

# The Briar Wire

THE SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER

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## Sweet Briar College exceeds expectations

**F**iscal year 2022 was another record fundraising year for Sweet Briar College, with gifts totaling \$25.6 million. This includes unrestricted gifts of more than \$7 million from alumnae and friends, as well as restricted funds for scholarships, capital, endowment and other needs. The total also includes lead gifts for its upcoming priorities campaign, several of which were covered in the news earlier this month about our Reunion class giving results. In particular, the Class of 1972 collectively gave more than \$10 million to the College, breaking previous Reunion giving records.

Some of this year's gifts, many of which fall into areas of the upcoming campaign, were recognized during a series of ribbon cutting events in the fall of 2021. After extensive renovations in the two stable wings and the Bailey Room of the Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center, Sweet Briar named the stables in honor of Howell Lykes Colton '38. The College's health center was named the Kelsey Center for Health and Wellness in honor of Keenan Colton Kelsey '66 in recognition of her generosity and focus on health and wellness. Further, Sweet Briar's chapel was renamed the Mills Chapel to reflect many years of generosity by Norma Patteson Mills '60 and her husband, Olan. In addition, Cornelia Long Matson '58 was recognized for her generosity in stewarding Sweet Briar's vineyards, especially its "Merlot tract."

Additional giving highlights from this banner year in

giving include the College's new water-based turf field complex. In April, the College held a ground-breaking ceremony to mark the beginning of its construction. The turf field will give the field hockey and lacrosse programs renewed momentum and the best setting for their future success. The soccer team will also benefit from a new grass field and lights.

In May, the College announced the naming of its Center for Creativity, Design and the Arts after Kelley '85 and C.T. Fitzpatrick. Recognized at an event in Pannell Fine Arts Center, the Fitzpatricks' generosity was heralded by a suite composed by Joshua Harris, associate professor of music, and performed by faculty member Kay Rooney on violin.

The College also received gifts for capital projects like its bird observation deck, made possible by the Class of 1976 in honor of their classmate Martha Hayes Cooper, and new scholarships for local students from Foster Fuels and other Sweet Briar friends.

"Sweet Briar is a unique institution—a category of one, really," said President Meredith Woo. "It challenges and inspires women to lead with the skill, compassion and vision to create a more just and sustainable world. Our alumnae know in their bones the importance of this mission, and I am most grateful for the partnership."

Sweet Briar remains indebted to all alumnae and friends for their continued commitment.



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# BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

At their July meeting, the Sweet Briar College Board of Directors elected its newest slate of officers and confirmed nominations to their membership.

## Justice Verda Colvin '87 joins Board of Directors

Sweet Briar alumna and Georgia Supreme Court Justice, Verda Colvin '87, was newly elected to the Board of Directors this summer. Justice Colvin, who was appointed in 2021, was previously appointed to the Georgia Court of Appeals in 2020. Before her appointments, she served as superior court judge in the Macon Judicial Circuit in Macon-Bibb County, Ga., and was the first African-American female superior court judge in the circuit. Before her judicial appointments, she served as an assistant U.S. attorney, an assistant district attorney, and assistant general counsel at Clarke-Atlanta University.

At Sweet Briar, Justice Colvin double-majored in government and religion and held a variety of leadership positions, including serving as a resident advisor and being a member of several student organizations. After graduating, she attended the University of Georgia School of Law where she earned her Juris Doctor degree.

As a Sweet Briar student, she remarked, "We learned that our job is to be excellent, and we didn't think in terms of lack — we thought of what we can offer." Dedication to excellence in action shines through in her choice of life motto: I may not be able to do everything, but the fact that I can't do everything won't stop me from doing something. Because doing nothing is not an option."

In addition to her professional service, Justice Colvin has served as a member of numerous organizations: Macon Bar Association, Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys, The Gate City Bar-Judicial Section, the William A. Bootle American Inn of Court, the Rotary-Downtown Club, Board of Trustees for Mount de Sales Academy, Co-Teen Leader for Jack and Jill of America-Macon Chapter, Chisholm Leadership Academy Board of Directors, President of the Board of Directors for the Fuller Center Macon for Housing, Regional Partnership Council of the Boys and Girls Club of Central Georgia, Judicial Council Standing Committee on Grants, and has also served as a Girl Scout troop leader. She and her husband live in Macon, Ga., and they have four grown children.



