

Dear University of Richmond graduates,

Today marks an exciting rite of passage. For our School of Continuing Studies students, Commencement is the culmination of a demanding and enriching learning experience.

Papers have been written, final exams have been taken, and projects have been completed. The last meetings and events of the semester have drawn to a close. And today, we stand with you at the gates to your lives beyond the University.

You can look to the future with confidence. You have received an outstanding education and are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities that await you.

Throughout your academic journey, faculty members, administrators, and peers have played significant roles, inside and outside the classroom. Beyond the perimeter of campus, your families, loved ones, and friends have provided steadfast support. We all share in the joy of this day and in your accomplishments.

Please accept our best wishes for success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,



William E. Cooper  
President





The University of Richmond traces its roots to 1830, when Virginia Baptists founded Dunlora Academy in nearby Powhatan County to train young men for the ministry. In 1834, the seminary moved to Columbia, a mansion west of downtown Richmond, and remained there for the next eighty years. The Virginia General Assembly incorporated the seminary, named Richmond College, as a liberal arts school in 1840.

During the Civil War, the college was used first as a hospital by Confederate soldiers, then as a barracks for Federal troops. By 1865, the school was virtually bankrupt, reopening a year later through the generosity of a University trustee, James Thomas of Richmond, who donated \$5,000, a major gift for the time.

In 1870, the law school opened, and in 1894, the Board of Trustees elected as president Frederic W. Boatwright, a twenty-six-year-old professor who remained in office for fifty-one years. In 1914, Boatwright led the relocation of the college (except for the law school) from downtown Richmond to its current location, a 350-acre suburban property noted for its rolling hills, central lake, and soaring pine trees. Today, the campus is consistently rated by college guidebooks as one of the nation's most beautiful.

In conjunction with the move to the new campus, the trustees established Westhampton College for women under the leadership of Dean May Keller. In 1920, Richmond College, Westhampton College, and the School of Law were united under one name—University of Richmond. In 1921, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences opened, followed by the School of Business (now known as The E. Claiborne Robins School of Business) in 1949, and University College (now known as the School of Continuing Studies) in 1962.

At Commencement in 1969, President George M. Modlin made the stunning announcement that alumnus and trustee E. Claiborne Robins had agreed to give the University a transforming \$50 million gift, then the largest in the history of American higher education. During his lifetime, Robins and his family donated more than \$170 million to the University during the tenures of Presidents E. Bruce Heilman and Richard L. Morrill.

Another magnificent gift, \$20 million by alumnus Robert S. Jepson Jr. in 1987, led to the creation of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies, which opened its doors in 1992 as the first school of its kind in the nation.

In 1998, Dr. William E. Cooper was named the University's eighth president. During his tenure, he has created an ambitious strategic plan, boosted Richmond's academic profile, established the innovative Quest program, and launched a \$200 million fundraising campaign.

Today, the University of Richmond is recognized as one of America's premier private liberal arts universities, offering distinctive synergies between its schools of arts and sciences, business, leadership studies, law, and continuing studies. The University gratefully acknowledges the dedicated commitment of its alumni, faculty, students, staff, and friends in establishing a tradition of excellence that will be carried forward by each new generation of graduates.

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

PRESIDING

Dr. William E. Cooper

*President, University of Richmond*

Academic Processional March

Invocation.....The Reverend Robert G. Moore III  
*Associate Chaplain, University of Richmond*

Welcome and Recognition .....President Cooper

Introductory Remarks .Dr. James L. Narduzzi, *Dean, School of Continuing Studies*

Student Speaker .....Denise Walent,'05\*

Introduction of Graduation Speaker .....Carolyn B. Pitts,'05\*

Graduation Speaker .....J. David Cryer, UC Class of '73

Presentation of Awards and Honors .....Dean Narduzzi

2005 SCS Distinguished Faculty Award..... Anne Marie Morgan, M.A.'97  
*Adjunct Associate Professor of Liberal Arts*

2005 Gibb Family Distinguished Alumni Award.....Valerie J. Agnew, SCS'96

Conferring of Degrees .....President Cooper

Benediction .....The Reverend Moore



## *Other Participants on the Dais*

Dr. Stuart C. Clough, *Professor of Chemistry*.....University Marshal

Patricia Wood Fagan.....Mace Bearer

Melissa M. Hagerman .....United States Flag Bearer

Christopher L. Klotz .....University of Richmond Flag Bearer

Beverly Deem Boone.....SCS Banner Bearer

Dr. Patricia J. Brown, *Associate Dean, School of Continuing Studies* .....Reader

