



This summer, SEES is proud to introduce its very first alumni publication, titled, "The Legacy," and there isn't a family more suited to headline our inaugural issue than the Carreras family. For more than 50 years, the Carreras' and the families that have become a part of their expansive family tree have been a steadfast presence at SEES. As John, the youngest member of the Carreras family prepares to move on to high school, it is with mixed emotions that we look back at the amazing legacy this family leaves behind.

When the Carreras's look back on their years at SEES, the fond memories are abundant. "We had a football team

and our basketball team was always really good," said Maria, who showed her school spirit as a cheerleader for the St. Edward Eagles. "Our biggest rivals were the St. Bridget Blue Devils, and oh how we liked to beat them!" Maria also fondly remembers her 6th grade trip to Washington D.C., the 7th grade Southampton pool party and the 8th grade trip to Busch Gardens. "To this day I am still so close to my classmates from SEES," she said.

Scott enjoyed playing basketball and hanging out with his classmates, many of which have become lifelong friends. Before they had children, Scott and Maria recall attending a 60's themed auction and social that was organized by Meg Rock and Maria's sister Kim. "If memory serves, the Cashmere Jungle Lords provided the musical entertainment, and it was so much fun," shared Maria. Scott will always remember coaching Phillip's fifth grade basketball team and their championship game against St. Christopher's. "The boys played so well together, said Scott. "I was so proud of them; it was a very emotional day."

Scott and Maria also have no shortage of fond memories as SEES parents. The first Ambassador picnic felt like home to us-- we even stayed late and helped with the

clean-up," Scott explained. The Carreras family has also been a backbone of financial support and parent involvement. Margaret and Jim Carreras (Scott's parents), have always supported SEES in an immeasurable way. Scott has dedicated years volunteering as a SEES basketball coach, while managing the league for several years. He also assisted with soccer and has devoted countless hours of service in various other capacities throughout the years.

Regarding Maria's support of SEES, the

list is far too long to recite, but she shares a few highlights; including her decision to immediately join the

PR and Marketing committee (led then by Meg Rock and Terry Hall). "I put in so many hours, but had so many laughs and made such wonderful friends," she shared. "My kids still talk about the numerous meetings at our house and the parade of other SEES students who would be here hanging in the basement with my boys during the meetings." Maria also managed and directed the 5K Eagle Challenge from its inception. "I remember the lengthy discussion over what to call the race ...endless hours of debate! But in the end what an event!" Maria also served on the School Board for several years and helped coach Cross Country and Track and Field. "I can honestly say that coaching the students is one of my favorite memories. Running with the girls and trying to distract them, while listening to their comments, like 'Wow coach, I can't believe we actually ran that far, that was fun!' and then seeing some of the students turn out to be such amazing runners in high school -- I loved watching them compete!" Maria's sister Kim was very involved at SEES, serving on the very first PR & Marketing Committee. A few highlights of the

Committee's creations include: the Ambassador Family Program, Grandparents' Day, the Backpack Awareness Campaign and PSA, the first official SEES School Brochure and CD and the "Eagle's Nest" Newsletter. Kim was honored for her service to SEES when she received the "Mary Riley Bliley" Award in 2010, when her son Thomas, graduated. The parent involvement is certainly something that sets SEES apart from other schools; a legacy of service that parents often take with them to the high school level. "Ironically, while working an event at Benedictine this fall, I looked around at the

other volunteers and had to laugh because we were all SEES parents!" exclaimed Maria. "Some habits are hard to break that's for sure," she said.

class of 1969

The Carreras family has also witnessed a great deal of change at SEES over the many years. "We like the renovation of the school and have enjoyed watching all of the growth," shared Scott. "We're also pleased that we are still 'Eagles' and have not lost our identity; so deeply rooted since the school's beginnings," he explained.

If there is any advice that Scott and Maria would give to new families, it would be to get involved. "Your children love seeing you at school, and the talents we all can share benefit the school tremendously," explained Scott. "The amount of 'free labor' we donated over the years paid for itself ten times over in the priceless memories and friendships we made!"



