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Cover: Evan Pasternak works on a new garden area created during Innovation & Creativity Week.
Below: 8th graders pause for one last group photo before officially becoming Upper Schoolers after their 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony.

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A Note from the Head of School

Nancy Foy

What a wonderful school year we had. This year we prioritized our triangle of: learning, health and safety, and respect, as well as what it meant to be Saber Strong, Saber Steady, and to have Saber Spirit. Belonging was the focus of our inclusivity and DEIB work.

I kept two words on my desk this year - community and culture. This was a focus in each of our divisions and as a school as a whole. The adults planned and guided, but it was the students who made this possible with their actions and attitudes. For example, when we were finally able to have home volleyball games late this fall after the opening of our Wellness Center, the students organized themed spirit nights. Music on the Green lunch periods were big hits with both students and faculty members sharing their musical talents with our community. Seniors loved and pushed for more seniors vs. faculty and staff competitions, and they embraced our house system, leading with energy and inclusivity. The students asked for a spirit week leading up to prom with themed days. They were so very engaged in the week leading up to our first TNCS pageant, many going out of their comfort zones to share a silly talent. This senior class was a great model for us. The culture they entered as younger students, and that they helped rekindle after COVID, is one of belonging and community.

Belonging and community are so very important to TNCS. A culture of belonging is an environment that supports all three of its elements: comfort, connection, and contribution. Our students are very articulate about their sense of belonging at TNCS, as well as their connections to teachers and fellow students. It is through these relationships and sense of belonging that great academic strides are made. Our students have a sense of adding to our community, not just passing through our school. Our seniors stated that they added to our sense of community and sense of belonging in many ways, including “respecting others, treating everyone equally, no matter their status or grade, trying something new, participating in sports, encouraging others to participate in Saber Sports, supporting others, combining tables at lunch to be inclusive, being a good team member, learning that speaking is ok but knowing when to listen is important”. One student said it was her small actions like volunteering for club activities she was not even a member of, just lending a hand when needed, relating to others, and being active leading their houses. Many seniors commented on how important it is to connect with Middle Schools students, recognizing they are the future of our school. One student mentioned it was this sense of community with everyone pitching in that makes this school a great place.

We had much to celebrate this year, from record enrollment, to opening our new Wellness Center, to putting on our first musical, *The Addams Family*, to our varsity baseball team going to the state tournament, but nothing tops the feeling of having a caring culture on campus that celebrates and prioritizes a sense of community and belonging. •



CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!

Front Row: Grace Fornash, Hannah Johnson, Kendell Nerenberg, Ryleigh Hornsmith, Maggie Davis, Oakleigh Jones, Anna Corcoran.
Second Row: Thomas Peters, Bandit Cox, Audrey Ryland, Timmy Miller, Michael Abouassi, Eric Zyglocke, Greta Berling.
Third Row: Eric Samarin, Dylan Norris, Raleigh Burger, Hannah Smith.
Back Row: Elliott Kassab, Alex Aghdami, Mitch Ault, Knox Dendy, Wyatt Alridge, Julie Conn.
Not Pictured: Alyssa Cooper, Harrison Inge, Brad Teague.



ACCREDITATION 2023

We welcomed our VAIS/SAIS Accreditation team members to campus in April for our interim visit. We were honored to share our school with them and hear their assessment of their time with us.

Accreditation Team:

Lelia Grinnan, Virginia Association of Independent Schools
Ron DeChirico, Hampton Roads Academy
Anabelle Morgan, Commonwealth Academy
Betsy Fanning, Trident Academy
Amber Beason, Skyuka Hall

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Allegheny College*, American College of Building Arts*, Appalachian State University*, The Apprentice School*, Arcadia University, Brigham Young University*, The Catholic University of America, Christopher Newport University, Clemson University, The College of William and Mary*, Colorado Mountain College, Converse College, East Carolina University, Elon University*, Emory & Henry College, Flagler College, Furman University, George Mason University*, Hampden-Sydney College, High Point University, Hollins University, James Madison University*, La Salle University, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Longwood University*, Loyola University Maryland, McDaniel College, Mount Saint Mary College, Mount Saint Mary's University, The New School, Penn State, Penn State - Altoona*, Pratt Institute, Radford University, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College****, Richard Bland College*, Rider University*, Roanoke College, Savannah College of Art and Design*, Seton Hall University, Shenandoah University*, St. Lawrence University, St Mary's College of Maryland, Sweet Briar College, Texas Christian University*, University of Alabama*, University of Kentucky, University of Lynchburg*, University of Mary Washington, The University of Mississippi, University of Pittsburgh - Greensburg*, University of South Carolina, Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU School of the Arts, Virginia Military Institute*, Wagner College, Warren Wilson College**, York College of Pennsylvania, Workforce**