Susan D. Breeden, *Registrar, University of Richmond*.....Assisting with Diplomas

Sandra S. Kirkland, *Director of Student Services, School of Continuing Studies*.....SCS Marshal

Connie E. Harvey, *UC Class of '95, Vice-President, UC-SCS Alumni Association*.....Presenter

Please join us following Commencement for a reception on the  
Robins Center Ambulatory and Patio Level, co-sponsored by the SCS Student Government  
Association and the School of Continuing Studies.

*\*Mace, Flag, Banner bearers, and other students participating in the program are graduating seniors with the highest grade point averages. In the event of a tie, selection is made by committee.*

*Students in Completion of Award Requirements*

**CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Alethea Faye Anthony.....Richmond, Va.  
Gregory G. Boyd.....Richmond, Va.  
Lora Denise Saunders .....Spring Grove, Va.

**CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

Angela Sue Arrington.....Richmond, Va.  
\*Pamela Denise Bailey .....Petersburg, Va.  
Roger Wade Carmichael .....Montpelier, Va.  
Lillie S. Harris .....Long Beach, Calif.  
\*Sheila Marie Kennedy.....Midlothian, Va.  
\*Ronald Richard Nicholas .....Spotsylvania, Va.  
Karol Hobson Norman .....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Rachael M. Shaw.....Colonial Heights, Va.  
Robin Collins Stewart.....Chester, Va.

**POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Lyle Dell Daugherty .....Chesterfield, Va.  
Jason Scott Ireland .....Waco, Texas  
Subeyra Karabulut .....Richmond, Va.  
Karen Rebecca McTamanev.....Richmond, Va.  
Candice Dawn Munsey .....Roanoke, Va.  
Rania Safwat Saleh.....Cairo, Egypt  
Joyce D. Versaw .....Bon Air, Va.

**POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED STUDIES  
CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

Raul Alvarez .....Cocoa, Fla.  
Caroline Ly Ames .....Fairfax, Va.  
Aimee Elizabeth Armentrout.....Mechanicsville, Va.  
William Pryor Asbill .....Midlothian, Va.  
Elsa Ann Bennett .....Chesterfield, Va.  
Geoffrey Gordon Bennett Speer.....Richmond, Va.  
Jennifer Costa Berdux .....Richmond, Va.  
Latausha Jeanell Boone .....Richmond, Va.  
Cecilia Wright Boswell.....Richmond, Va.  
Kate Geneczko Box .....Midlothian, Va.  
Penultima Wiseman Bradford .....Richmond, Va.  
Katherine Marie Brockel.....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Amanda Marie Buchanan.....Chester, Va.

Shelley Cline Burns .....Richmond, Va.  
Laurie Ellen Burton .....Albany, N.Y.  
Melinda Sitterson Butler.....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Pamela D. Canada .....Amherst, Va.  
Margaret Hall Carden.....Chester, Va.  
Amy Bryant Carroll .....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Christine Reneé Carter.....Glen Allen, Va.  
Kelly Diane Carwile.....Midlothian, Va.  
Rebekah A. Casner .....Montoursville, Pa.  
Penny Gayle Chapman.....Danville, Va.  
Tracy Hensel Christian .....Richmond, Va.  
Ellen Thomen Clore.....Richmond, Va.  
Matthew Norris Kenneth Coleman.....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Darcie A. Conners.....Richmond, Va.  
Troy Logan Crawford.....Richmond, Va.  
Janis D. Crowder .....Richmond, Va.  
Emily Jane Curle .....Richmond, Va.  
\*Christopher Gerald Druyff .....Richmond, Va.  
Theodore Russell Edison.....Richmond, Va.  
Charles Welton Fields III.....Highland Springs, Va.  
Alison Hunt Filer .....Richmond, Va.  
Maria Helene Finnegan .....Richmond, Va.  
Diane Sewell Flaherty .....Midlothian, Va.  
Cynthia Ann Ford .....Cumberland, Va.  
Kensey Susanne Geis .....Richmond, Va.  
Kevin Andrew Hadd.....Richmond, Va.  
Amy Elizabeth Hale .....Richmond, Va.  
\*Kevin Wade Harris .....Midlothian, Va.  
Christina M. Harsh.....Richmond, Va.  
Tyler Robert Hart .....Richmond, Va.  
Jessica Lee Hebert.....Richmond, Va.  
Mary Nolan Hedrick .....Richmond, Va.  
Adria Schiadaresis Hogan .....Midlothian, Va.  
Carrie Michelle Holod.....Richmond, Va.  
Crystal Chapman Jackson.....Richmond, Va.  
Dawna Senkel Jaffarian .....Richmond, Va.  
Scott W. Jenkins .....Richmond, Va.  
Bonnie Lynn Johnson .....Glen Allen, Va.  
\*Monique Nayasha Juba.....Richmond, Va.  
Christian S. Junker .....Richmond, Va.  
Jennifer Perry Kindel.....Midlothian, Va.  
Allison Jones Layne .....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Luisa C. Lunceford .....Richmond, Va.  
Heather Marie Martin .....Mechanicsville, Va.  
Cheryl McKenney Mayo.....Richmond, Va.  
Michele L.V. McMullen.....Midlothian, Va.  
Andrew Damian McNally .....Richmond, Va.