St. Edward-Epiphany School Family Tree Maria Loehr Carreras (1979) & Scott Carreras (1984)

Julie Loehr Lloyd (cousin) class of 1970

Lisa Loehr Duffy (sibling) class of 1970

> Jerry Duffy (brother-in-law) class of 1971

Dan Loehr (cousin) class of 1973

Kim Loehr (sibling) class of 1976

J.J. Loehr (sibling) class of 1977

Beth Carreras Benson (sibling)

class of 1982

(niece) attended 1992-96 Hamilton Graziano

Hamilton Graziand (nephew) class of 2000

Milicent Loehr Lynch

Joey Graziano (nephew) class of 2008

Thomas Graziano (nephew) class of 2010

Phillip Carreras (son) class of 2015

> John Carreras (son) class of 2017



We all know that girls can change the world - Sophia Meloro, SEES Class of 2013, is diving deep to pursue her passion for environmental

passion for environmental conservation and marine issues. Last year, Sophie earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by creating and implementing an environmental education and awareness campaign, called "Liquidate Lionfish." The purpose of the campaign was to educate the public about Lionfish, an invasive species

which lives in the coastal waters of

South Florida with no natural

predators. These fish are damaging local coral reefs and depleting beneficial, native species of marine

at Biscayne National
Park over several
weekends and
set up a Lionfish
education
booth to
educate park
visitors about
the problem
and how they
can help.

life. Sophie volunteered

Sophie also created an educational trunk and donated it to Biscayne for the rangers' continued use. The trunk contains Lionfish posters, a 3-D

model of a lionfish, brochures, stickers, and a display sign, most of which Sophie created herself. The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting and is open only to girls in high school. This prestigious award challenges girls to change the world by embarking on a seven-step project aimed at solving a community problem and which involves a minimum of 80 volunteer hours.

As a result of her project, Sophie has been invited to speak at several educational forums throughout Florida, such as the first ever Youth Conference hosted by the National Marine Educators' Association in Orlando, the Youth Ocean Conservation Summit in Sarasota,

and the Museum of Discovery and Science as well as the International Game Fish Association, both in Fort Lauderdale. Sophie's project has been featured in central Florida's local newspaper the Sun-Sentinel and on BBC Travel's website in an article commemorating the 100th anniversary of the national parks. Sophie has also been nominated by St. Thomas for the Silver Knight Award (in the science category) which recognizes outstanding service to the school and to the community. Sophie is a senior at St. Thomas Aguinas High School in Fort Lauderdale and will be attending the University of Florida (GO Gators!) where she plans to major in environmental engineering. Sophie's favorite extracurricular activity in high school has been the marine biology club where she serves as Vice President. She takes advantage of all of the field trips the club offers, having gone shark tagging, swimming with the manatees and sea camp. She is a PADI certified scuba diver, and on a recent cruise, she went diving with sharks with her dad. Sophie's mother, Bobbi Meloro shared that, "Sophie received an awesome education at SEES, especially from Mrs. Lucas, who she describes as the World's Greatest Math Teacher. " We are so proud of Sophie and all of our amazing alums who are lighting the way to great things.



Samantha Ayres has been quite busy since she graduated from SEES four years ago. Not only is she busy playing sports and volunteering at the

Richmond SPCA, but Samantha also carries a 4.91 GPA at Richmond Community High School and is the valedictorian at RCHS and of the entire Richmond **Public School** system. Ever since she was little, Samantha knew she wanted to be a doctor. "Growing up, spent a lot of time in hospitals due to my father's epilepsy," Samantha stated in an essay. "Seeing the doctors and nurses treat their patients sparked the realization in me that I wanted to do the same thing when I got older." Samantha has always enjoyed

working with children,
which influenced her
to pursue

pediatrics. During
her time in the
Health
Sciences
Academy,
Samantha had
the
opportunity to
shadow a
pediatric nurse.
Being around the
children and

experiencing the medical field firsthand is what reassured her that she was on the right path.

Samantha plans to continue her education by getting her undergraduate degree and then attending medical school. Next fall, she plans to major in biology at the University of Richmond. "I could tell that they have a really big focus on academics and that's something that I wanted since I had a really rigorous academic life in high school," Samantha said about why she wanted to attend the university. She also enjoyed the sense of community within the small school and everyone's welcoming attitude. While she still had time to decide, as of now, Samantha's top choice for medical school is Pennsylvania State University.

Although she is still in high school, Samantha constantly prepares for college by putting a big focus on her education. She currently maintains a 4.91 GPA. "It was always just kind of natural for me. I just always knew I was supposed to work hard in school," Samantha said. Seeing her hard work reflected in her grades encouraged her to continue working hard. The fact that her hard work paid off, is one lesson Samantha plans on taking with her to college.

