

My dear fellow alumnae and friends,

What a joyous April it has been at Sweet Briar! The campus is abuzz with traditions and activities from Step Singing to Junior Banquet to athletic victories—all while the gardens and trees are ushering in this hopeful season. Just two weeks ago, I had the privilege of attending the National Collegiate Equestrian Association (NCEA) Championships with one of our 4 equestrian teams in Ocala, Florida at the World Equestrian Center. It was amazing! For someone like me, who has spent my life on the tennis court, I had never imagined something like this could exist. Here we were, as defending national champions, with our top riders competing for the second year in a row, and it was a nail biter. I will have to spoil the results by telling you that we came in second place after being edged out by just a half a point. However, what really resonated with me was the grace and resilience that our team showed after having given it their all, and that they are determined to come back next year and prevail. That is the signature of real champions with an unwavering spirit, and we have so many of them at Sweet Briar.

Graduation is around the corner, with only a couple more weeks remaining before our extraordinary seniors walk across the stage to venture off into the world to exciting new adventures in graduate school, positions in the non-profit world and corporate jobs. Over the past two years, while the world has been battling a pandemic, they have navigated their college experience, leading by example at a time when their leadership has been essential to keeping our campus community safe.

We have learned so much from our students about leadership on this campus, where it is happening from class to class each year. For that reason, I shamelessly ask once again for all of my fellow alumnae to take up the challenge and grow our participation rate to 30%. Many of you have already made your gift at calendar year-end or during March Days of Giving—we are grateful to you for giving early. I also know that many of our classmates have not given yet and could help the College reach our ambitious goals by giving in these last two months of the fiscal year, before June 30, 2022.

You may ask, "Why?" There are more than 420 reasons to give in honor of our students, there are more than 50 reasons to give for our faculty, there are more than 150 reasons to give for our staff and there are more than 2,847 reasons to give for our beautiful campus. For 121 years of distinction in educating young women, call a classmate or two. As you read the articles enclosed, know that your commitment to our College matters and will for generations. Let's pass it on. Join me!

With gratitude,

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SUMMER AT SWEET BRIAR

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Register online at sbc.edu/reunion or call 434-381-6131.

Give Back at Sweet Work Weeks 2022!

July 22 - August 7, 2022

Come back to campus to volunteer for our annual Sweet Work Weeks! Alumnae, faculty, staff, parents and friends of Sweet Briar are welcome back to volunteer their time and talent to steward our beautiful campus and historic buildings.

Our Sweet Work Weeks Working Group of the Alumnae Alliance Council will lead projects including:

- Administrative tasks (weekdays only, limited availability)
- Indoor painting
- Landscaping
- Outdoor cleanup
- Outdoor painting
- Trail cleanup

Housing in the residence halls and meals will be provided. Time with campus leadership will take place over the two weeks. Check in begins at 1 p.m. on July 22 at Boxwood Alumnae House.

Please contact Rachel Pietsch at rpietsch@sbc.edu or 434-381-6163 for more details.



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SUMMER AT SWEET BRIAR

Head Back to the Stacks (Virtually) for the 2022 Summer Session!

Sweet Briar College is offering 33 courses this summer for degree seeking and non-degree seeking students. Many of these courses have no prerequisites and are open to any interested person from upper level high school students to more mature individuals that want to continue their learning. Other courses have prerequisites as noted or require a short audition as

noted below. If there are any concerns about whether you meet the prerequisites, please contact Tony Ryals at tryals@sbc.edu. Courses will run from May 23 to July 1 via synchronous or asynchronous online instruction. The registration deadline is May 14. Please visit [sbcedu/academics/summer-session-2022](https://www.sbc.edu/academics/summer-session-2022) to register and for more information.

