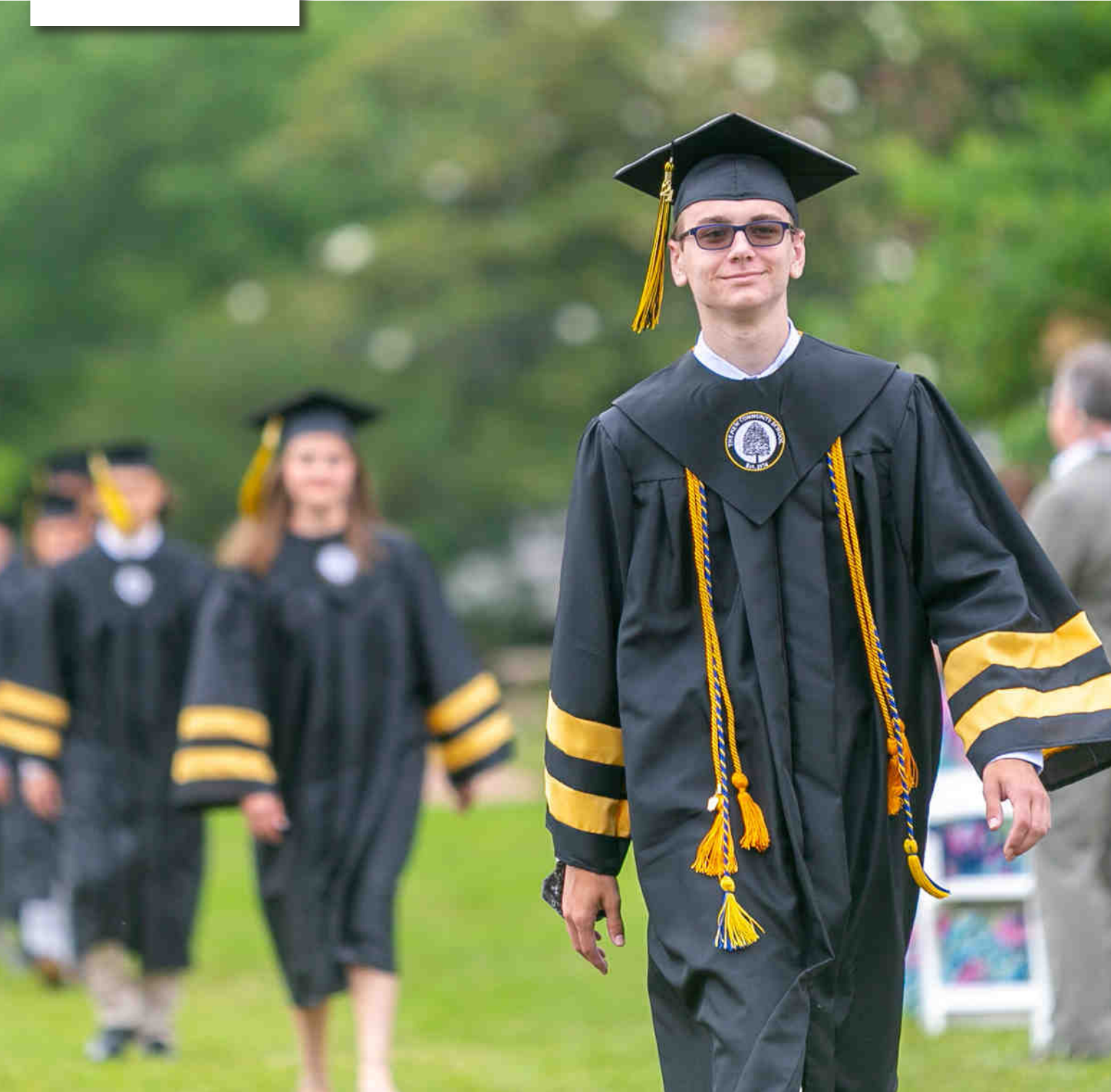




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Below: TNCS graduates the largest class in its history with 41 graduates.

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A Note from the Head of School

Nancy Foy

This has been quite a school year, one like no other in my thirty- eight years as an educator.

