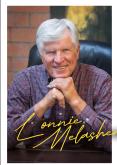
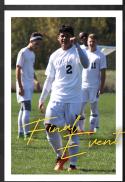


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Your Alumni Weekend at a Glance

Friday Morning, April 19 9:00 am HVA Golf Event at Black Rock Register here

Friday Evening, April 19
7:30 pm Vespers at HVC SDA Church Led by 10th year Honor Class

Sabbath Morning, April 20
Sabbath School and Church at the Byram Gym
led by the 25th and 50th year Honor Classes
10:00 am Sabbath School
10:45 am Special Presentations and Roll Call
11:00 am Divine Service, with Lonnie Melashenko '64, Speaker

Saturday Night, *April 20* 8:30 pm Basketball Games

Sunday Morning, April 21
9:00 am Barr Cafe – Alumni Breakfast
11:00 am Soccer Games



Students attend The Hague International Model United Nations

by **April Lutz,** HVA History Teacher

In January, 10 Chesapeake Conference students traveled to The Netherlands to attend The Hague International Model United Nations (THIMUN) for the second consecutive year. Facilitated by Jonathan Scriven, associate director of the Honors College at Washington Adventist University, and sponsored by the Columbia Union, students from Atholton, Spencerville, and Highland View academies represented the nations of Samoa and Lithuania at one of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious model UN conferences in the world.

Joined by several students from other Columbia Union academies, they wrote, debated, amended, and voted on resolutions dealing with some of the most pressing global issues facing the world today. Over 3,000 students converged on the "City of Peace" and took over eve- ry space of the World Forum, where they heard keynote speeches from the Mayor of The Hague, the first Latino Registrar of the International Criminal Court, and a leading defense attorney for the International Court of Justice before spending four days in heated debate in their respective committees. Students marveled at the experience of interacting with student delegates from all over the world, connecting with them through their deep debates, learning new perspectives, and the joy of experiencing a new country and culture.

In addition to the conference itself, the group also had the opportunity to visit Amsterdam, spend time reflecting in the Anne Frank House, eat local cuisine, and explore the city. Finally, the students spent their last day fellowshipping with the local Adventist church in The Hague. The Youth Department of the British Union was also in attendance, and everyone spent the afternoon getting to know one another over a potluck meal before heading to the beach for bowling and traditional Dutch pancakes. Every student came home feeling blessed to have been a part of such an amazing experience and bursting with stories to share with their family and friends.



YOUR HUA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The hope of the alumni and development office is that you are willing to share your talents to help current alumni, current students, current faculty and staff, and overall school by sharing your talents. Opportunities include the following:

- Email our principal, Rob Gettys, at <u>rgettys@highlandviewacademy.com</u> if you are interested in helping out students learn more about your career field by coming and speaking during one of our HVA Career Assemblies.
- Choose as a class to help fundraise for specific ongoing school projects—like updating the soccer field with needed renovations, student scholarships, or sponsor a classroom in school supply needs.
- Offer to orientate and help new alumni feel at home in their new college or university town if you live close by. Contact us at the alumni office via a phone or by sending an email to alumni@highlandviewacademy.com.
- Join the STEM-fest or Humanities and Arts Fairs at HVA as experts in your field. Contact the STEM coordinator Colleen Lay or April Lutz, History Department Chair for details.

1949 LEGACY SOCIETY AT HUA

Have you considered giving a gift to Highland View Academy through your IRA, your estate plans or through your will? If you do you may consider joining the growing **1949 Legacy Society.**Estate gifts may include

- 1. Wills and Revocable Trusts add a line to your will to remember HVA.
- 2. Real Estate Gift a portion or all of your real estate to HVA.
- 3. Life Insurance Name Highland View Academy as a beneficiary or assign the policy to HVA to help reduce estate taxes.
- 4. IRAs Giving to HVA through your individual retirement accounts can reduce the amount due in estate taxes and leave more in your estate.
- 5. Other estate gifts may include Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts or Charitable Lead Trusts, etc. These should be given after consultation with your attorney and tax advisor. You may also contact your local conference Trust

ALUMNI UPDATES

Keith D. Simms '78 recently retired after 22 years of working the U.S. Army. He states he is now working at the Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC.

Jennifer Harvey '14 states that she is currently working as an internal communications specialist for GIANT/MARTINS stores in Carlisle, PA.



Michele McCarthy '74 shared that she moved to western North Carolina in 2022 after spending 34 years in the Bay Area of California.

Kelly Butler Coe ' 94 was recently elected as the new Vice President for Communication at the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She met her husband, Michael '93 at HVA when they were students. They reside in Maryland.





We lost **Dan Lindow,** former staff on September 21, 2023 after a long illness. He leaves a legacy of 40 years of service at HVA. He will be missed.



YOUR ALIAMNI TALENTS





We need your help in finding passionate people who would serve as alumni officers and board members to help with alumni events.

Send your nominations to: alumni@highlandviewacademy.com





As each of you reflects on your journey through school at HVA, may you strive to embody the values that were instilled here. Values like, loving unconditionally, serving tirelessly, and walking with unwavering faith. In a world that often feels uncertain, your commitment to these principles becomes a beacon of light, guiding others towards Truth and compassion.

I hope that as you continue to share these treasured truths in the communities in which you live that you will not forget the importance of staying connected - to each other, to our school, and most importantly, to our faith.

As part of the HVA family, let us continue to strive to place our trust daily in Jesus. He is faithful to lead us and to empower us to accomplish far greater things than we could ever imagine. As Proverbs 3:5 & 6 says, may we "trust in the Lord with all of our hearts and lean not on our own understanding in all our ways, acknowledge Him and He WILL direct our paths."

Please keep our school in your prayers. Pray that our current students will choose to love and serve Jesus, until he comes.

In His service, Rob Gettys







This year's Tartan 5K was held on Mar 3, 2024 on the HVA campus. We had 28 runners/walkers participate in the run beginning at 9 am in front of Byram Gym. This is an increase of 60% more participants from last year's run. Alumni, community members, and current HVA students joined in this timed race-attempting to beat their prior year's times.

Thanks go to the Title Sponsor, Dennison Plumbing & Heating, Inc. and Business Sponsor, Potomac Dental Centre. Both are alumni-run businesses. In addition, we had gift cards from the ELM Shoes, HVA ABC, and Antiox, a local juice bar and physical therapy appointments business.

With donations from race participants, Tartan registrations, and sponsorships over **\$5000** has been given in to support Worthy



Students Scholarships and other academics and sports programs.

As we receive more photos from the race - we will share them on the HVA-Alumni page of the school website. An alumni coordination team for future Tartan 5Ks is being started including alumni and interested friends. For more information and to volunteer, please contact the HVA alumni development office.

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Honor Classes: 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019.