Course Number	Course Title	Instructor
ARAS 21	Magic and Witchcraft in the Ancient World	Erin Pitt
BIOL 112	Introduction to Cells	Kala Bonner
BIOL 117	The Biology of Superheroes	John Morrissey
BIOL 209	Marine Biology	John Morrissey
CORE 120	The Mindful Writer	Rebekah Ricksecker
CORE 130	Women and Gender in the World	Kimberly Morse-Jones
CORE 160	STEM in Society	Caleb Brown
CORE 180	Dollars and Sense	Sandy Glass
BUSN 127	Accounting I: Financial Accounting	Sandy Glass
BUSN 227	Accounting II: Managerial Accounting	Sandy Glass
CHEM 131	General Chemistry	Caleb Brown
CHEM 141	General Chemistry Laboratory	Caleb Brown
CHEM 231	Organic Chemistry	Caleb Brown
CHEM 233	Organic Chemistry I Laboratory	Caleb Brown
CHEM 232	Organic Chemistry II	Caleb Brown
CHEM 234	Organic Chemistry II Laboratory	Caleb Brown
ENGR 125	Introduction to Computer Science and Data Science	Bryan Kuhr
MATH 123	Calculus I	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 124	Calculus II	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 205	Applied Statistics	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 218	Discrete Mathematics	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 223	Calculus III	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 232	Linear Algebra	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 303	Probability	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 323	Sequences and Series	Bob Hingtgen
MATH 333	Algebraic Structures	Bob Hingtgen
MUSC 185	Applied Voice	Kay Rooney
MUSC 191	Applied Strings	Kay Rooney
POLS 159	Introduction to American Government	Josh Wheeler
POLS 224	First Amendment and Hate Speech	Josh Wheeler
POLS 329	Topics in Political Science: Judicial Politics	Josh Wheeler

STUDENT AWARDS

Annika Kuleba named the 2022 Presidential Medalist

At this year's Academic Recognition Dinner in April, the Sweet Briar community celebrated the students named to the Dean's List and the First Year Honors List. We also announced one very special award: the 2022 Presidential Medal.

The Presidential Medal is awarded to a senior who has demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement, in addition to distinction in some or all of the following areas:

- Service to the community
- Contributions to the arts
- Enlargement of the College's global perspective
- Athletic fitness and achievement
- Leadership and contributions to community discourse

During the recognition dinner, President Meredith Woo announced that this year's Presidential Medalist is Annika Kuleba '22.

"Annika is the epitome of the Sweet Briar woman who does it all and does it well," shared President Woo. "If I could use one word to describe her and her many accomplishments in her four years at Sweet Briar, it would be 'stellar.' For Annika is truly a star who shines her light on our community, making it a better place for everyone."

Annika has achieved a great deal in her four years at Sweet Briar. She is a leader in the classroom and around the campus bringing a passion for agriculture and sustainability to everything she does. She is a double major in environmental science and economics. In the Honors Summer Research Program, Annika conducted research on climate change that she is also pursuing for her Senior Honors Thesis in environmental science. She will be the first student to complete Sweet Briar's new Leadership Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems.

In her role as lead student beekeeper and as president of the Sustainability Club, Annika has been a key partner with faculty in building student programs around the apiary and sustainability. She belongs to several honor societies. Her campus activities include serving as the treasurer for



the Class of 2022, being an admissions ambassador and an orientation leader, and helping organize fund drives on behalf of local charitable organizations. Annika also excelled as a varsity golfer and was named the ODAC Women's Golf Sportswoman of the Year in 2021.

Annika is currently pursuing employment and graduate school opportunities in natural resources, sustainable agriculture, and pollinator conservation.

Congratulations to Annika and to each and every student on the Dean's List and First Year Honors List!

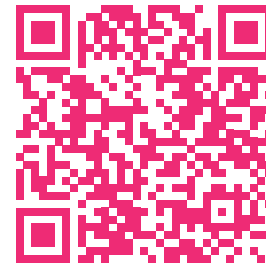


Annika Kuleba '22 working on her Honors Summer Research Program project in the summer of 2021, which looked into the role of phenology (the study of timing of recurring events such as seasonal growth) in switchgrass carbon fluxes, which focused on how phenology metrics relate to photosynthesis.