## Mason Bennett Rummel '83 elected Chair of the Board of Directors

Mason Rummel is the President and CEO of the James Graham Brown Foundation in Louisville, Kentucky. She joined the staff of the Foundation in 1989 after moving to Louisville from Washington, D.C. where she was a political appointee for the Reagan Administration from 1983 to 1988.

Active in regional and national work in philanthropy, she serves on the Southeastern Council of Foundations Public Policy Committee, the Public Policy Committee of the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, the Public Policy Working Group of the Philanthropy Roundtable and also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Council on Foundations.

In Louisville, Rummel was the founder of Grantmakers of Kentucky, serves on the boards of The Greater Louisville Project, the executive board of Evolve502, and the Kentucky Derby Museum.

Rummel holds a Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies at Indiana University's Lilly Family School of Philanthropy and a Master of Arts in Professional Writing at Spalding University. She received her B.A. in English from Sweet Briar College. She is married with three grown children.





## BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

### Fred “Buzzy” Griffin elected Vice Chair of the Board of Directors

Buzzy Griffin, former chairman of Space Center Houston, is a successful real estate developer from Houston, Texas. He met his wife, Betsy Pearson Griffin '62, at Sweet Briar College. He earned a bachelor's degree from Washington & Lee University and went on to earn an MBA from the University of Texas. Thereafter, he was hired by the Friendswood Development Company, a subsidiary of Exxon, where he began his career in real estate. He played a key role in the purchase, planning and development of Kingwood, Woodlake, Greenspoint, Copperfield, Clear Lake City and other substantial projects throughout the greater Houston area. In 1980, Griffin left Exxon to form Griffin Partners, a full service real estate development company. Through the years, the company and its related affiliates have

built or acquired projects encompassing approximately 11.2 million square feet of space with an aggregate value of \$2 billion.

Griffin continues to serve on the board of directors for Space Center Houston as well as Houston Grand Opera, Central Houston and the Bay Area Economic Partnership.



### Sally Mott Freeman '76 elected Secretary of the Board of Directors

Sally Mott Freeman, author of the bestselling book "The Jersey Brothers," is an accomplished speechwriter, public relations executive and nonprofit leader of more than 30 years. Her book is a critically acclaimed Smithsonian top history book and an Amazon Best Book of the year in both the History and Memoir categories. After penning speeches for an FCC commissioner and later its chairman, Mott became FCC's spokesperson and news media division chief following the court-ordered breakup of AT&T. She was also VP for telecommunications at FleishmanHillard, a global public relations firm, and was PR and Communications VP for two technology trade associations. After four terms as chair of The Writer's Center, the premier independent literary center in the Mid-Atlantic, Freeman is now Board Chair Emerita. She has served on the boards of Washington Shakespeare Company, American Diabetes Association, The Washington Tennis Foundation, Saving Sweet Briar

Inc., St. Anne's-Belfield School and the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Alliance. She has recently been invited to the board of the Pentagon Memorial Fund as well.

Freeman graduated from Charlottesville's St. Anne's-Belfield School, which honored her with its 2017 Distinguished Alumna Award, and from Sweet Briar College (English literature), which honored her with its 2016 Distinguished Alumna Award. She is married to John Freeman and has two grown sons.



### Kelley Manderson Fitzpatrick '85 elected Executive Committee Member at Large of the Board of Directors

A graduate of the class of '85, she has served on the Board of Directors since 2015. She has a background in the investment industry and the nonprofit sector. Fitzpatrick is the president of her family's private foundation which supports education, the arts, environmental issues, and the promotion of mental and spiritual wellbeing. Through the foundation, she and her husband, C.T., endowed the Value Investing Program, research library and trading room at the University of Alabama. The Manderson family endowed the graduate business school at the University of Alabama and she and her husband were honored by the Alabama chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals with the

2020 William M. and Virginia B. Spencer Outstanding Philanthropist Award. She is the mother of two adult sons and lives with her husband in Birmingham, Alabama.