We came into this school year determined to not only survive the pandemic but to thrive. As a school, we did just that. Although school looked and felt very different, our students continued learning and had consistent, quality instruction. Our faculty and staff worked so very hard to make this happen.

As a school, we experienced great losses this year. In addition to losing a founder, Anne Little, we lost our beloved former Head of School, Julia Ann Greenwood. Later this spring, we said goodbye to Morgan Massey, a dedicated supporter over several decades. These three extraordinary individuals helped mold TNCS into the school it is today. Without each of their vision, dedication, and support, we would not be here.

We also have a lot to celebrate at the close of this school year. We finished the year with no on-campus transmission of COVID-19, and we honored Steve Humphrey, who dedicated thirty-one years of his life and career to TNCS. We graduated our largest senior class ever during our graduation ceremony on a beautiful June morning on our green. It was the perfect way to celebrate these 41 seniors.

As the world is emerging from the 15-month COVID-19 storm, we are seeing the light, a rainbow at the end of a storm. Rainbows symbolize new beginnings, hope, promise, good luck, equality, and peace. I think these are very appropriate symbols for this time.

New beginnings - as our graduates leave New Community and start their next chapters, they are prepared both academically and personally. They have lived through a global pandemic, adjusted to a new way of doing life and school, and built their resilience as the rules of being a teenager changed. They learned about themselves as learners and individuals. They learned what was important to them and who was important to them.

Hope often appears after a storm. Our graduates have great hopes and dreams for their futures. These hopes and dreams vary from owning their own businesses, to serving in our armed forces, to going to Mars, to being a lawyer, a politician, a farm manager, a mechanic, a fashion designer, working in interior design, being an artist, a musician, working in the field of psychology, going to vet school, being an industrial designer, becoming a parent, and more. Our students have learned how important hope is.

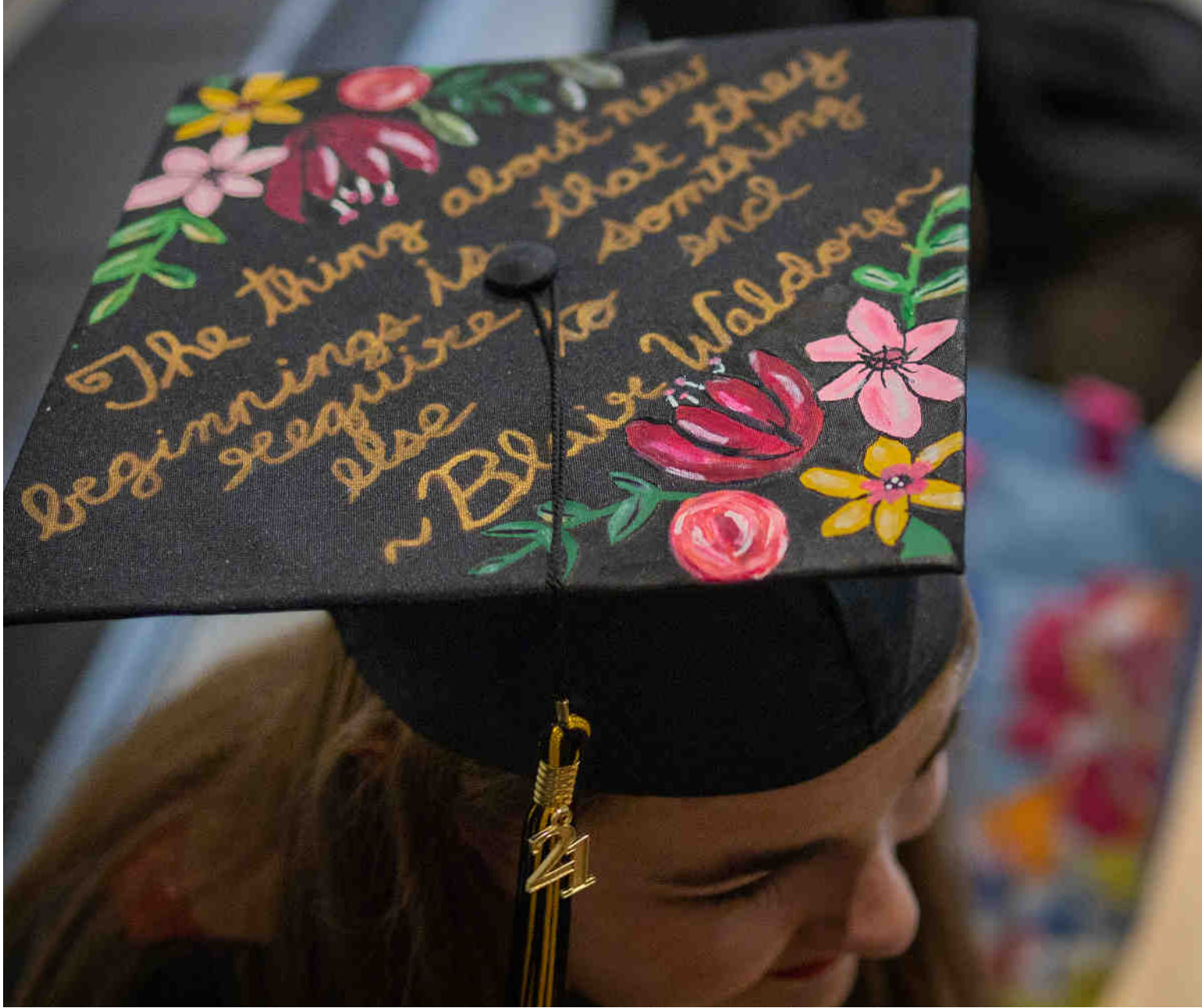
Promise represents a new day, a better future. In films, a rainbow is often used to signify that there are brighter times ahead. We have felt this on our campus this spring as the COVID numbers have decreased and the number of us vaccinated has increased. There is promise that our lives can look more like they did pre-COVID.