Erynn René McPherson .....	Richmond, Va.
Karen Rabinowitz Mizrach .....	Richmond, Va.
Marie Payne Neal .....	Richmond, Va.
Kristina Lynn Nero .....	Trumbull, Conn.
Susan Michel Newton.....	Richmond, Va.
Daniel Lee Nicholas .....	Richmond, Va.
Kathryn Sage Oden .....	Richmond, Va.
Katherine J. Onder .....	Midlothian, Va.
Jennifer Ann Palmer .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Tausha Nicole Parrott.....	La Follette, Tenn.
Tammy Miles Pickelhaupt.....	Midlothian, Va.
Linda C. Ramthun .....	Midlothian, Va.
Clarissa Davis Riely.....	Midlothian, Va.
R. Todd Rigler .....	Henrico County, Va.
Andrea Payne Rivera .....	Springfield, Va.
Pamela Puett Roberts .....	Midlothian, Va.
Elizabeth Baldwin Robinson.....	Richmond, Va.
Drew Bradford Roever .....	Richmond, Va.
David Neill Campbell Smith.....	Richmond, Va.
Laura Ellyson Snead .....	Midlothian, Va.
Kimberly Lynn Sprinkle .....	Richmond, Va.
George Payne Squires.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Deborah Chaney Strickland .....	Richmond, Va.
Caroline Lane Thurston .....	Richmond, Va.
Sheralyne René Tierseron .....	Midlothian, Va.
Amanda Headley Timberlake.....	Richmond, Va.
Jill Kreiss Tinsley .....	Richmond, Va.
Melissa Ann Tracy .....	Richmond, Va.
Tina Marie Yager.....	Richmond, Va.
Victoria Lynn Yoder .....	Richmond, Va.
Susan Anne Yukevich.....	Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Lynn Ziegler .....	Richmond, Va.
Sherri Lynn Zykoski .....	Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DISASTER SCIENCE  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Paul Robert Huerter.....	Bellevue, Neb.
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**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN DISASTER SCIENCE  
CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

Ellen Ann Black .....	Marietta, Ga.
Rochelle E. Brenner.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
Brian James Evans .....	Richmond, Va.
Lauran Wikle .....	Mesa, Ariz.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Suzanne E. Beatty .....	Richmond, Va.
Connie Epperly Harvey .....	Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Lynn Kuszniir .....	Richmond, Va.
Binh Tuyet Luu.....	Richmond, Va.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT  
CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

*Leslie Todd Hanson.....	Springfield, Va.
*JeVon Katreze Lewis .....	Richmond, Va.
*Laura Corina Stephens.....	Somerdale, N.J.
Robert B. Taylor .....	Youngstown, Ohio
*Robert Allen White .....	Mechanicsville, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Richard Fredrick Endert, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Douglas Jason Flamm, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Norwalk, Conn.

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

Alethea Faye Anthony, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Nicole Veronica Gallub-Bock, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Judy A. Bolthoff, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
*John Henry Boyce Jr. ....	Richmond, Va.
*Kathleen Morrison .....	Richmond, Va.
Susan Williams Hall, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Connie Simonds Moore, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Powhatan, Va.
Hope Elizabeth Reisenwitz, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Lora Denise Saunders, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Spring Grove, Va.
Debray P. Sparkman, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Chester, Va.
Terry Keith Tucker, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Beverly Lawrence Walker, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.