# CLASS GIVING AND PARTICIPATION

*Final class giving and participation data for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.*

| Class Year | Giving<br>June 30, 2022 | Participation<br>June 30, 2022 |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1940       | \$0                     | 0.0%                           |
| 1941       | \$0                     | 0.0%                           |
| 1942       | \$1,000                 | 11.1%                          |
| 1943       | \$309,012               | 50.0%                          |
| 1944       | \$2,500                 | 25.0%                          |
| 1945       | \$3,000                 | 7.7%                           |
| 1946       | \$112,000               | 20.0%                          |
| 1947       | \$325                   | 14.3%                          |
| 1948       | \$13,250                | 30.0%                          |
| 1949       | \$38,038                | 38.9%                          |
| 1950       | \$25,713                | 25.0%                          |
| 1951       | \$60,688                | 29.7%                          |
| 1952       | \$34,225                | 56.1%                          |
| 1953       | \$52,365                | 25.4%                          |
| 1954       | \$29,544                | 35.6%                          |
| 1955       | \$64,274                | 40.0%                          |
| 1956       | \$26,244                | 28.4%                          |
| 1957       | \$115,858               | 37.4%                          |
| 1958       | \$349,339               | 29.0%                          |
| 1959       | \$292,960               | 35.6%                          |

| Class Year | Giving<br>June 30, 2022 | Participation<br>June 30, 2022 |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1960       | \$1,078,651             | 41.1%                          |
| 1961       | \$239,530               | 41.2%                          |
| 1962       | \$2,184,392             | 43.1%                          |
| 1963       | \$2,287,530             | 39.8%                          |
| 1964       | \$224,348               | 47.5%                          |
| 1965       | \$65,799                | 43.8%                          |
| 1966       | \$249,724               | 38.8%                          |
| 1967       | \$106,636               | 34.1%                          |
| 1968       | \$474,467               | 55.1%                          |
| 1969       | \$47,315                | 21.9%                          |
| 1970       | \$177,819               | 34.0%                          |
| 1971       | \$103,038               | 32.5%                          |
| 1972       | \$10,000,361            | 50.7%                          |
| 1973       | \$66,135                | 30.9%                          |
| 1974       | \$187,550               | 24.7%                          |
| 1975       | \$1,099,232             | 32.3%                          |
| 1976       | \$353,249               | 23.6%                          |
| 1977       | \$27,297                | 31.5%                          |
| 1978       | \$269,661               | 30.6%                          |
| 1979       | \$121,139               | 18.8%                          |

## Reunion 2022 Giving and Participation Awards

### The Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57 Award 2022 Recipient: 1972

Given to the class celebrating an anniversary Reunion year with the highest percentage of its members attending Reunion.

### Participation Award, 25th through 50th Reunion Classes 2022 Recipient: 1972

Given to the class celebrating an anniversary Reunion year between their 25th and 50th years with the highest participation in giving to Sweet Briar.

### Participation Award, 5th through 20th Reunion Classes 2022 Recipient: 2007

Given to the class celebrating an anniversary Reunion year between their 5th and 20th years with the highest participation in giving to Sweet Briar.



*The Baldwin Award*



*Participation Award, 5th through 20th*



*Participation Award, 25th through 50th*



# CLASS GIVING AND PARTICIPATION

*Final class giving and participation data for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.*

| Class Year | Giving<br>June 30, 2022 | Participation<br>June 30, 2022 |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1980       | \$43,383                | 28.6%                          |
| 1981       | \$206,837               | 16.4%                          |
| 1982       | \$190,679               | 24.2%                          |
| 1983       | \$114,678               | 33.5%                          |
| 1984       | \$106,185               | 18.5%                          |
| 1985       | \$178,854               | 20.8%                          |
| 1986       | \$33,598                | 31.7%                          |
| 1987       | \$272,970               | 11.2%                          |
| 1988       | \$29,048                | 25.3%                          |
| 1989       | \$30,785                | 14.1%                          |
| 1990       | \$34,697                | 15.6%                          |
| 1991       | \$32,469                | 28.8%                          |
| 1992       | \$40,833                | 20.3%                          |
| 1993       | \$75,717                | 20.8%                          |
| 1994       | \$5,576                 | 17.7%                          |
| 1995       | \$35,591                | 31.2%                          |
| 1996       | \$27,698                | 39.8%                          |
| 1997       | \$19,508                | 34.8%                          |
| 1998       | \$7,414                 | 22.4%                          |
| 1999       | \$12,349                | 15.1%                          |
| 2000       | \$5,335                 | 11.2%                          |