Good luck – often rainbows represent good luck in Celtic and Irish mythology. They believed there was treasure, a pot of gold, at the end of the rainbow. The treasure our graduates received was their hard-earned diplomas. I wish they came with a pot of gold, but their diplomas represent years of working on their reading, writing, spelling, math, time management, executive function, and study skills.

Equality – the unification of colors on a rainbow are often thought to symbolize equality and community. We create a new community each year and focus a great deal on making sure each person in our community feels valued, included, and heard.

Lastly, rainbows symbolize **peace** - the feeling of calm or tranquility after turbulent times. We are all ready for this after the last 15 months.

As we finish one school year and look to the next, the state of our school is strong. We are looking forward to the 2021-22 school year and all it promises to be and are keeping our eyes out for the rainbows. •



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Julia Ann Greenwood (1944-2021)

Remembering an Extraordinary Leader, Mentor, and Friend



Julia Ann Greenwood, beloved retired head of The New Community School, passed away on February 25th of this year after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

In 1974, The New Community School was founded in borrowed space in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Grove Avenue. That first year, twenty-seven students were taught by seven teachers. One of those teachers was Julia Ann Greenwood.

Three years later, the school was searching for its third head in as many years. The board of trustees knew that they needed a leader who would help firm up the foundations of this new school and create opportunities to grow. They knew that Julia Ann Greenwood, then chair of Language Fundamentals, was just such a person. It was a role that she would serve with passion, dedication, and excellence for 34 years.

During her tenure, Julia Ann proved to be both a careful steward of the school's mission and a visionary leader for its future. She guided the school as it found a permanent home

on Hermitage Road. She also led during multiple fundraising efforts to purchase and renovate what would become Baker House, Morris Hall, the Middle School, the former Rancher, and constructing the Activities Center, the school's first purpose-built building. Even with all of the responsibilities of leading a growing school, Julia Ann never lost her individual connection with every student and faculty member.

Gita Morris, retired Director of Studies, shared this remembrance of Julia Ann: "For thirty-six years I worked with Julia Ann Greenwood. She was my colleague, my employer, my mentor, and above all, my friend. She was an extraordinary leader. I learned a lot from her, sometimes via lessons she explicitly taught me, but more often by observing her. She had an amazing ability to get to the heart of a problem, and in the case of human conflicts, to see where each person was and then to figure out how to bridge the gap. She was universally respected but she was always approachable. She truly knew each teacher, each child, and each parent. She knew our strengths as well as the ways we had room to grow. She laughed with us, cried with us, gloried in our successes, and, when necessary, delivered the tough messages that we needed to hear in order to grow and improve. She was a larger than life figure, but she never saw herself that way. Her focus was on the students and the school, never on how she herself was viewed. One of our accreditation visiting team reports once described her as "gently charismatic," which sounds like an oxymoron, but is actually spot on. She was one of a kind, and I was privileged to have known her."

