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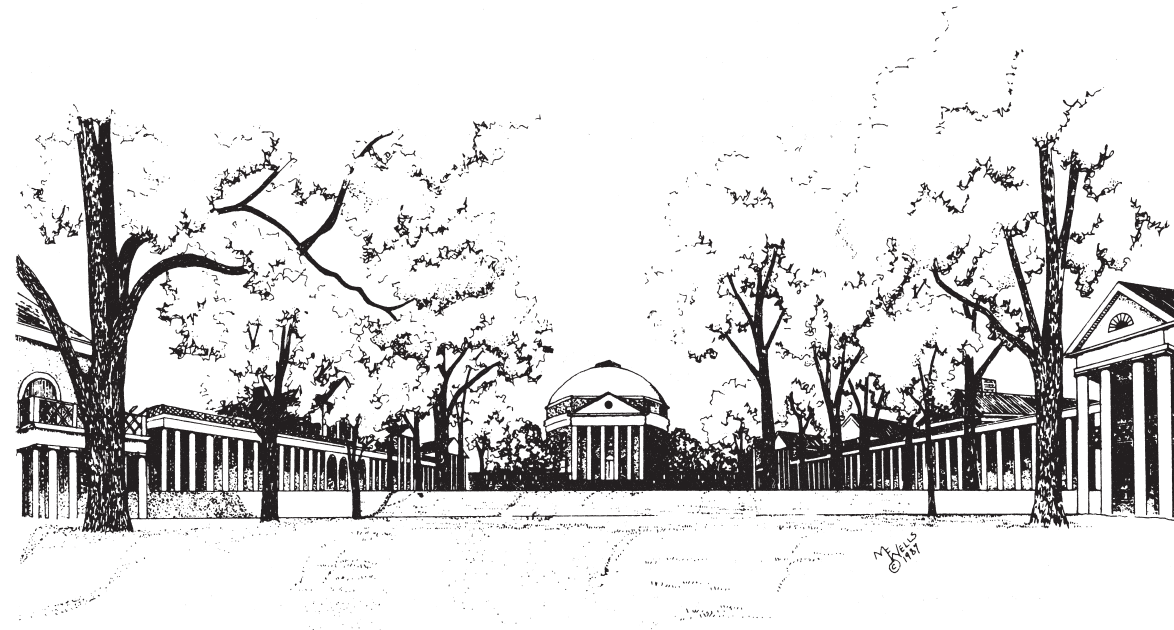
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VALEDICTORY EXERCISES

John Paul Jones Arena

May 20, 2022

3:00 p.m.

The Class of 2022 would like to remember
the following members of our class:

Robert A. Eriksson (1996 - 2015)
Michael F. K. Hammaker (2001 - 2021)

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Ralph L. Sampson Jr.

Ralph Sampson Jr. is arguably the most heavily recruited college basketball prospect of his generation. He appeared on the cover of *Sports Illustrated* magazine six times in a span of less than four years. A 7-foot-4 phenom, he was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2012.

Playing center, Mr. Sampson led the Cavaliers to an NIT title in 1980, an NCAA Final Four appearance in 1981 and an NCAA Elite Eight appearance in 1983, losing a nail biter to eventual national champion, N.C. State. He earned three Naismith Awards as the National Player of the Year, only the second athlete to do so, and a pair of Wooden Awards. Known almost as much for his unselfish team play as he was for his outstanding athletic ability, Mr. Sampson nonetheless finished as Virginia's third all-time leading scorer (currently fourth with 2,228 points) and holds UVA career records for total rebounds (1,511), most field goals made (899), and most blocked shots (462). Drafted by the Houston Rockets as the No. 1 overall pick in the 1983 NBA draft, he was named NBA Rookie of the Year. He was a five-time NBA All-Star and MVP of the 1985 All-Star game. Injuries eventually ended his professional career.

In 2002, Mr. Sampson was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference 50th Anniversary Men's Basketball Team, a position that honored him as one of the 50 best basketball players in the history of the ACC.

He founded The Sampson Group, a consulting firm, in 2005. In 2006, he created the Winner's Circle Community, an online community dedicated to providing a forum for open and informed communication. That same year, he also founded the Winner's Circle Foundation, an organization to help young athletes achieve success. In addition, his Sampson Family Foundation includes the Sampson Basketball Academy.

Based on the motto, "It takes teamwork to make a dream work," these organizations are devoted to motivational speaking, business development, and the support and mentoring of youth in education, career and social impact development.

Mr. Sampson has credited his small-town upbringing in Harrisonburg, as well as the love and support of his parents and high school basketball coach, for his success today.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Emma D. Sisk
Trustee, Class of 2022

Presentation of Awards

Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards

*Yaa Awusi-Sarkodie
Domenick E. Bailey
Michael Gerard Mason*

Chloe G. Leon
*Student Member,
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award Committee*

Seven Society Awards

Louis A. Onesty Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award
Milla I. Ciprian

Soumil S. Madhiwala
Trustee, Class of 2022

James Earle Sargeant Award
History of Enslaved African American Laborers (HEAAL)

Class of 2022 Awards

Class Award for Community Service
Devin E. Gardner

Eric S. Wan
Trustee, Class of 2022

Class Award for Cultural Fluency
Elizabeth V. Aramayo

The Spirit of the Wahoo Award
Emily R. Moore

The Society of the Purple Shadows' Award

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

Robyn Hadley
*Vice President
and Chief Student Affairs Officer*

Presentation of the Class Gift

Jonathan A. Laredo and Jane C. Pethokoukis
Class Giving Committee Co-Chairs, Class of 2022

Acceptance of the Class Gift

James E. Ryan
President, University of Virginia

Presentation of Special Appreciation

Emma C. Keller
Vice President, Class of 2022

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Chesley N. Strickler
Graduation Committee Chair, Class of 2022

2022 Valedictory Address

Ralph L. Sampson Jr.
*UVA Alumnus ('83), Three-Time College Basketball Player
of the Year, NBA Hall of Famer, Business Owner*

Farewell Remarks

Chloe C. Lyda
President, Class of 2022