| Class Year | Giving<br>June 30, 2022 | Participation<br>June 30, 2022 |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2001       | \$6,788                 | 10.9%                          |
| 2002       | \$5,675                 | 8.7%                           |
| 2003       | \$13,253                | 15.1%                          |
| 2004       | \$11,344                | 12.0%                          |
| 2005       | \$2,540                 | 4.9%                           |
| 2006       | \$12,427                | 26.2%                          |
| 2007       | \$7,207                 | 14.3%                          |
| 2008       | \$3,838                 | 11.7%                          |
| 2009       | \$3,550                 | 8.8%                           |
| 2010       | \$3,496                 | 10.5%                          |
| 2011       | \$9,679                 | 13.1%                          |
| 2012       | \$4,578                 | 11.3%                          |
| 2013       | \$735                   | 6.0%                           |
| 2014       | \$1,620                 | 6.6%                           |
| 2015       | \$2,760                 | 10.9%                          |
| 2016       | \$1,647                 | 11.4%                          |
| 2017       | \$190                   | 1.5%                           |
| 2018       | \$791                   | 9.7%                           |
| 2019       | \$225                   | 4.4%                           |
| 2020       | \$340                   | 4.4%                           |
| 2021       | \$120                   | 3.1%                           |

## Reunion 2022 Giving and Participation Awards, continued

### The Nancy Dowd Burton '46 Award 2022 Recipient: 1972

Given to the class celebrating an anniversary Reunion year with the highest total giving to Sweet Briar in the current fiscal year.

### The Centennial Award 2022 Recipient: 1972

Given to the class celebrating an anniversary Reunion year with the highest total giving to Sweet Briar over the last five years since their last anniversary Reunion year.

### Visionary Class Award 2022 Recipients: 1962, 1963, 1972, 1975

Given to any class that contributes \$1 million or more to any funds at Sweet Briar within one fiscal year.



The Burton Award



The Visionary Award



The Centennial Award



# SWEET WORK WEEKS



Kate Schlech '70



Michelle Messier Petkovic '12 and her husband, Alex



Jill Gavitt '97



Julie Bride Weser Wingard '92 and Cara Ardemagni '92



Lynn Kahler Shirey '76



Mary Hapala



# SWEET WORK WEEKS



*Katie Clarkson Robertson '97*



*Ellen Harrison Saunders '75*



*Kathy Garcia Pegues '71 and Lynn Kahler Shirey '76*



*Kris Harris '99 and Erin Wright East '00*



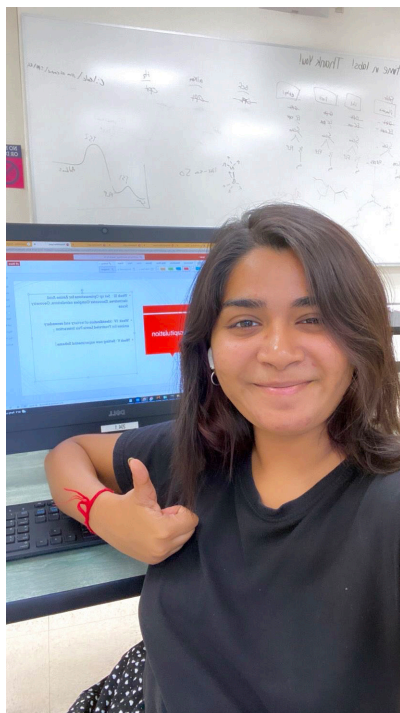
# HONORS SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

## Students explore research topics at Sweet Briar this summer

### Aunannya Banik '25

Asymmetric  
Organocatalytic  
Reduction of Unsaturated  
Compounds with  
Frustrated Lewis Pairs  
Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Caleb Brown

Aunannya's research examines Frustrated Lewis Pairs, which are compounds or mixtures that contain a Lewis acid and a Lewis base, which, because of steric hindrance, cannot combine to form a classical adduct and instead results in a reactive pocket that is able to activate small molecules such as dihydrogen. Aunannya intends to work in medical biotechnology after graduation.



### Tomori Buchanan '23

Soil and Water Sampling Robot Design  
Faculty Sponsor: Michelle Gervasio

This project combines physics, biology, chemistry, and engineering, with many different potential applications. There are many disciplines where water and soil testing is necessary, but field research is often conducted in places that may be difficult to maneuver, host dangerous wildlife or substances, or are so delicate that human interaction may harm an ecosystem. Tomori's goal for her research project was to prototype a simple machine that can collect sample material from almost any environment while avoiding disturbing the environment in which it operates.