Although she is serious about her academics, Samantha also takes time to participate in extracurricular activities. One way she gives back to the community is by volunteering at the Richmond SPCA. In school, she is a member of the National Honor Society, FBLA, the Key Club, Mu Alpha

community is by volunteering at the Richmond SPCA. In school, she is a member of the National Honor Society, FBLA, the Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta and Honor Council. Her favorite activities to do outside of school is to play sports such as volleyball and softball. "I think they provide somewhat of an outlet for me because I have so much to do with school," she said. "It's kind of a set time I have to not worry about school and I can just have fun." She has played softball for almost nine years. Even before she was on a team, she played with her dad which is why it is one of her favorite activities to do outside of school and she plans to continue playing. Although she's worked hard in school, Samantha said she was still able to have a fun high school experience.

One of her biggest influences is her mother. "She's super hard working in my eyes because she has her own business," Samantha said. "That's a big inspiration to me because I don't know if I could handle my own business." With the support of her family, Samantha plans to continue working hard in college so she can achieve her long-term goal of becoming a pediatrician. She said accomplishing that goal would make her life feel complete.

Samantha's father, Michael Ayres, who was shared Samantha's most-recent honors with us said, "My wife Carrie and I credit the time that Samantha spent at SEES as some of her most valuable experience as a student. Those years were the fundamental building blocks leading to her receiving a full academic scholarship from the University of Richmond, Class of 2021." Congratulations Samantha - we are so proud of all that you have accomplished and can't wait to see what your future holds.

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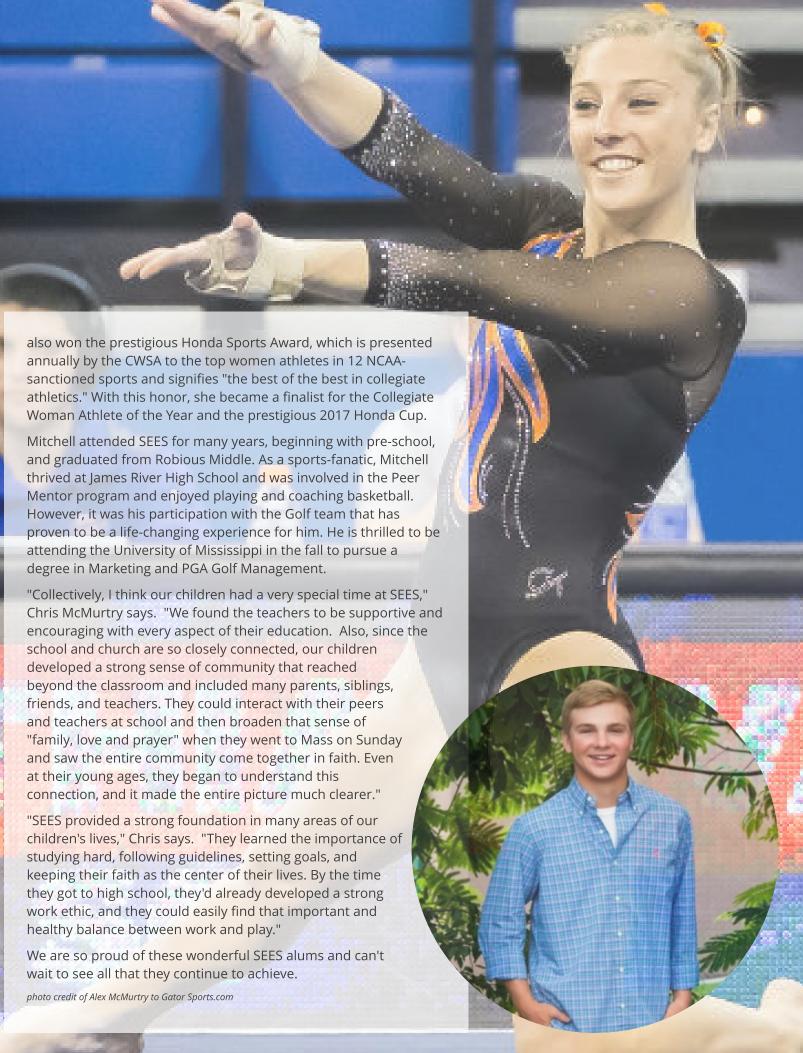
There is no doubt that the McMurtry family is a trifecta of accomplishment. As we check in with Christine and David McMurtry just a few years after their youngest, Mitchell, moved on to new and exciting things, we are honored to share that Addie, Alex and Mitchell continue to shine their bright light wherever they go.