* attending

TNCS Forges Research Partnerships with National Universities

Scott Bray, Ed.D., Director of Teaching, Learning, & Research

In an era of constant educational change, advancement, and innovation, TNCS recognizes the immense benefits of collaboration with tier-one research universities and national researchers. This past year, through our partnership as a member of The Dyslexia Foundation, TNCS worked diligently to create multiple research partnerships allowing access to cutting edge research studies along with opportunities for our students and faculty to interact with numerous experts in the fields of learning theory, executive function, and reading comprehension.

The research partnerships established by the school during the 2022-23 academic year allowed for collaboration between TNCS faculty, researchers, and students. Joint research projects provided the opportunity for TNCS faculty and students to contribute to research studies, thereby advancing the field of dyslexia research.

TNCS students participated in studies conducted by Stanford University, Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Medicine, and Massachusetts Institute of Health.

- The ROAR (Rapid Online Assessment of Reading) is part of the Stanford University Reading and Dyslexia Research Program and was administered to students in our Upper School.
- BrainCraft is part of a National Institutes of Health student study administered by Kennedy Krieger Institute exploring the relationship between executive functions and reading comprehension. A select number of students in our Middle School participated in this 8 week program.
- Families of rising 6th and 7th graders had the opportunity to participate in a National Institutes of Health study administered by the Massachusetts Institute of Health that investigated summer reading development.

By engaging in these studies, TNCS is actively contributing to the growing body of dyslexia research. Data from the studies, as it becomes available, is shared with members of our Language Fundamentals department to better inform our current practices.

In addition to the multiple research studies, TNCS was fortunate to have Dr. Jennie Grammar, Associate Professor of Education and Neuroscience at The University of Virginia, visit campus twice to interact with faculty and students in order to inform her next round of research on the connection between executive functions and reading comprehension. Also, Dr. John Almarode, Endowed Professor of Early, Elementary, and Reading Education at James Madison University, visited campus in the fall and continued to work with Dr. Scott Bray, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Research, throughout the year.

Looking ahead, The New Community School remains committed to nurturing and expanding our research partnerships in order to engage in interdisciplinary research and explore emerging fields that provide further insights into the field of dyslexia and ensure our students thrive in an ever-evolving world. •

UPPERCLASSMEN PAVING the WAY

for Future Saber Sports Successes

Eric Gobble, CAA, Director of Athletics & Wellness

They arrived in Upper School three and four years ago with their heads down. Not because they were dejected or lacked confidence, but because they were already focused and hard at work. They came out of Middle School determined to change the course of Saber Sports.

They came to off-season workouts, practiced together on weekends, played in rec leagues, attended summer strength and conditioning, and took the strength training electives over and over. They practiced with purpose, always looking for ways to improve their contributions to their teams. They put the team's needs ahead of their own.

This spring, after years of hard work, members of the Classes of 2023, 2024, and 2025 achieved an unprecedented level of Saber Sports success. What they accomplished by putting their heads down and working hard are achievements all of us can look up to. Over the course of their upper school careers, they did change the course of Saber Sports.

Girls varsity soccer overcame a slow start to come together as a team bolstered by the leadership of team captain and goalkeeper, Maggie Davis, G'23.

The Track & Field Team, in just its second full season, qualified 3 athletes for the VISAA State Championships. Olivia Patrick, '25 in high jump, Seven Hawkins, '24 ran the 100m, and Timmy Miller, G'23 placed 6th in the state in the 400m.

The baseball team advanced all the way to the state semifinals before losing to eventual champion Walsingham Academy. Three players received All-State recognition. First Team: Wyatt Alridge, G'23 and Thomas Peters, G'23; Second Team: Nate Gobble, '24.

There is so much athletic talent returning to our school next year, and there is so much Saber Sports success to be had. All we need to do is put our heads down and work for it. GO SABERS! •



TNCS's First Musical: *The Addams Family*

Photos by Bree Hutson '24

CELEBRATION
OF THE



Arts

Our Practical & Fine Arts department hosted Celebration of the Arts to showcase the creativity of our students. Founders Hall was turned into an art gallery and theatre, featuring drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, drama, woodworking, music, and more.