**ASSOCIATE IN LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

Gwenevere Odette Johnson, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Bumpass, Va.
Joanna H. Marcinkowska, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Anthony C. Muhammad, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Charlottesville, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES  
GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Keisha D. Dabney .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Sean Daniel Fregoso, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Fredericksburg, Va.
John Wesley Hall Jr., <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Virginia Beach, Va.
Regina Marcell Hatcher.....	Richmond, Va.
Phillip Chester Hillis III, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Theresa Anne Jones, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Colonial Heights, Va.
Milton Ledra, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Erlan E. Marshall .....	Bridgetown, Barbados
Anna Mulé McRay, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Monica Nicole Roney.....	Richmond, Va.
Angela Marie Smith, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
James William Thames II .....	Chesterfield, Va.

**BACHELOR OF APPLIED STUDIES CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

*Tammy Tuck Alexander.....	Mechanicsville, Va.
*Terence Hakeem Ferdinand Wakeel Johnson Ali-Ber.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Janet Hayden Allen, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Powhatan, Va.
*Ronald Allen Bauer .....	Richmond, Va.
Randy Dale Beeson, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Chesterfield, Va.
Pamela E. Bergin, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Beverly Deem Boone, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Arlington, Va.
Marcia Lynn Borton.....	Richmond, Va.
Sylvia J. Britt, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Tina Machay Brooks, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
*Dale William Carter Jr.....	Powhatan, Va.
Richard Porter Cheney, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Sue A. Cheney, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Carol Harris Cullinan, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Glen Allen, Va.
Donald W. Davenport, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Chino, Calif.
*James DeLoatch III.....	Norfolk, Va.
Alan T. Devoti .....	Colonial Heights, Va.
Mark Jeffrey Douglas, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Jacksonville, N.C.
Patricia Kibler Doyle, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Matthew Glen Edgar.....	Richmond, Va.
Patricia Wood Fagan, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Powhatan, Va.
*Douglas Jason Flamm .....	Norwalk, Conn.
Matthew Abraham Gottfried .....	Richmond, Va.
Mark Lee Gunn, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Dinwiddie, Va.
Melissa M. Hagerman, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Potsdam, N.Y.
*Lawrence C. Halley Jr. ....	Richmond, Va.
Isaac Nathan Hawkins Jr. ....	Richmond, Va.
James Edwin Henderson, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Powhatan, Va.
Christopher John Hensley, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Chesterfield County, Va.
*Iris Houston.....	Woodbridge, Va.
Anthony Frank Jargowsky, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Scottsville, Va.

Joseph Clyde Johnson, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
*Wendelin R. Keener.....	Wilmington, Calif.
Jeffrey Crawford Kennett, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Limerick, Pa.
Daniel Wayne Kidd .....	Chesterfield, Va.
Jack Edward King, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Nancy Kobus-Maynes, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Midlothian, Va.
Glenda C. Lewis, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Joni Frances Marshall, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Bryan Scott McRay, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
J. Carmody McTernan, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Merrick, N.Y.
Marcia Lizora Meekins, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Wendy Marie Newton, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Rebecca Ellen Nichols, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Midlothian, Va.
Dennis Patrick O’Keeffe, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Sylvia L. Payton .....	St. Petersburg, Fla.
Karen R. Rowson, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Norfolk, Va.
Scout Reed Saylor, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Phoenix, Ariz.
Kenneth Wayne Stables, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Colonial Heights, Va.
*Mauricio A. Tovar.....	Chesterfield, Va.
Brandi Nicole Wertman .....	Richmond, Va.
*Carmen Ann Willenbring .....	Richmond, Va.
Tammy Vanessa Wilson, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS GRADUATES — AUGUST 18, 2004**

Christine Jones Tonkin, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Leanda Mary Ippolito Volini, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.

**BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS CANDIDATES — MAY 7, 2005**

Wendy Michele Blankenship, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Simone Taylor Cheeks, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Elizabeth Wells Chenery, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Patty Lynn Clark, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Erika Anita Clarke, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
*Heather S. Coleman .....	Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Clay Cronk.....	Richmond, Va.
Sarah Petty Eaton, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Chester, Va.
Phil Jeffery Edris, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Terre Haute, Ind.
Deborah Arietta Gilliam, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Portsmouth, Va.
Sheila H. Grant, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Mary Kathryn Hartsock, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Brenda Lawrence Howell, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
David Brian Jones, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Christopher L. Klotz, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Sara Louise Knowles, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Theresa Frances Lyons .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Yvonne Hatfield Metten, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.