Addie, SEES Class of 2009, was accepted to the Leadership and International Studies program at James River, which proved to be a rigorous and challenging 4-year curriculum. After graduation, Addie attended the University of Virginia, where she was very active in Intramural sports, played club softball, and served as the Director of the Adaptive Ski Program. She also studied abroad at Trinity College in

Dublin for six months, which was an amazing experience. This past May, she graduated "With Distinction" with a double-major in Anthropology and Linguistics. After completing a year-long internship at Monticello, she is now employed at the Highlands in Charlottesville and is interested in museum studies and curation.

Alex, SEES Class of 2011, also attended the Leadership and International Studies program at James River High School. After her junior year, Alex made the decision to finish high school in three years to began her college gymnastics career at the University of Florida. Because of a lingering back injury, this choice allowed her to begin her collegiate career early, instead of risking an additional year of potential injury.

Although she did not graduate in the traditional sense, one year later she was invited back to be the guest speaker at the Leadership Banquet for her graduating class, which was an exceptionally special evening for her. On that night, so much of what Alex had given up by missing all the exciting festivities of Senior year came full circle for her, as she was reunited with her friends and classmates, This decision helped put her very much at peace with her decision to graduating early. That decision has paid off in a huge way, as Alex is a force to be reckoned with in the gymnastics world. Just this spring, she was named the SEC Gymnast and Scholar-Athlete of the Year, becoming the second all-around champion in league history to take both honors in a single season. Alex





If you know Tatum Walsh, you know that she is the portrait of composure and grace. What you may not know that she, in addition to being an amazing friend, student and mentor, she is also an exceptional golfer. This June, Tatum brought her gifts of composure, grace and golf to the RWGA City Amateur Tournament, where she was recognized for her excellent match play. Vic Dorr Jr., sports writer for Richmond Times-Dispatch was quoted as saying, "simply put: the RWGA's future has arrived."

Tatum, who graduated from SEES this spring, won an invitation in the RWGA semifinals with a victory over her opponent who was a three-time winner of this annual tournament. "It was really exciting," Tatum said of her amazing race to the tournament's final-round match where she would face the reigning champion and 15-year-old rising junior at Collegiate, Caroline Curtis.

While Tatum did not prevail over her opponent, her grace on the course was well-noted. "Walsh, who



the legacy Dives on

St. Edward-Epiphany School has been home to thousands of students and their families for more than 50 years. As a community, there is no greater honor than Richard Gill (1982) having the opportunity to have our Alumni Samuel (3rd) & Noah (1st) bring their children back to our wonderful school and become a part of the SEES community again as parents.

Jaime Brooks (1992)

Owen (4th) & Gavin (2nd)

Maria *Loehr* Carreras (1979) Scott Carreras (1984) Phillip (2015) & John (2017)

Christopher Cosby (1988) Lucas (6th) & CJ (2017)

Shelly Klucker Costello (1981) Jack (6th), Mary (4th) & Kate (3rd)

Faith Hancock Cranston Maddie (3rd) & Jack (5th)

Martha Twist DiLoreto (1984) TJ (6th)

Megan Strauss Dussett (1995) Ellie (K)

Kelly Goodwyn Dyson (1994) Brady (Pre-K)

Ellen Dabney Eaton (1987) **Richard Eaton (Class of 1992)**

Henry (1st)

Steve Eliasek Jackson, Anna (2015) & Daniel (2017)

Donald Forsythe (1985) Eva (5th)

Mike Gates (1988)

Riley (7th) & Skyler (4th)

Michael Goldman Izabelle (Pre-K), Luci (3rd) & Patrick (5th)

Robert Goodwyn (1996) Kayden (1st) & Ben (K)

Natalie Marchetti Graves (1974) Anastasia (2012), Nicole (2014) & Rachel (2017)

David Graziano (1984) Sophia (2017) & Sam (4th)

Britt Radford Griffith Reagan (2nd) & Kenneth (K)

David Gwyer (1982) Henry (7th), Joey (4th) & Theo (3rd)

Lisa Winder Hale (1979) Sarah, Emmy (2nd) & Matthew (7th)

Sean Hoban (1989) Conor (7th)

Ric Hudson (1997) Cort (2nd) & Luke (Pre-K)

Terry Inguina (1997) Carmen (2nd)

Patrick Keith (1985) James (6th) & Katie (5th)

David Kelley (1984) Catharine (2014), Emme (2016) & Patrick (4th)