### Kaitlyn Campbell '24

Performance Evaluation of 3d Printed Polymer  
Prosthesis Simulating Bone Structure  
Faculty Sponsor: Flavia Mendonca

With the evolution of 3D printing, opportunities in medicine have also evolved. Kate will develop and evaluate 3D printed polymer samples designed to mimic the structure of bone. The samples were tested for tensile and compressive strength evaluation and will also be examined under a scanning electron microscope before and after the experiments to determine how the structure changed due to the test. Kate wants to pursue biomedical engineering after graduation.

### Vicky Harder '24

Community Resilience to Climate Change: A  
Central Virginia Municipal and Regional Policy  
Analysis

Faculty Sponsor: Lisa Powell

Resilience determines the point where a community can respond to a stressor that is being imposed upon it and be able to withstand or have fewer problems in recovery than a more fragile point or community. Vicky's research builds on data collection and contributes to the ongoing work of the VFIC Heat Watch Mapping Project. Her research analyzed how municipal policies are addressing community resilience in light of the impacts of a warming planet on infrastructure and lives in cities.

### Amanda (AJ) Jenkins '23

Greenhouse Hydroponics Sensor System Redesign  
Faculty Sponsor: Brian Kuhr

Building on the work of students in the 2021 engineering capstone project, AJ's research seeks to determine where the previous system failed, identify how to rectify it, and make additional improvements to the updated system. Using what she learned in Sweet Briar's courses on electrical circuits and mechatronics, she sought to solve the interactions between the physical system and the sensors that trigger its operations.

### Ciara Kocik '23

Academic Outcomes of the Explore Engineering  
Program at Sweet Briar College  
Faculty Sponsor: Michelle Gervasio

Ciara's research posits that Sweet Briar's own Explore Engineering program for high school girls help to combat the stigma many girls face going into fields of science. By assessing the program and the ways that it breaks down barriers for women in STEM, Ciara hopes to add fuel to a pipeline that could allow for more funding for such programs.

### Katica (Kate) Kotany '23

Land Use and Land Cover Effects on Surface Water  
Quality and Biodiversity of Macroinvertebrates of  
Sweet Briar Watershed  
Faculty Sponsor: Lili Lei

Through her research, Kate aimed to gain a better understanding of how land cover and land use influence the quality of surface water and biodiversity at Sweet Briar. Each watershed area has its own unique environment. While previous measurements of Sweet Briar's land cover and land use have considered various components of Sweet Briar's landscape, Kate's project is the first that examines the entire watershed as a whole and seeks to identify its weak points overall.



# HONORS SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

## Hina Saleem '23

Computing Cluster

Faculty Sponsor: Brian Kuhr

Hina's research, while focused in computer science, addresses needs within the engineering and chemistry departments. The cluster is made up of 16 Raspberry Pi boards, which are mini computers that run a Linux operating system used for both complex and basic programming. Hina's system will be used by both departments and their faculty at Sweet Briar.

## Maddie Swartz '24

The Legacy of a Deposed King: Edward II of England

Faculty Sponsors: Lynn Laufenberg and Erin Pitt

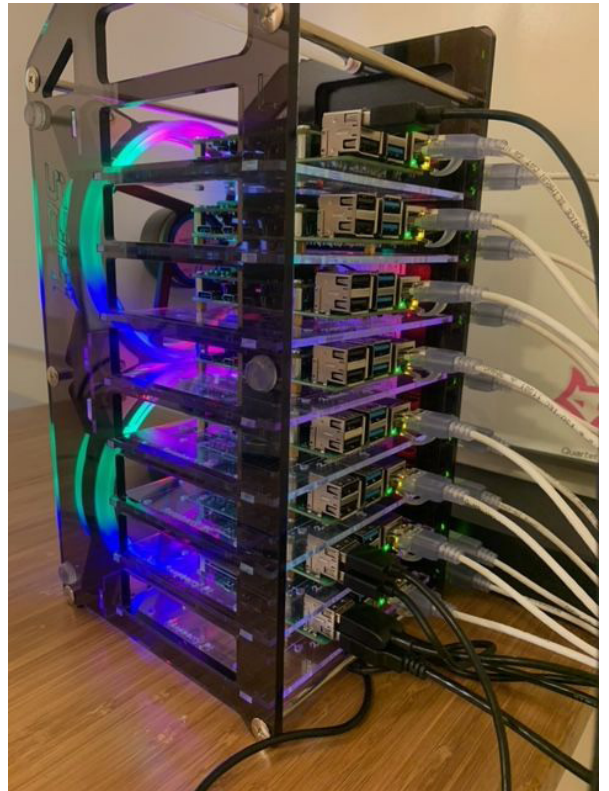
King Edward II was the first of two kings to be forcibly removed from England's throne (the other was Charles I). In his 20-year reign, Edward II struggled with budgeting, his lack of military skill, and his tendency to rely on royal favorites. Maddie's research examines whether Edward II's reputation was as negative as it has typically been portrayed through historical and archaeological evidence.

