Welcome

Presentation of Awards

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards

Tyler C. Ambrose
Maeve C. Curtin
Sabatha A. Enoch

Seven Society Awards

Louis A. Onesty Memorial Scholar-Athlete Awards

Heather Connelly
Mary G. Long

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Haley Fauntleroy
Lauren Moses
James Earle Sargeant Award

Tuff Armenia Project

Class of 2018 Awards

Class Award for Community Service

Paola Sánchez Valdez

Class Award for Cultural Fluency

Maeve C. Curtin

Miss Kathy Award

Sarah E. Brotman

The Society of the Purple Shadows’ Award

Gordon F. Rainey, Jr. Award for Vigilance to the Student Experience

Allen W. Gomes

Presentation of the Class Gift

Adib H. Choudhury and Mary G. Long

Acceptance of the Class Gift

Teresa A. Sullivan

Presentation of Special Appreciation

Diane E. D’Costa

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Erik J. Roberts

2018 Valedictory Address

Chris H. Long

Farewell Remarks

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The Lawn
May 18, 2018
3:00 p.m.

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Chris Long

Chris Long is a defensive lineman for the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

Long has used his outstanding professional football career as a platform to advance charitable causes, including wider access to education in the U.S. and safe water sources in Africa.

Long grew up in Charlottesville and attended St. Anne's-Belfield School. He had an excellent football career as a defensive end at the University of Virginia, where he studied sociology.

In his final college season, Long was a consensus All-American, was voted Atlantic Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and earned the Bill Dudley Award as the best college football player in Virginia.

The St. Louis Rams selected Long with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2008 NFL draft. He played for eight seasons with the Rams. Long signed a one-year contract with the New England Patriots in 2016 and helped them win a Super Bowl championship. He signed with the Philadelphia Eagles last season — and again helped his team earn a championship.

Early last season, the Chris Long Foundation, working with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Virginia, announced that Long would donate his first six game checks to fund two seven-year scholarships for underprivileged youth from the Charlottesville area at St. Anne's-Belfield School. Later in the season, he donated his 10 remaining game checks to organizations supporting educational equity and opportunity in the three cities where he had played professionally: St. Louis, Boston, and Philadelphia.

In 2015, Long launched the Waterboys Initiative, raising money and recruiting fellow NFL players to support the installation of deep-borehole wells to bring clean drinking water to communities in East Africa. Long's initial goal was to build 32 clean water wells — to represent the 32 NFL teams — each costing $45,000 and supplying water for up to 7,500 people. Waterboys achieved that goal in February 2018 and has since expanded its goal to provide water to one million people in need.