\*Prospective August candidate



Brenda C. Morgan, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
*Tiffany Ann Morris .....	Richmond, Va.
Sydney Lorraine Mosley, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Suzanne Raymond O'Connor, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Carolyn Brangan Pitts, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Anna Marie Reinstein, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Rockville, Va.
Peter Constantin Saliba .....	Mechanicsville, Va.
Denise Sapp Sikes, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Powhatan, Va.
Donna Marie Simmons, <i>magna cum laude</i> .....	Chester, Va.
*Lee-Ann Smith .....	Hampton, Va.
*George Edward Toney Jr.....	Glen Allen, Va.
Lorayne Ellen Ventrella, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Denise Ann Walent, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Chesterfield, Va.
Caroline Constance Williams, <i>cum laude</i> .....	Richmond, Va.
Jennifer Schueler Williams, <i>summa cum laude</i> .....	Chesterfield, Va.

## *Awards and Honors*

### JEAN H. PROFFITT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Established in 1996 by the School of Continuing Studies and the SCS Student Government Association, this award is presented to a graduating senior recognized by his/her peers for outstanding service to the University community and/or the community at large. The recipient of this award for 2005 is:

Phil J. Edris

### ACADEMIC HONORS

General academic honors of three ranks are awarded to members of the graduating class on the basis of their cumulative grade point average on work completed in the School of Continuing Studies.

<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .....	3.80–4.00
<i>Magna Cum Laude</i> .....	3.50–3.79
<i>Cum Laude</i> .....	3.20–3.49

### 2005 BOOK AWARD RECIPIENTS

Book Awards recognize academic success and dedication to the School of Continuing Studies and the University. They are presented to a student in each program, as chosen by the faculty.

Emergency Services Management (B.A.S.)

*Louis J. Narduzzi Memorial Book Award* .....Wendy R. Keener

Graduate Certificate in Disaster Science .....Rochelle E. Brenner

Human Resource Management (B.A.S.)

*Richard W. Leatherman Sr. and*

*Ida May Leatherman Book Award* .....Melissa M. Hagerman

Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management.....Leslie T. Hanson

Information Systems (B.A.S.)

*George E. Christopher and*

*George W. Swartz Memorial Book Award*.....Patricia W. Fagan

Liberal Arts (B.L.A.)

*Investment Consultants and*

*Management Company of Virginia Book Award*.....Phil J. Edris

Paralegal Studies (B.A.S.)

*William R. Marshall Jr. Memorial Book Award* .....Tammy T. Alexander

Teacher Licensure Program

*Samuel E. Perry and Nancy B. Perry Book Award* .....David N.C. Smith

### GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Golden Key International Honor Society is a non-profit academic honor organization founded for the purpose of recognizing and encouraging scholastic achievement among students from all academic fields. Junior/Senior status and a GPA of 3.3 or higher are the criteria for membership. At graduation, all senior members are recognized by a stripe on their mortarboards. Additionally, the member with the top academic average in each college is awarded a medallion to be worn at graduation. There currently are over 300 chapters around the world, and the University of Richmond chapter has the top membership acceptance rate in the society.

## *Biographies*

### COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

**J. David Cryer, UC'73**, grew up in Philadelphia as the next-to-youngest of five boys. After briefly attending Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, including two tours in Vietnam.

Cryer graduated from University College, now the School of Continuing Studies, at the University of Richmond in 1973. Now retired, he taught history with Henrico County Public Schools and computer science at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and The College of William and Mary.

Cryer and his wife, Linda, are the parents of six children. Together, they own and operate Family Management, LLC, a private investment company. Cryer also serves as a court-appointed special advocate representing children in the area's juvenile and domestic relations courts. Additionally, he and Linda have been foster parents in both the Richmond and Northern Neck/Middle Peninsula areas to more than forty children.

The Cryers enjoy and have taught all forms of dance, from ballroom to country and western, and both are advanced open water scuba divers. He is the proud owner of one of the country's best baseball card collections.

