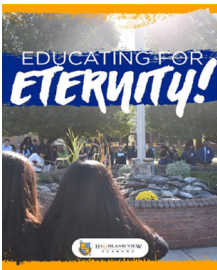




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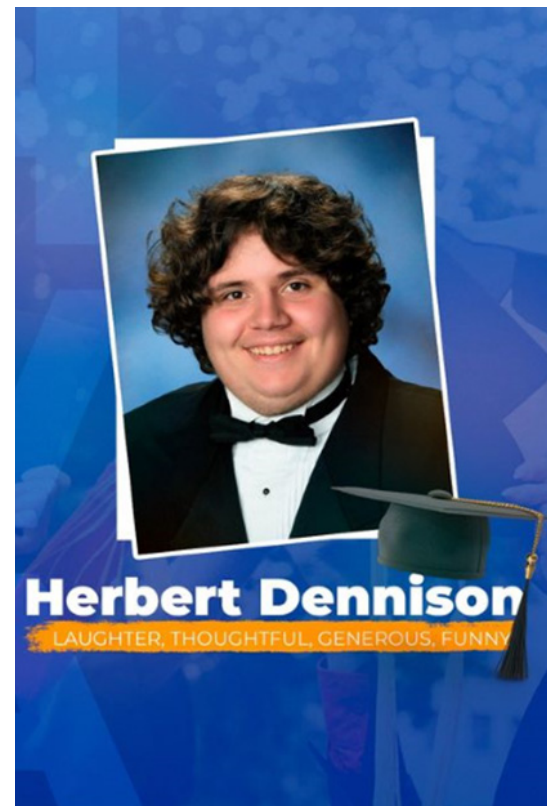
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## Alumni Spotlight



**Herbert Dennison III '96** is actively involved as an alumni volunteer serving as a Tartan 5K helper and sponsor while also being a current school board member. His family are also active HVA alumni. His son, Herbert Dennison IV '23, graduated this year. His nephews Adam '21 and Joel Brown '22 and his sister, Angie Brown '93, graduated from HVA. The legacy continues with his son AJ '26, now attending the academy.

His life continues to be busy by keeping up with his teenage sons and daughter. Whether it is working hard in his plumbing business, advising us of the best practices in his field, volunteering with a positive attitude, playing trombone in the HVA band, being an assistant coach for the boys and girls soccer teams, or speaking for our Alumni Weekend vespers—he demonstrates a love for all things Tartan. His Instagram page says it all:

'Working for God one job at a time!!!!'

We thank him for sharing his talents for HVA.

# Your HVA News

At HVA, service is ingrained in our curriculum as we embrace the belief that Christ has called us to be His hands and feet on earth. Consequently, our students actively engage in service projects each year. During the most recent week of service, our students had the opportunity to participate in a diverse range of impactful projects, benefiting our local, national, and international communities. On campus, half of the student body dedicated their efforts to supporting the local Hagerstown community. Collaborating with ACTS9, Faith Step, and CIRCLES Washington County, our students stocked food pantries, diligently organized and cleaned these spaces, enhancing the efficiency of community programs.

Meanwhile, our Aerials Acro Team journeyed to Mt. Pisgah Academy, where they facilitated an inspirational week of prayer and served the neighboring community of Candler, North Carolina.

Internationally our students served in Santiago, Chile. While there HVA partnered with our sister school, John Andrews Academy, in La Reina. Together, they renovated homes for retired individuals and carried out essential landscaping projects for area schools.

Throughout this transformative week, the collective effort of our students and staff unified them in their dedication to serving others, fostering a truly life-changing experience for all involved.



## 1949 Legacy Society at HVA

Have you considered giving a gift to Highland View Academy through your IRA, your estate plans or through your will? Please 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 Services Department.

# Your Alumni News

## Tartan Congratulations....

**Kayla (Miller) Christensen '16** married Kirk Christensen on Sept. 3, 2022. They have settled in Frederica, Delaware where Kayla is working as a Nurse. We wish them the best as they navigate the future years.

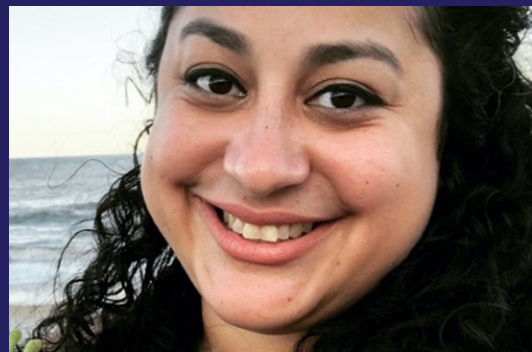


Several Tartan Alumni have served as faculty and staff at Highland View Academy. Current faculty include English teacher Megan Mason '04, Kenji Nomura '10 and Kristen Steed '20. Former faculty include Amanda Corea '07, Marci Corea '12, Jennifer (Minner) Payne '94 and Jesse Benton '97.