"We who knew and loved her, know the world has lost a beautiful soul and a brilliant mind", says Head of School Nancy Foy. "She loved this school with her whole being and dedicated her life to making our founders' dream a reality." In a wonderful tribute written at the time of her passing, Julia Ann's husband Mike reflected, "I can't tell you how many times over the years graduates and parents came up to Julia Ann and said "Mrs. Greenwood, you saved my life." To Julia Ann, it was all about the kids. •



A photograph of Steve Humphrey, an older man with white hair and glasses, wearing a grey suit and a patterned tie. He is standing outdoors, gesturing with his right hand raised, palm facing forward. In the background, a large crowd of people is seated, many of whom are clapping. The setting appears to be a school campus with greenery and a building visible in the distance.

“From a parent’s perspective, Steve Humphrey was the Best of the Best”

Honoring Steve Humphrey’s Legacy Career of Helping Sabers Succeed

“Steve is a constant voice of wisdom, empathy, and student-centered perspective...I will miss his daily, calming presence at TNCS.”

When Steve Humphrey’s retirement was announced in May, words of love and support came pouring in from throughout the TNCS community. One thing became immediately clear, to know Mr. Humphrey is to benefit from his passion for teaching, his huge heart, his warm smile, and his kind words.

In his 31 years of teaching at TNCS, there seems to be barely a role that Mr. Humphrey has not filled. First coming to school to teach English, over the years he has served as Upper School Dean, Assistant Head of School, School Counselor, music teacher, and, most recently, the creator of our impactful woodworking program. It was fitting that he finished his teaching career this year in the English classroom, serving as a long-term sub during Mrs. Parker’s maternity leave.

As a teacher, Steve could always be counted on to do the extra work needed to reach every student. He worked to find a way to connect with each student in a way that was meaningful to them, helping them unlock their potential. As a colleague, he was always ready to help his fellow teachers. “When I taught in the Upper School, Steve was my ‘go to’ person when I needed to discuss a student concern,” says Math teacher Cindy Smith. “His advice was so helpful and always put the student’s best interest first.”

“His leadership of our student life program helped create a sense of community among our students and faculty,” shared LF teacher Beth Petzer. “I have been inspired by his creation of our woodworking program and the connection he made with students as they discovered talents and developed carpentry skills.” Director of Development Dan Stackhouse adds “I work at TNCS today because of Steve Humphrey. When I was first interviewed, the passion with which he spoke about the potential of our students and how we help them grow was so infectious that I knew I had to be a Saber.”

“Steve has a huge heart filled with love for his family, faith, and school,” says Nancy Foy, Head of School. “His selfless commitment over these years is an inspiration to those