Cryer is passionate about the importance of lifelong education and active in his support of the University of Richmond and the School of Continuing Studies. His commitment enables non-traditional students throughout the Richmond area and beyond to pursue their educational goals.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

**Valerie J. Agnew** graduated from the School of Continuing Studies in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree in human resource management, with honors, and was chosen by her peers to be their student speaker. Tomorrow, the University of Richmond will award her a Master of Liberal Arts degree with a focus on twenty-first-century leaders.

Agnew is a senior legal analyst at Philip Morris U.S.A., where she has been employed for twenty-one years. A consummate volunteer, Agnew is past president

of the University College/School of Continuing Studies Alumni Association, currently serves on the school's Dean's Advisory Council, and is a den leader for her two sons' Boy Scout troop. She also is recipient of both the Sportsmanship Award and the Special Achievement Award from Philip Morris U.S.A.

In 2004, the School of Continuing Studies announced the Agnew-Cooney family's creation of the Edward G. Cooney Endowed Scholarship, named in honor of her older son, to provide financial support to SCS students pursuing their goals of education and exploration.

### DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

**Anne Marie Morgan** began her affiliation with the School of Continuing Studies in 1998 and currently holds the rank of adjunct associate professor. She has taught multimedia political science courses on American and Virginia government, written the curriculum for the Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship course, served as faculty coordinator for part two of Social Analysis, and coordinated political science student internships at the Virginia General Assembly and with local political campaigns.

Currently, Morgan is state capital correspondent for Virginia Public Radio Network, host of radio call-in news program *Evening Edition* on WVTF Public Radio, and a contributor to National Public Radio (NPR) news. She is a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Honor Society, *Who's Who in the World* (2005–06), and *Who's Who Among American Educators* (2004–05). In addition, she is the recipient of the 2005 Virginia Press Women Broadcasting Award–News Report, as well as the Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters 2002 Meritorious Award–Best Feature/Human Interest News.

Morgan graduated from The College of William and Mary in 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in government and psychology and received a Master of Arts degree in political science from the University of Richmond in 1997.

### STUDENT SPEAKER

**Denise Walent, SCS'05**, is completing a distinguished academic career at the School of Continuing Studies, having fulfilled requirements for a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree, *summa cum laude*, with a focus on elementary education. She is a member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and Golden Key International Honor Society.

Currently employed by Virginia Commonwealth University's Student Health Center, Walent has twenty-four years of experience in nursing and community health education. In 2001, she was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Department of State's United States Embassy of Kuwait for educating and orienting newly arrived embassy and military families to medical aspects of Kuwait. She also served as an education assistant at the American School of Kuwait, providing small group instruction to children in kindergarten and first grade.

She is married to Ed Walent, principal of Chalkley Elementary School in Chesterfield County, and is the mother of three adult children.



## *Academic Regalia*

The commencement ceremony is the means by which an institution publicly acknowledges and honors the accomplishments of those who have satisfactorily completed one or more programs of study. Although usually a solemn occasion, it is not without color and pageantry. The academic attire is of special significance to the participants as each part of the costume represents academic accomplishments and traditions.

Commencement attire has its origin in the universities of twelfth-century Western Europe. Gowns and hoods were probably designed for warmth in the damp, unheated lecture halls. The first American institution to use this garb was King's College, now Columbia University, copying the British academic dress in the eighteenth century. Other colleges adopted the attire shortly thereafter, modifying and personalizing it. As the number of colleges and universities increased during the post-Civil War years, so did the styles of the academic attire. A need for uniformity was recognized, and in 1895, the Academic Costume Code was established. Academic regalia basically remained unchanged until 1960, when a committee of the American Council of Education issued revised guidelines.

At the present time, there are three articles of approved academic attire: cap, gown, and hood. The Oxford cap, or mortarboard, is nine inches square on a soft pointed cap. It matches the gown in color and material with a similar color tassel. The doctoral cap is velvet with a gold tassel. The gown for the baccalaureate degree, and all higher degrees, is usually black. The designs of the gowns are basically the same with varying degrees of fullness, sleeve length, and trim as determined by the academic level, the doctoral gown having velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the sleeves.

In addition to the approved academic attire, faculty members who have rendered a quarter century or more of service to the University will be wearing the 25-Years of Service Medallion inscribed with the official University seal.

The University of Richmond hopes you enjoy the color and pageantry of these Commencement Exercises.