CAST

Hannah Johnson
Audrey Ryland
Anna Telfian
Draper Reid
Dylan Norris
Olivia Patrick
Sander Kallman
Alex Aghdami
Bridgette Tignor
Knox Dendy
Cam Maury
Kirby Ames
Sophie Lee Lewis
Imogen Hill
Michael Abouassi
Ajax Lurie

CREW

Wynn Hladky
Cam Maury
Alex Woodaman
Maddie Jarvis
Carter Ford
Bandit Cox
Sophie Lee Lewis
Michael Trowsnell
Zachary Bricks
Spencer Nouri
Kylie Morris-Cox
Haley Moore
Porter Hudgins
Gray Neidigh
Anna Corcoran
Owen Parker
Bree Hutson
Kendall Nerenberg



Honoring DEDICATED YEARS OF SERVICE

As we closed out the school year, we paused to recognize the contributions of our faculty who hit milestones in their years of service to TNCS.

Dr. Carolyn Tisdale completed her 10th year at TNCS. Carolyn has served as an LF Teacher, Director of Upper School, and is currently our Director of Admission and Enrollment Management.

Patti Bowling was also honored for completing her 10th year at TNCS. Patti is a Language Fundamentals teacher and has served as our Department Chair for LF the past several years.

Bridget Robinson was honored for 20 years of service to TNCS. Bridget serves as an Administrative Assistant. Whether she answers a call or greets an on-campus guest, she does it with warmth and a smile.

Laura Leshar was honored for her 25 years of service to TNCS. Laura teaches in our math department and coaches volleyball.



Lastly, we honored Kim Geer on her retirement. Kim joined TNCS 19 years ago as a Language Fundamentals teacher. Kim specializes in working with our most dyslexic Upper School students. “She has literally saved lives by sharing the gift of reading. We have many students who credit her specifically with them being able to read and reach their post-graduation goals,” says Head of School, Nancy Foy. Kim is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and grandchildren. She will be missed!



Saber Updates

Alumni

Rachel Garrett, G'19 graduated this year from Christopher Newport University. She graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. in Cellular, Molecular, and Physiological Biology and a minor in Psychology.

Marie-Eve Goudreau, G'16 graduated from Davis and Elkins college in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science with a minor in Athletic Training and Psychology. Marie-Eve is currently going to West Virginia University to pursue her Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition and Foods and her Masters and Dietetic Internship in Clinical Nutrition. Marie-Eve hopes to specialize in weight management, weight issues, and diabetes.

Amanda Yeargan Monroe, G'97 and her husband Kirk celebrated 18 years of marriage in June. Amanda has been the receptionist at C & F Mortgage for over 3 years.



Will is a Yacht Broker at Denison Yachting focused primarily on the super yacht market which allows him to travel all over the world, most recently St. Thomas, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Mexico, and more. He plans to summit Grand Teton in Jackson, Wyoming in August.



Will Noftsinger T'97 currently lives in Wilton Manors, Florida with his wife, Karie. Will is a Yacht Broker at Denison Yachting focused primarily on the super yacht market which allows him to travel all over the world, most recently St. Thomas, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Mexico, and more. He plans to summit Grand Teton in Jackson, Wyoming in August.

Olivia Oley, G'19 graduated cum laude from Juniata College, where she studied Mathematics and Secondary Education. We welcome her to the TNCS faculty as she will teach Precalculus, Calculus, and AP Calculus starting in the fall of 2023. This summer she has enjoyed hiking in the southwest in New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah.

Robyn Parsons, T'86 was recently married and is looking forward to a honeymoon soon. She was able to tour TNCS recently and witness the growth since she was a student. She says she is "so happy for the kids these days who can now get the help that they REALLY need!"

Brandon Pruitt, T'19 graduated this spring with a BS in Chemistry from Stevenson University.



Slade Salisbury G'22 is enjoying his second year in Maui, Hawaii working on his internship in ministry as he grows closer to God. This summer, Shannon Elkins, Slade's mom and TNCS Wellness Coach, and his stepfather Todd enjoyed spending time with him in Hawaii.

Reid Stallings G'19 received his BS in Business Administration with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship, graduating Cum Laude from NC State.



Mandy Thiede G'17 graduated from Union Institute & University with a BS in Emergency Services Management, pursuing a police officer position. She currently is an Ocean Rescue Lifeguard for the Town of Nags Head. She has her EMT certification and has been an ocean rescue guard for 6 summers.