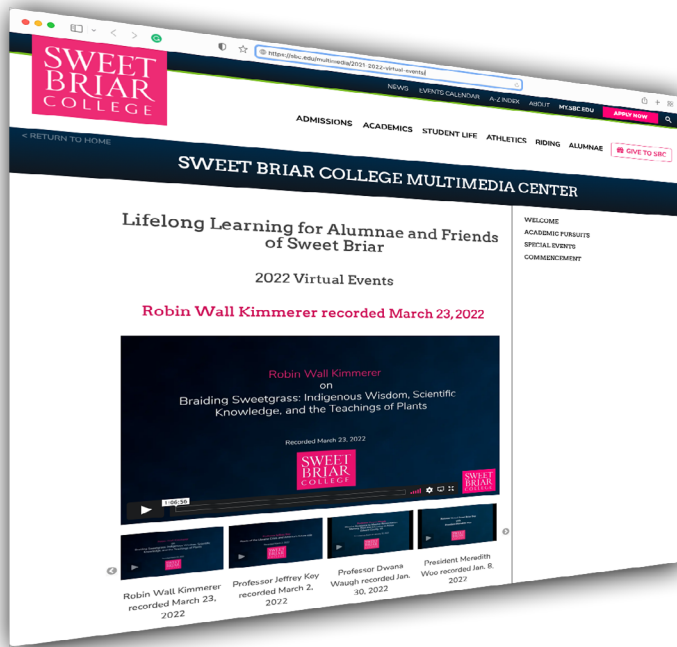
LIFELONG LEARNING

Catch up on your continuing education with lectures from faculty and administrators!

Visit sbc.edu/multimedia/2021-2022-virtual-events.



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While you and your family may be “Zoomed out” by this point, Sweet Briar continues to offer opportunities for virtual engagement with lectures by our faculty and updates from our administrators. Many of these events began with the onset of the pandemic and have continued to be offered to support lifelong learning opportunities for alumnae and friends of Sweet Briar.

Due to concerns about the pandemic, we planned a robust schedule of virtual events in lieu of Sweet Briar Days this year. We offered a national, virtual Sweet Briar Day with an update from President Meredith Woo. To launch Black History Month, Professor Dwana Waugh gave a talk on the Massive Resistance policy created to avoid integration of public schools in Prince Edward County, VA. When the war in Ukraine began, we asked Professor Jeff Key to speak from his expertise on the roots of the Ukraine crisis. The author of the 2022 Common Read, Robin Wall Kimmerer, kindly allowed us to post the recording of her lecture on campus on March 23. Most recently, Dean Teresa Garrett provided an update on Sweet Briar’s current curriculum.

We encourage you to take a look at the virtual lectures offered on our website at the link above. Keep checking back on this page, as future virtual events will be added as well—and we record almost every virtual event we offer.

2022 Virtual Event Recordings

National Virtual Sweet Briar Day with President Meredith Woo, January 8

Professor Lisa Powell, “An Update on Sustainability and Agricultural Initiatives at Sweet Briar College,” January 15

Professor Dwana Waugh, “Massive Resistance to Massive Reconciliation: Memory, Race and Education in Prince Edward County, VA,” January 30

Former President Philip C. Stone, “How Lincoln Saved and Renewed the Union,” February 14

Professor Jeff Key, “Roots of the Ukraine Crisis and America’s Future Role,” March 2

Robin Wall Kimmerer on her book, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, March 23

2021 Reunion Videos

(recorded in August of 2021)

An Update on the Brown Family Apiary with Professor Linda Fink

An Update on Sustainability at Sweet Briar College with Professor Lisa Powell

A Conversation with Professor Shawn O’Connor and Artist Caroline Hardy

An Update on the Sweet Briar Vineyard with President Meredith Woo and Gabrielle Rausse
Highlights from Reunion 2021

MARCH DAYS OF GIVING RESULTS

Sweet Briar reaches new heights for 7th Annual March Days of Giving



The bells are ringing once again at Sweet Briar! For our community, the commitment to March Days of Giving has been part of our reaffirmation of Sweet Briar's mission for the last seven years. Whether it was luck or repetition, everyone clearly embraced the call to action—the total amount raised through these 10 days in 2022 is \$2,929,908—the highest total since March Days of Giving began in 2016.