## Evelyn Tello '22

Impact of Pesticides on the Life History of Painted Lady Butterflies

Faculty Sponsor: Megan Kobiela

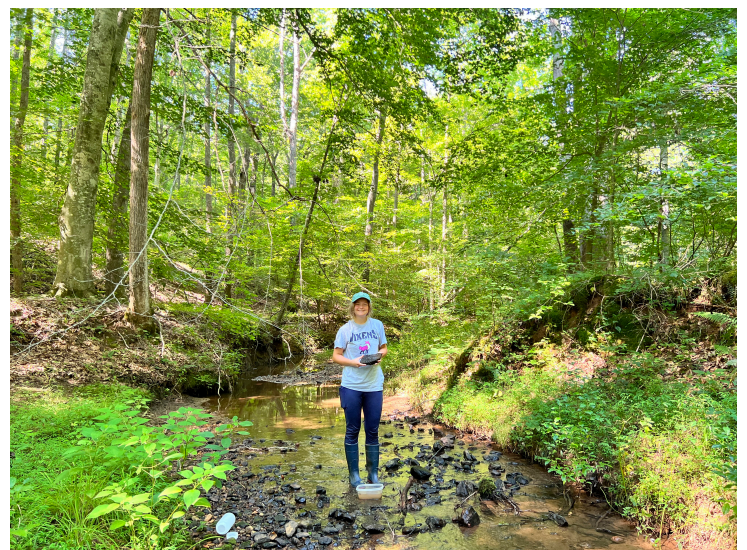
The painted lady butterfly (see photo above) has almost triple the amount of possible host plants as any other native Virginia butterfly. Evelyn's research examines the impact of pesticides on the development of painted lady butterflies throughout their life stage.



*Hina Saleem's cluster of Raspberry Pi boards.*



*Evelyn Tello with a painted lady butterfly.*



*Kate Kotany conducting field research.*

# NEW FACULTY

## Welcoming new faculty and academic staff to Sweet Briar

### **Jonathan Bender**

*Director of The Margaret Jones Wyllie '45 Engineering Program and Professor of Engineering*

Ph.D., Chemical Engineering, University of Delaware

B.S., Chemical Engineering, University of Virginia

Professor Bender joins Sweet Briar from Afton Chemical, where he has been in research and development. Prior to his career at Afton, he taught chemical engineering at the University of South Carolina.

### **Molly Boggs**

*Writing Instructor, Academic Resource Center (ARC)*

Ph.D., English, Indiana University

M.A., English, Indiana University

B.A., English, University of Minnesota

Professor Boggs recently taught introductory writing courses at Randolph College in Lynchburg, Va. Her scholarship has focused on Victorian studies, including a fellowship at Indiana University.

### **Ashlyn Brady**

*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

Ph.D., Social Psychology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

M.A., Experimental Psychology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

B.A., Psychology, Christopher Newport University

Professor Brady comes to Sweet Briar from High Point University, where she has been an adjunct faculty member. In addition to her teaching, Brady has also been a mentor for the NextGen Scholars Program, which provides mentorship to graduate students from diverse backgrounds aspiring toward careers in academia.

### **Melanie Coleman**

*Adjunct Instructor of Music*

M.A., Choral Conducting, University of Lynchburg

B.A., Vocal Education, University of Lynchburg

Ms. Coleman is local to Amherst County, where she has been teaching choir at Amherst County High School.

### **Ryan Davis**

*Adjunct Instructor of Music*

M.A., Choral Conducting, Shenandoah University

B.A., Choral/General Music Education, Shenandoah University

Vocal Performance Certificate, Shenandoah University

After earning his Master's degree in choral conducting, Davis joins Sweet Briar following his recent appointment at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Va. as the choral teacher.

### **David Ebner**

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*

Ph.D., Political Science and International Relations, University of Southern California

B.A., Government, Manhattan College

Professor Ebner has taught at the University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, and joins Sweet Briar this fall from the University of Delaware, where he also taught political science.