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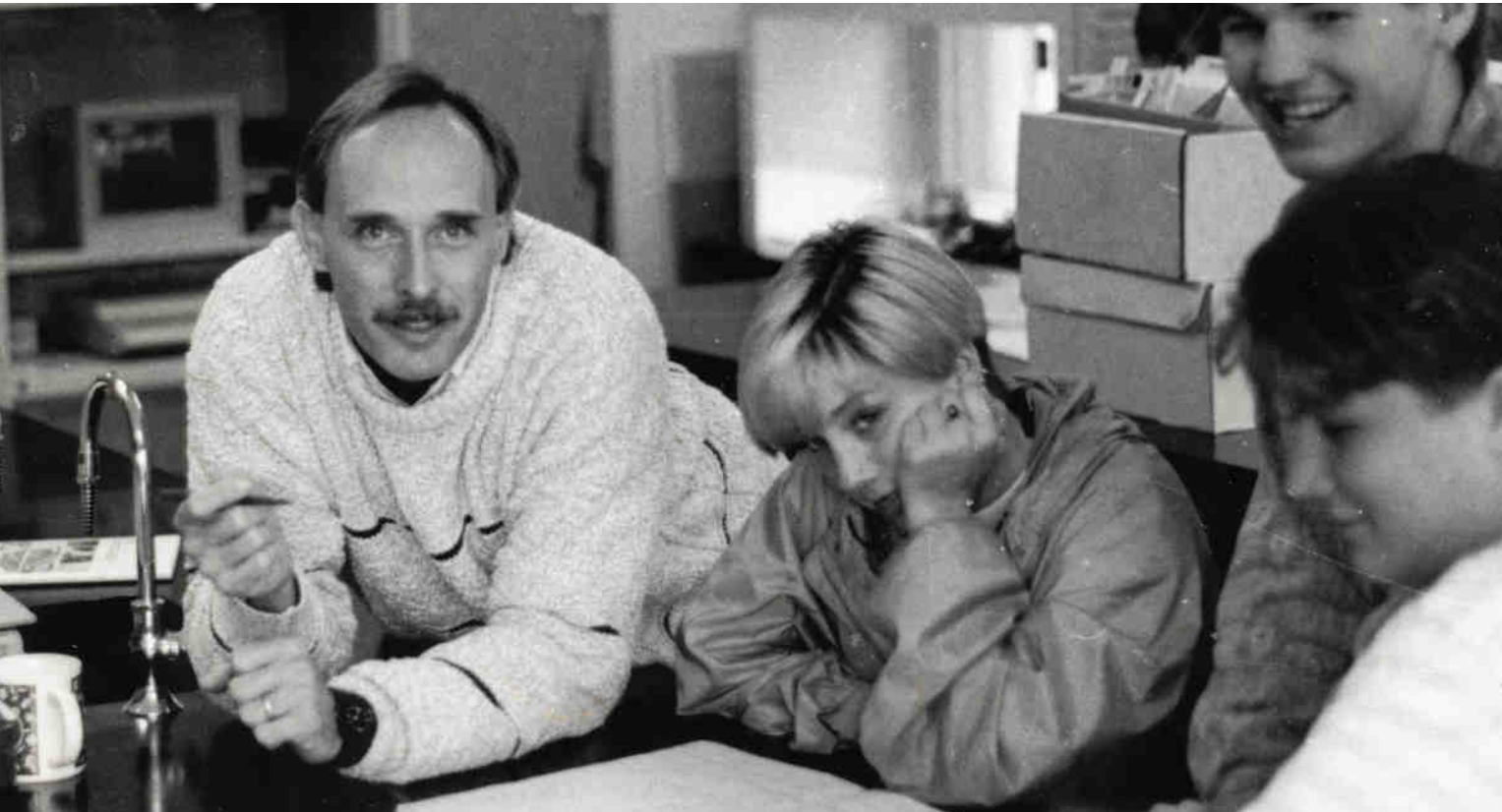
Left, Steve Humphrey was recognized with a rousing standing ovation during the 2021 Commencement for his invaluable contributions to TNCS.

from page 5, *The Best of the Best*

of us lucky enough to have worked with him. He has made a difference in the lives of so many young folks during his tenure here. Whether he was helping a student understand a novel, write a paper, talk through a personal issue, or discover a talent for music or woodworking, his steady, positive approach helped him make strong connections with his students. Many of these relationships would span decades of friendship.”

Though we know that Steve and his wife Randee will not be far, we will miss his good humor, his kindness, and, most of all, his dedication for our bright, talented students. All of us at TNCS wish him many happy days as he makes new memories in retirement. •

“Any time there was a problem going on in a student’s life, you could always talk to Mr. Humphrey. And he wouldn’t just listen, but he would also help you see things differently and offer encouraging words of advice.”



Steve Humphrey Financial Aid Fund Established

In recognition of Steve Humphrey’s 31 years of extraordinary service, TNCS is proud to announce the creation of the Steve Humphrey Financial Aid Fund. This fund in the school’s endowment, created through a gift from the Camp-Younts Foundation, will help increase the need-based aid we can offer students each year. “Steve Humphrey embodies so many of the qualities of what the Camp-Younts Foundation stands for”, says Sharon Carter, an alumni parent and former TNCS Trustee. “We are so proud to honor him and happy to think that this fund will help the school create opportunities for more students in the years to come.”

If you wish to join them in honoring Mr. Humphrey with a gift to the Steve Humphrey Financial Aid Fund, please contact Director of Development, Dan Stackhouse, at dstackhouse@tncs.org or 804.264.3276 or visit tncs.org/support/endowment.