"I am profoundly grateful to everyone who contributed to Sweet Briar during the March Days of Giving," said President Meredith Woo. "This outpouring of generosity demonstrates the love that the College's family and friends feel for this institution, and the pride they take in supporting Sweet Briar's mission to educate women leaders."

The celebration kicked off on March 1 with the campus community gathering in the Quad to plant a new Sweet Briar rose bush, students, faculty and staff taking a turn at the shovel. Students signed a banner saying thank you to our Sweet Briar family and also picked up some freshly-baked rose cookies as the bells rang for lunch.

That evening, alumnae and friends met and exceeded the first \$500,000 goal, raising \$517,447 in less than 24 hours. As in previous years, this unlocked a challenge for March 2-10. This challenge would not have been possible without our challenge

donors. This year, our challengers were six alumnae spanning five decades: Cornelia Long Matson '58, Pamela Hellmuth Weigandt '64, Frances Kirven Morse '68, two who prefer to remain anonymous from the 1970s, and Meg Price Bruno '83. These generous alumnae committed a total of \$500,000 to match up to an additional \$500,000 between March 2 and March 10.

This year, alumnae and friends stepped up to March Days of Giving with 1,359 gifts from around the world. Our donors reached across the United States, and many international alumnae even mailed their checks well in advance. Supporters ranged from alumnae to faculty, staff, parents (both current and former), students, and friends. Among alumnae, we saw a 6.2 percent increase in our participation rate during March Days of Giving, a metric that is so important and that we track carefully during each year, especially as we strive to reach our 30% goal.

All gifts to the College during March Days of Giving truly make a difference to our current and future students. With recent global events on our minds, we recognize the tremendous power that philanthropy can have in helping make the world a better place. Thank you for showing your support of Sweet Briar to help make a significant difference.

CLASS GIVING AND PARTICIPATION

Alumnae, your class leaders have been working hard! Thanks to their efforts during March Days of Giving, gifts made to Sweet Briar by alumnae from March 1-10 increased participation by 6.2%. **Your class leaders need your help** in order for Sweet Briar to reach its 30% participation goal by June 30, 2022.

If you haven't already made your gift to Sweet Briar, please do so at sbc.edu/give. If you have some time to volunteer, please **reach out to your class leaders** to help them contact classmates to update their contact information and ask them to participate in giving to the Sweet Briar Fund. **Thank you to all alumnae who have given so far!**

Internal Participation Rate: 17.2%
(degreed and non-degreed alumnae)

External Participation Rate: 22.8%
(degreed alumnae only)

Class Year	Giving April 15, 2022	Participation April 15, 2022
1940	\$0	0%
1941	\$0	0%
1942	\$1,000	11.1%
1943	\$309,012	33.3%
1944	\$2,500	23.1%
1945	\$3,000	7.7%
1946	\$109,942	12.5%
1947	\$325	13.0%
1948	\$13,200	25.0%
1949	\$36,188	25.0%
1950	\$25,213	21.6%
1951	\$60,088	21.6%
1952	\$26,085	41.4%
1953	\$71,715	20.0%
1954	\$14,876	23.3%
1955	\$55,124	28.4%
1956	\$16,144	26.7%
1957	\$88,458	26.6%
1958	\$337,589	26.6%
1959	\$290,360	31.1%
1960	\$334,801	36.0%
1961	\$225,455	23.9%
1962	\$2,291,891	41.1%
1963	\$2,230,304	33.8%
1964	\$205,007	38.8%
1965	\$57,719	32.7%
1966	\$240,299	31.4%