What other HVA alumni have you encountered who have served as faculty/staff? Email us at [alumni@highlandviewacademy.com](mailto:alumni@highlandviewacademy.com).

**What other news can you share about how your life is going and how you will connect with your fellow alumni? Share your news or your update at <https://hva-edu.com/alumni/>**

## Class of 2023 President.



## 5 ways

To be a Tartan alumni volunteer

1. Be a class agent for your class—connecting with them each year to attend alumni events.

2. Be willing to be a mentor to current HVA students and young alumni

3. Step up and volunteer to be an alumni officer—making a difference to all alumni!

4. Network with fellow alumni from your class and others in your state or country. Contact us for more info!

5. Join the Alumni Facebook Group—<https://m.facebook.com/groups/hvaalumni/>



# Class of 2023

## HVA CLASS OF 2023



Katie  
Alas



Gugi  
Ankunda



Kiara  
Banuag



Hannah  
Belliveau



Alex  
Cruz



Herbert  
Dennison IV



Carlos  
Funes-Rodriguez



Brandon  
Herd



Julie  
Herter



Malcolm  
Kilby



Brendan  
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Sam  
Machado



Victoria  
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Sophia  
Marquez



Mario  
Moya



Davian  
Neverson



Ogechukwu  
Okereke



Nate  
Perry



Joshua  
Roberts



Kimarry  
Wright

## Your HVA Volunteer Opportunities

The hope of the alumni and development office is that you will choose to share your talents to help current alumni, students, faculty and staff. Opportunities include, but are not limited to the following:

- ➔ Email our principal, Rob Gettys, at [rgettys@highlandviewacademy.com](mailto:rgettys@highlandviewacademy.com) 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, improving the outdated transportation fleet, 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 phone or by sending an email to [alumni@highlandviewacademy.com](mailto:alumni@highlandviewacademy.com).
- ➔ Join the STEMfest or Humanities and Arts Fairs at HVA as experts in your field. Contact the STEM coordinator Colleen Lay or April Lutz, History Dept. Chair for details.

## Time & Talent: A HVA Legacy

Much of life is spent trying to increase talent and to use that talent to increase treasure. I hope that during your time at HVA you were able to acquire, hone, develop, increase, build upon, you get the point, your talent. After all, school is really designed to help young people further understand who they are and figure out what some of their interests and talents are.



Our goal at HVA is to help each young person develop their talents for this world and the world to come. As our mission states, we want to inspire and mentor our students to excel in everything that Christ calls them to do.

I would love to hear from you! I know that many of you have stories that would be a blessing to our staff and students to hear and to know of. Please send me an email [rgettys@highlandviewacademy.com](mailto:rgettys@highlandviewacademy.com), call the school and ask for me (301)739-8480 ext. 229 or drop by and tell me about your story and how God has led in your life and maybe even what you have been doing with your talent for His glory.

After finishing my first year at HVA I realize that we have a lot of rebuilding of relationships to do with you, our Alumni. Please know that our school needs you. We need to have that connection with former students and families so that our current students can see what it means to be an active and involved Alumnus of HVA and that they will always be a part of the HVA family.

I am very grateful for those alumni who are already investing their time and talent at HVA and are currently being a huge blessing to our students. You are appreciated!

I am hoping that many of you who we haven't seen or heard from in a while will reconnect with us and share your talent and some of your time with us. Undoubtedly, as we work together it will make the current model of HVA even better.

Maranatha,

Rob Gettys

**Thank you to the following leaders who  
have served for 2 years or more!**

**2021-2023 Alumni Board Officers:**

Marci Corea '12, President  
Jennifer (Minner) Payne '94, Vice President  
J. Monte Benton '96, Vice President  
Kim (Coleman) Pierce, '85 Secretary  
Charlie Eklund, '91 Treasurer  
Janice (Piteira) Prado, '01 Member-at-Large

We had 16 runners register to run this year and they had a great time running in the shadow of Black Rock and on the campus of HVA. HVA Alumni Allen Hoffman '93 and HVA Freshman Karen Valeria Gomez both came in under 30 minutes for this annual alumni 5K.

With sponsorships and donations over \$2820 was given to help support Worthy Student Scholarships!

Get ready for the Tartan 5K Run this fall: It will be hosted at HVA on Sunday, October 1st at 9am.



With 15 teams of 4 golfers each, the HVA Golf Open included great fun, great comradery and some healthy competition from getting nearest to the hole or seeking to get the \$25,000 hole in one prize along the way. Everyone had a great time this year.



Organized by Marshall Horman '93 and Andy Nichols '93 along with other volunteers, the day was bright and sunny as each team sought to come in with the lowest team score.

A full \$13,500 was raised in sponsorships and donations during the tournament, which after expenses will allow more students to be at HVA in the years to come.



Thank you for showing up to play golf and truly share your Tartan Spirit!



# Your HVA Alumni Weekend 2023



Photos by Austin Gomez, HVA Girls' Dean, and HVA student photographers.

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1989, 1994, **1999**, 2004, 2009, **2014**, 2019.

**Save Your Alumni Weekend Date!**