### **Farhina Haque**

*Assistant Professor of Engineering*

Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mississippi State University

B.S., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Professor Haque comes to Sweet Briar from her Ph.D. program, where her research interests included emerging dielectric challenges and potential solutions as well as high voltage measurement and testing.

### **Gregory Huey**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Mathematics*

Ph.D., Mathematics, University of California, Irvine

Ph.D., Physics, University of Pennsylvania

B.S., Physics, University of Florida

Professor Huey recently earned his Ph.D. in mathematics and will be joining us from his program at the University of California, Irvine.

### **Md Golam Rosul**

*Assistant Professor of Engineering*

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, University of Virginia

B.S., Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

Professor Rosul comes to Sweet Briar from his Ph.D. program and the University of Virginia. His research



## NEW FACULTY

is focused on designing highly efficient solid-state thermionic devices.

### **Joseph Sacksteder**

*Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing*

Ph.D., Literature and Creative Writing, University of Utah

M.A., Creative Writing, Eastern Michigan University

B.A., Music Composition and English, St. John's University

Professor Sacksteder comes to Sweet Briar from Interlochen, Michigan, where he has been the Director for Creative Writing at Interlochen Center for the Arts. He has also taught at the University of Utah and Eastern Michigan University.

### **Nathaniel Smith**

*Assistant Professor of Economics*

Ph.D., Economics, George Mason University

M.A., Economics, George Mason University

M.A., Economics, Education, and Entrepreneurship, University of Delaware

B.A., History, Michigan State University

Professor Smith joins Sweet Briar from his Ph.D. program, where his research interests included international trade, entrepreneurship, and economic development.

### **Glenn Stone**

*Research Professor of Environmental Science*

Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Arizona

B.A., Anthropology, Northwestern University

Professor Stone has been teaching at Washington University in anthropology and environmental studies. His research interests include ecological anthropology, agricultural technology, agricultural history, political ecology, sustainability, biotechnology, and indigenous knowledge.

### **Clare van Loenen**

*Director of Galleries and Museum*

Ph.D., Media, Art, and Text, Virginia

Commonwealth University

M.A., Museums Studies, University of Leicester

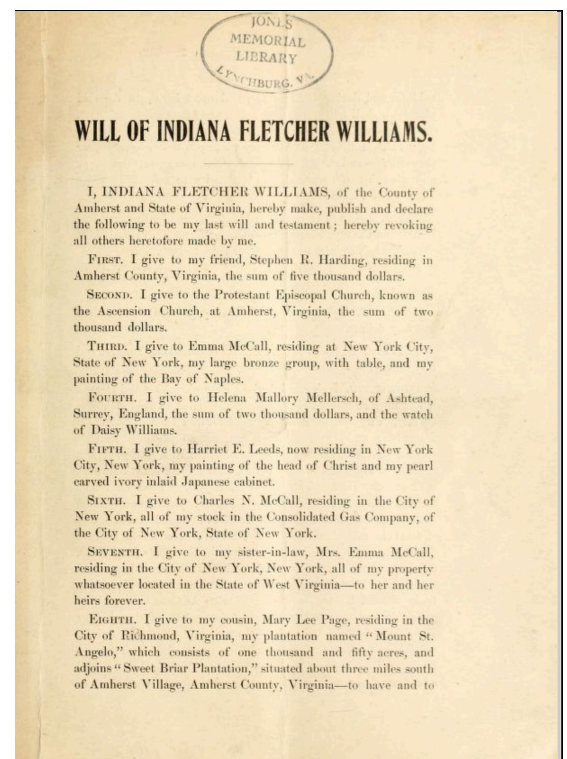
Post-Graduate Certificate of Education, University of Cambridge

B.A., History of Art with History, University of Bristol

Professor van Loenen joins Sweet Briar's faculty from Virginia Commonwealth University, where she has been an adjunct assistant professor and instructor after earning her Ph.D. She has extensive experience at museums and historic sites in the UK, such as Nottingham Castle.

## Planned Giving: August is Make a Will Month

This month is National Make-A-Will Month and provides the perfect opportunity to make your mark on the people, communities, and causes you care about! As alumnae and friends of the College, you know that Sweet Briar was established through the will left by Indiana Fletcher Williams upon her death. Sweet Briar has partnered with FreeWill, a company that provides a tool for our alumnae and friends to use to help them create a will. You can use this self-help estate planning resource that guides you through the process of writing your legal will in 20 minutes. Get started on your plans today to make a lasting impact on what matters most to you by scanning the QR code below.