Class Year	Giving April 15, 2022	Participation April 15, 2022
1967	\$44,686	29.2%
1968	\$147,644	49.1%
1969	\$39,830	14.2%
1970	\$160,594	25.8%
1971	\$97,983	30.7%
1972	\$4,533,635	32.9%
1973	\$54,750	22.4%
1974	\$165,625	19.4%
1975	\$87,382	20.4%
1976	\$357,440	20.8%
1977	\$11,630	19.0%
1978	\$105,613	23.9%
1979	\$119,214	15.6%
1980	\$36,658	20.5%
1981	\$202,237	12.9%
1982	\$82,126	17.4%
1983	\$98,478	29.1%
1984	\$109,185	17.5%
1985	\$166,109	16.0%
1986	\$26,834	20.2%
1987	\$272,385	8.3%
1988	\$22,720	15.1%
1989	\$28,930	8.6%
1990	\$24,776	11.3%
1991	\$26,886	16.5%
1992	\$26,643	13.6%
1993	\$74,665	18.2%

Class Year	Giving April 15, 2022	Participation April 15, 2022
1994	\$3,411	12.9%
1995	\$28,765	23.4%
1996	\$22,556	30.6%
1997	\$13,170	16.7%
1998	\$6,239	12.4%
1999	\$11,639	10.6%
2000	\$5,205	8.8%
2001	\$3,180	6.9%
2002	\$3,040	8.2%
2003	\$12,288	12.6%
2004	\$10,669	9.8%
2005	\$2,040	3.8%
2006	\$7,714	13.8%
2007	\$3,837	7.5%
2008	\$2,768	7.8%
2009	\$2,370	4.9%
2010	\$3,246	8.6%
2011	\$8,700	7.7%
2012	\$3,725	7.7%
2013	\$691	4.8%
2014	\$1,565	5.5%
2015	\$2,825	10.0%
2016	\$1,563	10.9%
2017	\$90	1.5%
2018	\$633	3.8%
2019	\$225	4.4%
2020	\$180	2.9%
2021	\$100	3.1%

The data included above was calculated on April 15, 2022.

Reunion Giving and Participation Awards

The Nancy Dowd Burton '46 Award

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

The Centennial Award

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

The Nancy Godwin Baldwin '57 Award

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

Visionary Class Award

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

Participation Award: 25th through 50th Reunion Classes

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

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

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Maria Thacker Goethe '02 announced as 2022 commencement speaker

Sweet Briar College is thrilled to announce that Maria Thacker Goethe '02, will address the Class of 2022 at the College's commencement on May 14, 2022.

Maria is the president and CEO of Georgia Bio and the Georgia BioEd Institute, leaders among bioscience and medical technology associations. She is also the executive director of the Georgia Global Health Alliance, part of the Center for Global Health Innovation, which seeks to improve health outcomes through innovation and global collaboration.

Maria has a diverse background in environmental science, women's health and health communications and marketing. After graduating from Sweet Briar with a degree in environmental studies, Maria earned a master's in public health education and communication, and maternal and child health from the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She has more than 15 years of experience in non-profit management and development and is passionate about the ways in which biotechnology and medical technology can benefit public health.

Prior to Georgia Bio, Maria participated in a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry in environmental investigations, working closely with the National Center of Environmental Health in Chemical Demilitarization.

Maria also serves as a board member on a number of foundations and associations and has volunteered for more than a decade with the Junior League of Atlanta La Amistad Estrellitas program, which helps empower Latina teens. In 2021 and 2022, she was named by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians," and in 2019 was a recipient of the Atlanta Business Chronicle's "40 Under 40" award.

"I asked Maria to be our commencement speaker because her work to improve the health of people around the globe, through building collaborative networks between the business sector, non-profits, academia and government epitomizes the kind of leadership women learn at Sweet Briar College," says President Woo. "It's a style of leadership in which women particularly excel; one that emphasizes communication, cooperation and innovation. It's the leadership we need for the twenty-first century; one that makes a difference in people's lives."

President Woo explained to the members of the



Class of 2022 in an email announcement, "as you prepare to graduate and make your own mark on the world, I think you will find Maria's achievements to be a wonderful example of how Sweet Briar women are making the future brighter for everyone. I can't think of a better speaker to inspire you as you commence your life beyond Sweet Briar."