Timothy Keifer (1982) Henry (2017) & Madeline (5th)

Paola Goldman McNeil (1976) Sadie (2013) & Owen (7th)

William Meyer (1986) Luke (K) & Jude (2nd)

Kevin Morley (1975) Kieran (2017) & Caroline (7th)

Bridget Strauss Murphy (1990) Connor (7th), Jackson (4th) & Cate (K)

Maria Papelino (2009) Christopher (1st)

Martha Gill Pilot (1981) Michael (2006), Josh (2009), David (2011) & Katie (2017)

Maribeth Hulcher Ragsdale (1985) Ann-Sidney (6th)

Bryan Smith (1989) Alyssa (2016), Bryan (7th) & Caitlyn (5th)

Erin McDonald Sprouse Nicholas (K) & Ali (2nd)

Lee Winder (1982) Joshua (2011), Gregory (2010), Andrew (2014) & Leah (5th)

Molly Winegar (1979) Adam (4th)

Susanne Dibert Wirt (1998) Ethan (K)



SWEET KICKS

SEES Alumni Eileen Morley (Class of 2016) and Eli Kin (Class of 2016) are part of the group of students at Maggie L. Walker Governor's School in Richmond, Virginia that claimed the title for their design in the Vans Custom Culture Competition.

Two St. Edward-Epiphany alumni, Eileen Morley and Eli Kin (Class of 2016) joined forces with fellow students at the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School and are receiving national attention for a pair of shoes they designed.

As part of the Vans Custom Culture art competition, students were challenged to create a pattern that best exemplifies their school. More than 3,000 schools from across the nation participated in the inaugural competition.

The students' design was available to the public through June 1, 2017. The school also received \$5,000 towards its arts program for designing the winning pattern. Congratulations to all of the students on the winning design team!

ALUMNI CONTRIBUTING to the Annual Fund

2015/2016 alumni gifts and commitments for annual giving \$7,431

ALUMNI DONATIONS BY CLASS YEAR

Class of 1970	Class of 1978	Class of 1986	Class of 1997
\$100	\$50	\$50	\$25
Class of 1971	Class of 1979	Class of 1988	Class of 1998
\$1150	\$741	\$20	\$50
Class of 1972	Class of 1980	Class of 1989	Class of 2003
\$50	\$25	\$125	\$200
Class of 1974	Class of 1981	Class of 1990	Class of 2005
\$100	\$30	\$250	\$50
Class of 1975	Class of 1982	Class of 1992	Anonymous
\$50	\$1265	\$150	Alumni
Class of 1976	Class of 1984	Class of 1995	Donations
\$25	\$289	\$1	\$2405
Class of 1977 \$25	Class of 1985 \$155	Class of 1996 \$50	your support make all the difference. make your gift online tod

Legacy Night 2017 Unveils Classroom Dedication Projects

On April 26, 2017, the Development Office unveiled more than thirty targeted projects to the SEES community. These projects, designed by our teachers and staff, offer donors a way to support our faculty with an immediate, tangible return on their investment. We are excited to share that twelve of these projects have been completely or partially funded, and teacher's wish lists are already being fulfilled. If you or someone you know may have an interest in funding a classroom project and having a room dedicated in honor of someone special, please contact the Development Office at <u>development@seeschool.com</u>. A very special thank you to those families that have already sponsored a classroom wish list and we look forward to our first ribbon cutting ceremonies taking place this fall.

St. Nicholas Classroom

Mrs. Hoaq's Pre-Kindergarten Project Cost: \$3,730

St. Joseph Classroom Mrs. Fletcher's Kindergarten Project Cost: \$3,780

St. Valentine Classroom Mrs. Faherty's 2nd Grade Project Cost: \$5,000

St. Philomena Classroom Mrs. Cranston's 1st Grade Project Cost: \$4,400

St. Gemma Galgani Classroom Mrs. Eanes' MS English Project Cost: \$5,000

St. Madeleine Classroom Mrs. Gordon's 3rd Grade Project Cost: \$4,900

St. Teresa Classroom Mrs. Franklin's 3rd Grade Project Cost: \$4,680

St. Katherine Classroom Mrs. Gulledge's MS Social Studies Project Cost: \$5,110

> Santa Maria Classroom Mrs. Cox's MS Spanish Project Cost: \$3,950

Pope St. John Paul II Classroom Mrs. Long's 4th Grade Project Cost: \$4,930

St. Therese Classroom Mrs. Sturtevant's 1st Grade Project Cost: \$3,700

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St. Michael Classroom Mrs. Quay's MS Math Project Cost: \$5,300

