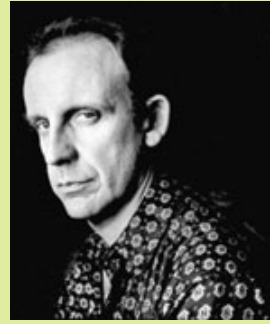


- [View Slideshow of Photos from Jamaica Service Project 2007](#)

\$50,000 installments over five years, the award recognizes an author who demonstrates literary excellence and enables them to devote their time exclusively to writing.

The prize is the third esteemed literary honor won by a Hollins alumna/us in the past 12 months: Kiran Desai (M.A., 1994) was presented the National Book Critics Circle fiction award in March 2007, and Natasha Trethewey (M.A., 1991) received the Pulitzer Prize for poetry the following month.

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### **First Place for Student Essay in National Contest**

Sarah Marie Budrus '11 has won first place in the College Undergraduate category in the [2007 Association for Women in Mathematics \(AWM\) Essay Contest](#). Sarah was honored for her essay, "Dr. Marjorie Senechal: What Do Silk, Crystals, Culture and History Have in Common?," which profiles the Louise Wolff Kahn Professor Emerita in Mathematics and History of Science and Technology at Smith College in Massachusetts. Sarah will receive a prize and her essay will be published online at the AWM web site. Sarah's essay resulted from an assignment in her [first-year seminar course](#), "Women of Discovery," taught by Professor of Chemistry Sandy Boatman and Professor of Mathematics Caren Diefenderfer.