2022 Senior Week and Commencement Events

Wednesday, May 11

Fancy Hat Brunch
Champagne Toast and Photo
with the President

Friday, May 13

Awards Ceremony
Baccalaureate Service
Phi Beta Kappa Initiation
President's Reception

Saturday, May 14

Commencement
Campus Community Picnic
MAT Champagne Toast

CONSERVING AN ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY

Stewarding Sweet Briar history: Paper conservation work continues

By now, you've probably heard the story about uncovering thousands of architectural drawings at Sweet Briar—if not, please visit sbc.edu/magazine and read the article, "Preserving Sweet Briar's History" from the spring 2021 issue.

As we covered in that article, these drawings have been immensely helpful as Sweet Briar addresses caring for our historic buildings and the care and attention to detail required to do so. The drawings, now safely housed in the lower level of Fletcher in their own dedicated space, have answered countless questions for our historic preservation consultants.

Each set of drawings tells a story about its building. For example, in a recent effort to scan many of the drawings, the College found one of five drawings in existence showing the various schemes for carving the panels of the ceiling in the Refectory, now Pannell Center. This drawing, in combination with four other drawings housed at Jones Memorial Public Library in nearby Lynchburg, Va., show that architect Ralph Adams Cram developed a total of five different schemes for the design that might be carved into the oak ceiling panels. Ultimately, none were chosen; the College opted instead for a simple panel design with no carvings on the ceiling.

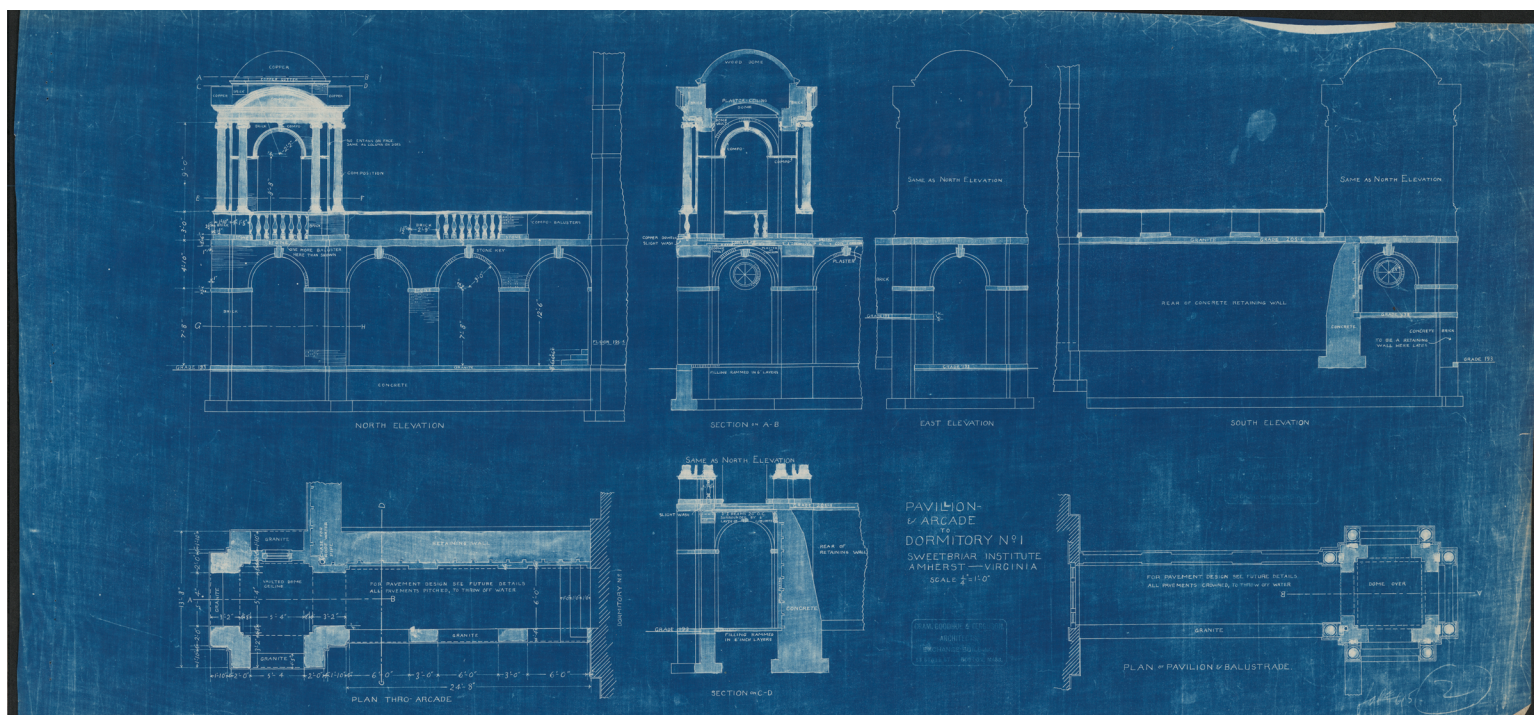
The most recent effort to scan these drawings was no small feat: Over three days, Eric Kuchar and a Sweet Briar staff member pulled drawings of Sweet Briar's buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. With Sweet Briar's archives containing multiple sets of the same drawings on occasion, they identified the drawings in the