St. Mary Classroom Mrs. Myers' Kindergarten Project Cost: \$4,700

St. Gabriel Classroom Mrs. McDonough's Speech Project Cost: \$5,000

St. Frances Xavier Classroom Mrs. Post's MS Math & Religion Project Cost: \$4,450

St. Patrick Classroom Mrs. Rock's Kindergarten Project Cost: \$4,700

St. Joan of Arc Classroom Mrs. Stackow's 5th Grade Project Cost: \$5,252

St. Sebastian Classroom Mrs. Robinson's Physical Education Project Cost: \$2,700

> St. Isidore Classroom Mrs. Young's Enrichment Project Cost: \$4,900

St. Cecelia Classroom Mrs. Kelley's Music Project Cost: \$2,700

St. Francis of Assisi Classroom Mrs. Morgan's Pre-Kindergarten Project Cost: \$4,530

> St. Kateri Classroom Mr. Maher's 5th Grade Project Cost: \$4,950

St. Catherine Classroom Mrs. Brinser's Fine Art Project Cost: \$2,700

St. Blaise Classroom Mrs. Asher's 2nd Grade Project Cost: \$3,730

St. Jerome Classroom Dr. Chalkley's Media Center Project Cost: \$4,950

St. Albert the Great Classroom Mrs. Clark's MS Science Project Cost: \$4,900

St. Elizabeth Classroom Mrs. Callahan's 4th Grade Project Cost: \$4,400

St. Jude Classroom Mrs. Consuegra & Mrs. Campo Project Cost: \$4,900

St. Dymphna Classroom Mr. Burgess' Classroom Project Cost: \$2,700 **OTHER PROJECTS:** Don Lemay Lounge &

Parent Welcome Center Estimated Cost: \$64,900

St. John Cantius Faculty Room Estimated Cost: \$7,700

Father Herbert Hall contact Development office for additional information



:indicates project that has been completely or partially funded

congratulations to the Class of # 2017

Jordan Cash Allen Midlothian High School

Tristan Edward Argel Cosby High School

Vincent Joseph Benedetti Midlothian High School International Baccalaureate

Madison Mae Campo Clover Hill High School Math & Science Specialty Center

Maria Bridget Carpinelli Monacan High School *Center for the Humanities*

Theresa Rose Carpinelli Monacan High School Center for the Humanities

John Loehr Carreras Benedictine College Preparatory School

> Janet Shanelle Chatani Monacan High School

Christopher John Cosby James River High School Leadership and Intl. Relations

Damian Lawrence Covington Jr. Trinity Episcopal School

Evan Michael DeLoria Benedictine College Preparatory School

Traylor Alexander DuVal Douglas S. Freeman High School

> **Daniel Steven Eliasek** Trinity Episcopal School

Sophia Frances Farascioni St. Gertrude High School

Hannah Rachel Fischer Midlothian High School International Baccalaureate

Margaret Sue Fluharty Cosby High School



Monacan High School Health and Physical Therapy Program

Max Thomas Forbes Benedictine College Preparatory School

> **Rachel Morgan Graves** St. Gertrude High School

Sophia Katherine Graziano James River High School

Madeline Marie Guidon St. Gertrude High School

Rachel Marie Jones St. Gertrude High School

Brendan Cummings Kelley Trinity Episcopal School

John Henry Kiefer Benedictine College Preparatory School

> **Madeline Grace Luton** Midlothian High School

William McDermott Lynch Douglas S. Freeman High School

Lena Carolyn Pratt McLane Midlothian High School

Midlothian High School

Douglas S. Freeman High School

James River High School

Geane Ashley Tia Miranda Cosby High School Governor's Health & Science Academy

Peter Kieran Morley

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Caroline Ainsley Patterson Monacan High School Health and Physical Therapy Program

> **Catherine Elizabeth Pilot** St. Gertrude High School

Morgan MacEllyn Post Powhatan High School Advanced College Academy

Danielle Katherine Prohaska Monacan High School Center for the Humanities

> Samantha Scout Rea Powhatan High School

Victoria Elizabeth Reeves Clover Hill High School

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Paige Elizabeth Simon St. Gertrude High School

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Tatum Marie Walsh St. Catherine's School

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Allie Marie Meiller

William Harrison Melton

James River High School