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The TNCS Parents Association was hard at work during this unusual year with two main goals in mind: continue their fundraising efforts, which are vital to many areas of the school, and make sure the faculty and staff were shown the parents’ appreciation throughout the year. They know that TNCS teachers always go above and beyond for their students, but during the pandemic they somehow went even higher and further - they learned new digital platforms and resources, navigated how to teach all or part of their students virtually, and added more responsibilities with all the new ways of monitoring and assuring student safety. “It was a lot on already full plates and all of us parents remain in awe of and grateful for the TNCS family,” says Kary Browne, PA President. “We felt we couldn’t thank them enough.”

Each month, and daily during Teacher Appreciation Week, the PA treated the faculty and staff to a variety of surprises including gift certificates, plants, notes, snacks, meals, and more. Despite needing to get extra creative with their plans to accomodate COVID restrictions, they more than succeeded in expressing their gratitude to our hard working, compassionate educators and staff.

While COVID also affected their fundraising efforts, the Parents Association was able to hold their annual fall raffle and also created Saber Savory, a monthly spirit night partnering with local restaurants and caterers. Despite great hopes of bringing back the READ Art Show & Sale, COVID did not allow for an in-person event so the PA created the Saber Soirée in its place - a virtual silent and live auction event. All of their hard work led to a PA gift to the school of \$125,000, a remarkable gift during any year, but especially impressive this year. Everyone at New Community is grateful for all the hard work, dedication, and support from our incredible Parents Association. •



TNCS Partners with Global Online Academy

Expanding Educational Opportunities for Students and Teachers

The New Community School is proud to announce an exciting new partnership with the Global Online Academy (GOA), an international consortium of leading independent schools that offers students and educators a diverse range of high quality online courses and professional learning experiences and opportunities. GOA member schools unite behind a common mission: to reimagine learning to empower both students and educators to thrive in a globally networked society. Consistent with The New Community School’s Portrait of a Graduate, GOA imagines a future where all students acquire and practice the skills needed to thrive in an interconnected global world.

How does GOA benefit TNCS students?

As a GOA member school, TNCS is able to expand the elective course offerings and learning experiences available to our Upper School students by providing them with increased opportunities to pursue their individual passions, broaden their academic horizons, and explore new subjects. TNCS students will benefit from learning and collaborating with other students from around the globe, as well as from an increased sense of agency and choice, as they are able to choose exactly which subjects to explore, allowing them to tailor their learning program to the path that fits them best. All GOA courses are taught by experienced faculty from member schools. Upon completion of a GOA course, students will receive TNCS credit.

How does GOA benefit teachers?

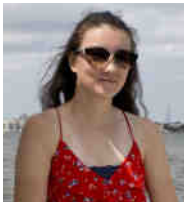
GOA also enables our teachers to become part of an expanded network of outstanding independent school educators and to participate in dynamic, ongoing professional learning. As members, TNCS faculty can connect and collaborate with colleagues around the globe who will share best practices and discuss new ideas that transform classrooms and deepen the learning experience for our students. •

Saber Updates

Alumni



Will Adams, G’12 was named the 2019-20 Teacher of the Year at Harrisburg Elementary School in South Carolina. The award came after his fourth year teaching physical education for grades K-5.



Arianna Anderson, G’18 is majoring in Biology and minoring in Sociology at the College of Charleston. She was nominated to become a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success and also serves as a Peer Academic Coach for freshmen and kids who are struggling academically.

LT Francoise, G’13 graduated from Radford University in 2019. He is currently working in Richmond for a FedEx contractor.

Will Francoise, T’16 graduated from VCU in May 2021.

Blake Hollier, T’18 is a rising senior at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. studying political science. He plans to attend law school after graduating in 2022.



Amanda (Yeargin) Monroe, G’97 recently started a new job as receptionist at C&F Mortgage, while still working part time at DoubleTree by Hilton. She and her husband, Kirk, celebrated 16 years of marriage in June 2021. Amanda also serves on the regional events committee for the alumni council of Davis and Elkins College.



