

## PROGRAM

### Welcome

Cory T. Line  
*Member, Class of 2008*

### Presentation of Awards

#### **Presenters**

#### **Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards**

James Dean Erickson  
Wallace Gibb Gundy  
Brian G. Balogh

Laurie Casteen  
Sylvia V. Terry  
F. Aaron Laushway  
Julie I. Caruccio

#### **Seven Society Awards**

Louis A. Onesty Memorial Scholar-Athlete Award  
*Stephanie Lynn Glover*

Elio Jordán-King

James Earle Sargeant Award  
*Sexual Assault Peer Advocacy (SAPA)*

Theodore P. Canaras

#### **Class of 2008 Awards**

Class Award for Community Service  
*Brandon Chapman Cline*

Catherine Anne Daley

Class Award for Cultural Fluency  
*Ryan Leighton McElveen*

Class Award for The Road Less Traveled  
*Michael Steven Esbach*

**Gordon F. Rainey, Jr. Award for Vigilance  
to the Student Experience**  
*Patricia M. Lampkin*

Alexander G. Gilliam, Jr.

### Presentation of the Class Gift

John T. Mongan, Jr. & Alexandra C. Chagares  
*Class Giving Committee Co-Chairs, Class of 2008*

### Acceptance of the Class Gift

John T. Casteen III  
*President, University of Virginia*

### Presentation of Special Appreciation

Wallace G. Gundy  
*Graduation Committee Chair, Class of 2008*

### 2008 Valedictory Address

Introduced by Laura E. Hussey  
*Vice President, Class of 2008*

**SHEILA JOHNSON**

### Farewell Remarks

Christine M. Devlin  
*President, Class of 2008*

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## VALEDICTORY EXERCISES

The Lawn  
May 17, 2008  
Eleven o'clock

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The Class of 2008 would like to remember  
the following member of our class:

*Brittany Erin McGrath* (1985 – 2008)



### Sheila Johnson

Sheila Johnson is a successful businesswoman and entrepreneur who has worked in the hospitality industry, professional sports, television, and film. As CEO of Salamander Hospitality, LLC, a company she founded in 2005, Ms. Johnson manages a portfolio of luxury properties and lifestyle businesses including Market Salamander in Middleburg, Virginia and Palm Beach, Florida; Woodlands Resort & Inn in Summerville, South Carolina; Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Florida; and the forthcoming Salamander Resort & Spa being developed near Middleburg, Virginia. As president and managing partner of the WNBA's Washington Mystics and a partner in Lincoln Holdings, LLC, Ms. Johnson is the first woman to have a stake in three professional sports teams, including the NBA's Washington Wizards and the NHL's Washington Capitals. Ms. Johnson is an ambassador for CARE.

In 2006, Ms. Johnson pledged \$5 million to the Curry School of Education to establish the Sheila C. Johnson Center for Human Services. The Center supports the Curry School's outreach efforts, which serve more than 7,500 children, adults, and families each year.

Ms. Johnson received a bachelor of arts in music from the University of Illinois. She holds honorary degrees from numerous other institutions.



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