best condition to be scanned. Then, they traveled to Longwood University, which owns a large-format flatbed scanner large enough to accommodate the largest drawings in Sweet Briar's collection. This scanner, which is free to use, scans extremely high-resolution images in just 12 seconds. As a result, Sweet Briar now has more than 200 scanned drawings of all of our historic buildings.

The drawings have now been safely returned to the lower level of Fletcher, where they will stay until the middle of May. At that time, they will be carefully packed and transported to a paper conservator, who will do the work necessary to stabilize and restore the condition of some of the drawings.

If you have an interest in paper conservation, historic preservation or Cram's architecture and would like to learn more, please contact Clélie Steckel at cdsteckel@sbc.edu or 434-381-6299.



2023 COMMON READ

“My Monticello” announced as Sweet Briar’s 2022-23 Common Read

The day before Oct. 5, 2021, the official publication date of her debut story collection, “My Monticello,” fifty-year-old Jocelyn Nicole Johnson, a public-school art teacher from Charlottesville, Va., was a virtual guest on Good Morning America. Host Robin Roberts beamed at Johnson through the screen. How did it feel, she wanted to know, for Johnson to be publishing her first book after so many years and to such extraordinary acclaim? The book had already received an avalanche of advance praise, and Netflix had announced that it would adapt the title story in the collection for film.

“I’m just over the moon,” Johnson said. “I can’t believe it. I’m really humbled that people are paying attention.”

The novella has its roots for Johnson in the Unite the Right! white nationalist rally in Charlottesville in 2017. Johnson, who grew up in Virginia and has lived and worked in Charlottesville for many years, intended the collection as a love letter to the place she calls home but also, especially in the wake of the events of 2017, an exploration “of the ways I didn’t feel at home, didn’t feel welcome.”

Praise for the book has been universal. A finalist for The Story Prize, the L.A. Book Prize for Debut Fiction, and the PEN/Faulkner Award, among others, it has been named a New York Times Notable Book of the Year, a Washington Post Notable Work of Fiction, Time magazine’s Ten Best Books of 2021, and winner of the Weatherford Award for Best Books about Appalachia.

Brown, a novelist and professor of English and creative writing, said she believes “My Monticello” will resonate with students at Sweet Briar on many levels. “Writers working on their first, serious stories and learning their craft, readers learning to see how fiction enlarges our understanding of people and events both distant and painfully nearby, young people everywhere trying to understand their place in the world and in history,” she said, “all of them will find something meaningful in these stories.” Also, Brown said, “Sweet Briar’s own complex, painful origins as a plantation built by slaves is a story proximate to that of Monticello’s. The book reflects racism’s painful past in this country but also its present, and it offers us an opportunity as a community to talk about circumstances that continue to trouble us today.”