# Join Us! Fall 2022 Schedule of Events

## SEPTEMBER

| Event  | Date      | Location              |
|--|-----------|-----------------------|
| FH vs. Wilson                                    | 9/1       | Chambersburg, Pa.     |
| SOC vs. Trinity                                  | 9/2       | Washington, D.C.      |
| Cardboard Boat Regatta                           | 9/3       | Boathouse (on campus) |
| FH vs. Goucher                                   | 9/3       | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| FH vs. Washington & Lee                          | 9/4       | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| SOC vs. Salem                                    | 9/6       | Winston-Salem, N.C.   |
| FH vs. Virginia Wesleyan                         | 9/8       | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| SOC vs. Pfeiffer                                 | 9/10      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| FH vs. Bridgewater                               | 9/14      | Bridgewater, Va.      |
| SOC vs. Mary Baldwin                             | 9/15      | Staunton, Va.         |
| FH vs. Transylvania                              | 9/16      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| Founders' Weekend                                | 9/16-17   | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| TEN: Christopher Newport University Invitational | 9/16-18   | Newport News, Va.     |
| TEN: Blue Ridge Invitational                     | 9/16-18   | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| SOC vs. Patrick Henry CC                         | 9/17      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| SOC vs. William Peace                            | 9/21      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| Fall In House Horse Show                         | 9/23      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| TEN: ITA Regionals                               | 9/23-25   | Fredericksburg, Va.   |
| FH vs. Keystone                                  | 9/24      | Factoryville, Pa.     |
| Fall Admissions Open House                       | 9/24      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| SOC vs. Hollins                                  | 9/24      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| FH vs. Roanoke                                   | 9/27      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| NCEA Pink and Green Scrimmage                    | 9/30      | Sweet Briar, Va.      |
| Families Weekend                                 | 9/30-10/2 | Sweet Briar, Va.      |

## OCTOBER

| Event  | Date        | Location          |
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| Fall Hunter Trials                               | 10/1        | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| FH vs. Bryn Athyn                                | 10/1        | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| SOC vs. Randolph-Macon                           | 10/1        | Ashland, Va.      |
| FH vs. Ferrum                                    | 10/2        | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| FH vs. Meredith                                  | 10/5        | Raleigh, N.C.     |
| SOC vs. Lynchburg                                | 10/5        | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| 96th Annual Horse Show                           | 10/8        | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| FH vs. Notre Dame                                | 10/8        | Baltimore, Md.    |
| SOC vs. Randolph                                 | 10/8        | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| SOC vs. Bridgewater                              | 10/11       | Bridgewater, Va.  |
| TEN: Christopher Newport University Invitational | 10/15-16    | Newport News, Va. |
| Fall Break                                       | 10/14-10/17 |                   |
| TEN: Blue Ridge Invitational                     | 10/15-16    | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| FH vs. Southern Virginia                         | 10/18       | Buena Vista, Va.  |
| SOC vs. Averett                                  | 10/19       | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| FH vs. Lancaster Bible                           | 10/22       | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| SOC vs. Ferrum                                   | 10/22       | Ferrum, Va.       |
| FH vs. Randolph-Macon                            | 10/26       | Ashland, Va.      |
| SOC vs. Eastern Mennonite                        | 10/25       | Harrisonburg, Va. |
| Fall Theatre Production: Into the Woods          | 10/27-30    | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| Turf Field Complex Ribbon Cutting                | 10/29       | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| FH vs. Cedar Crest                               | 10/29       | Sweet Briar, Va.  |
| SOC vs. Guilford                                 | 10/29       | Sweet Briar, Va.  |

## NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

| Event                      | Date          | Location         |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| IHSA Horse Show            | 11/6          | Sweet Briar, Va. |
| Thanksgiving Break         | 11/18 - 11/28 |                  |
| Elite Equestrian Camp      | 12/3-4        | Sweet Briar, Va. |
| Winter In House Horse Show | 12/9          | Sweet Briar, Va. |
| Fall Semester Classes End  | 12/14         |                  |

### KEY

- Campus Events
- Athletics and Riding Events
- Academic Schedule

### Acronyms for Athletic Teams

- FH = Field Hockey
- SOC = Soccer
- TEN = Tennis
- NCEA = National Collegiate Equestrian Association (riding team)
- IHSA = International Horse Show Association (riding team)

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