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

Faculty



April (Eddleton) Carr and her husband Jay were married in June at a small ceremony in Roseland, VA with their families. TNCS student Cam Maury '24 played viola. The Carrs, along with pup Oliver, live in Chesterfield.

Kyle Foulger and his wife Laura welcomed their son, John, to the world on April 30.

Ashlyn Hudson and husband Trevor were married on May 20 in a private ceremony in Scuffletown Park in Richmond's Fan District.

Henry Schofield, G'12 and **Carolyn Latta** were married in December of 2022 in Richmond.

Levi Owens and his wife Sarah welcomed their third child, Emerie Leigh, into the world on December 18. She is silly and sweet, and possibly perfect.

Jill Williams joins the TNCS Administrative Team as our new Director of Development. Jill brings over 25 years of experience in the fields of fundraising, special events, management, and public relations. Jill graduated from the University of Richmond and enjoys volunteering with organizations throughout Richmond. She currently serves as a member of the Junior Board of the Children's Hospital Foundation. She is also a member of the Virginia Association of Fundraising Executives.

Board of Trustees

TNCS is honored to welcome three new members to our Board of Trustees this year



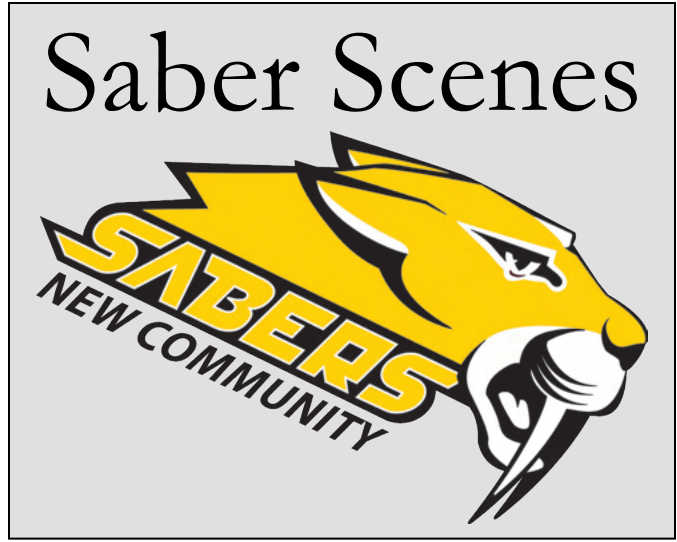
Amanda Aghdami is a leader, executive coach, and strategic consultant with over 25 years of business experience leading Fortune 500 companies, including strategic planning, large P&L ownership, marketing, accounting/finance and operational leadership at the executive level. In 2017, she founded Edgehill Consulting Group, LLC to extend her reach in helping medium and large businesses and leaders succeed. Amanda has three children, one of whom thrived at The New Community School.



Corynne Arnett returns to the TNCS Board where she previously served as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, and Treasurer of the Board. She is Senior Vice President-Regulatory Affairs & Customer Experience at Dominion Energy, Inc. Corynne currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg and as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Library of Virginia Foundation. She lives in Richmond with her husband and two children, one of whom graduated from TNCS in 2019.



Frank Hargrove, III, T'11 is a commercial real estate advisor with Colliers International. Prior to moving back to Richmond, he worked at JLL managing AstraZeneca's real estate portfolio and before that at CBRE managing the United States Postal Services portfolio. Frank is a proud graduate of Virginia Military Institute, currently serving as President of the VMI Club of Richmond. He attended TNCS for middle school and credits his success to the skills he learned there.



We had the honor of hosting New York Times best selling author Margaret Peterson Haddix on campus to speak to our Middle Schoolers. Here, Haddox fan Elena Meier gets her copy signed of the latest book *Falling Out of Time*, which was released that day.

The Parents Association's first in-person Saber Soiree was a huge success, raising a record-breaking total of over \$140,000!

Michael Trowsell presented his film *The Frontier of Richmond: Battleground for Segregation* at National History Day. His was one of 17 documentary films making their world premiere in a live showcase at the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Below, he is shown with his history teacher, Danny Wise, former TNCS history teachers Julie Noble and Gita Morris, and history department chair Jason Carmichael.



Josh Bliley receives direction from Gerald Burr during their Advanced PE personal training assessment.

Senior Maggie Davis received the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizenship Award, presented by Diana Freeman. This award "recognizes and rewards high school seniors who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism in their homes, schools, and communities".

Landon Tribble and Parker Dunham practice their 3D penning skills.

Greta Berling, Zachery Bricks, and Henry Broadbent work together during their internship at Tilt Creative.





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