Austin Tres, G’20 graduated from the United States Marine Corps Infantry School boot camp in May. He is currently in Florida for his occupational specialty training as an aviation technician. He also completed his diesel technician certification at Southside Virginia Community College.

Faculty



Rachel Beene and husband Phil welcomed their first child, Leo James Beene, on July 14, 2020. The Beene family will be moving to Charleston, SC this summer.



Will Greene and his wife Jill welcomed their first child, Luke Karol Greene, on December 28, 2020.



Tyler Stevens and his wife Teresa welcomed their first children, twin boys Carter and Brooks, on September 24, 2020.



Angela Taylor has accepted the role of Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. She also serves as Chair of their Scholarship Committee.



Danny Wise and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their first child, Ruthie Eleanor Wise, on August 13, 2020.

Do you have Saber Updates?
Send them to alumni@tncs.org

Board of Trustees

TNCS welcomes back returning members to the Board of Trustees, Mike Kerr and George McVey. Mr. Kerr, a TNCS alumni parent, previously served as the board’s Treasurer. Mr. McVey has served on the board almost continuously since 1989, including terms as President and Vice President. We are grateful for their continued service. We are also pleased to welcome Tracey Boseman and Trey Pruitt, both first-time members to the board.

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Tracey Boseman is the owner of Home Helpers of Chesterfield and Richmond, a provider of in-home care and support services. Tracey’s background consists of over 30 years of sales and business experience. While a parent at TNCS, Tracey was a dedicated volunteer, helping with the READ Art Show & Sale and other Parents Association activities. Her daughter, Morgan, graduated from TNCS in 2019 and is currently attending Longwood University.



Trey Pruitt is the General Superintendent of F.G. Pruitt, Inc., a Richmond-based site work and heavy highway contractor serving Richmond and surrounding counties. Trey is a 2002 TNCS graduate, and parent to current student Ethan, class of 2027. Trey lives in Henrico with his wife Laura and their children.

In Memorium E. Morgan Massey (1926-2021)



The TNCS community is mourning the loss of our friend Mr. E. Morgan Massey, who passed away in March after a brief illness. In addition to being a father and grandfather of TNCS alumni, Mr. Massey was a longtime trustee, serving for twelve years in the 1980s and 90s and serving as the TNCS Board of Trustees Vice President for seven of those years.

Mr. Massey had an immeasurable impact on our school over the years. He was instrumental in helping us secure our permanent home in the early 1980s. After seven years operating the school out of two area churches, Mr. Massey helped lead the effort to find and purchase what was then called the Willowbrook Estate, establishing the TNCS

campus on Hermitage Road. In 1984, the main building of Willowbrook was re-dedicated as Massey Hall in honor of Morgan and his wife Joan.

As a founder and longtime trustee of the Massey Foundation, Mr. Massey helped steward more than \$3.2 Million in support to The New Community School since 1977. From support for building campaigns to dedicated support for our school’s need-based financial aid program, there is not an area of this school that has not been made better through the generosity of Mr. Massey and the Massey Foundation.

Even after retiring from the TNCS board, he remained actively involved with the school as an advisor, benefactor, and friend. “I will always treasure my meetings with Morgan in his office on Monument Avenue,” says Head of School Nancy Foy. “He could always be counted on for a good story and good counsel. He will be truly missed.” •



In May, NHS sponsored a Chalk TNCS event during lunch where students could draw, color, and decorate TNCS. Here, Charlotte Pillsbury shows her love for TNCS with her contribution to coloring the campus.

A familiar scene every morning this year, TNCS administrators took charge of morning drop-off checking for approved COVID screenings prior to starting the day.

Emery Bray made a beautiful abstract and botanical cyanotype in digital photography, a process that uses the sun to expose the distinctively blue photographic paper.



Julie Conn pitches with Nate Gobble behind the plate as the Saber Baseball team finishes the 2021 season with an impressive 5-3-1 record.

Kate Pomeroy and Anneli Lundeberg work together to find the mass of a mummified apple in Mrs. Morgan's Humanities class.

Vee Finnegan leads students, teachers, and parents in the school motto during the 8th grade moving up ceremony. 27 Sabers were honored for their achievements during their time in the Middle School.

Theo Frankel received awards for Exceptional Achievement in Writing and Excellence in Math during the Academic Awards Assembly.





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