In an essay, “How Writing ‘Vengeful Fiction’ Can Make You a Better Person,” Johnson describes how she transformed “a lifetime of witnessing vitriol and violence toward Black people” through writing fiction. “The long lead-up to [the 2017] rally and its deadly conclusion felt like watching a slow-motion train crash. You point, you holler, you brace, but it

keeps on coming. It crashes and keeps crashing. Afterward, on the news, I watched the rally’s smug leadership claim a sort of victory, while I felt newly exposed,” she explains. “When I began to write the novella a year later, I wielded the shards of their hateful performance, recasting each one. It felt like I was saying, I’ll battle you, but not in the park below your beloved monuments to the

Confederacy, and not along the downtown mall where my local indie bookshop sits. I’ll take you on, but at a time of my choosing, on a ground built of my words.”

Johnson will visit Sweet Briar in person on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022. Between now and then, Brown said, there will be opportunities for the community to engage with the book. Copies were distributed to students during the last week in March and will be mailed to incoming students over the summer. Several faculty, staff members, and students will participate in a panel discussion at the Student Leadership Conference on April 30 to discuss issues the book raises, including the complex legacy of leaders, specifically Founding Father figures such as Thomas Jefferson; the role of public monuments and historic sites in shaping conceptions of the past and visions of the future; the web of social factors that lead to a sense of shared identity and belonging in any given environment; and the role of literature in exploring different perspectives and illuminating the nature of human experience.

Members of the Common Read Committee, which selected the book, include students Jameshia Howard and Rachel Davis; Assistant Professor of History Dwana Waugh; Associate Professor of Environmental Science & Agriculture and Director of the Center for Human and Environmental Sustainability Lisa Powell; Associate Professor of Art History Kimberly Morse-Jones; Visiting Assistant Professor of English and Creative Writing Erica Trabold; Librarian Lore Guilmartin; and Director of Strategic Initiatives, Foundation and Corporate Relations Lea Harvey ’90.



Jocelyn Nicole Johnson
with her novel, “My Monticello”
[Photo credit: Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello]

EXPANDING STUDENT SERVICES

New multicultural center and student services manager

Meghan Gladle, the new multicultural student services manager, joins the Sweet Briar community after establishing her career in international education and enrollment management at the University of Delaware. Originally from a small town in central New York, Meghan completed her high school education in Catalonia, Spain. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature and a Master's in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Delaware. She has lived abroad both as a student and professional in Argentina, Italy, Greece, Spain and New Zealand. Growing up, Meghan competed in eventing and has continued to train in dressage with her Thoroughbred rescue mare, Indiana.

As the multicultural student services manager, Meghan will coordinate the newly launched Multicultural Center, located in Reid Pit, which will serve as an inclusive space and resource for underrepresented minority students and affinity student organizations at Sweet Briar. The center serves as an educational space for all members of the community to learn about topics and issues related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Additionally, Meghan will advise students on study abroad opportunities available through both short-term faculty-led opportunities as well as semester and year-long study abroad programs.

Meghan, along with several students groups who now have offices in Reid Pit—SGA, Inner-Club Council, Campus Events Organization, Daisy's Closet—organized a fantastic open house to show off the spruced up space. More than 100 students visited the open house and shared aspirations to hang out or study in the space, donate to Daisy's Closet, run for SGA positions, get more involved in campus clubs and more. More than 30 community members registered for the YWCA Stand Against Racism Challenge.

Meghan extends her thanks to the student volunteers who gave out 223 water bottles, 175 ice cream bars, chatted with all the students, staff and faculty and engaged members of the community in the exciting and meaningful initiatives coordinated by SGA, CEO, ICC, Daisy's Closet and the Multicultural Center.



Above: Megan Gladle, Sweet Briar's new multicultural student services manager.

Below: Students check out the newly-launched Multicultural Center, located in Reid Pit.



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The benefits of an IRA charitable rollover include:

- Avoiding taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Sweet Briar College
- Making a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Helping further the work and mission of Sweet Briar College

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- Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to us.
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