

July 9, 2021 • Greetings from the Hilltop

Welcome to the families of all our new students, who are receiving the Greetings from the Hilltop newsletter for the first time today! The newsletter is sent on the second Friday of every month to our entire St. George's community.

Passing the baton to the new board chair



This month we welcome Dana Schmaltz '85, P'17, P'20 to his new leadership role as the chair of the St. George's Board of Trustees. Dana officially took the reins on July 1. We also heartily thank Leslie B. Heaney '92, P'24, who tirelessly served the school as board chair since 2015. Dana was first elected to the Board in 2011 and has since served as treasurer, creating a long-term financial plan for the school that includes a disciplined approach to funding financial aid and deferred maintenance, while lowering our annual draw on the endowment. He is the founding partner of the private-equity firm Yellow Wood Partners in Boston.

A full interview with Dana, outlining his vision for St. George's, will be published in the fall alumni magazine.

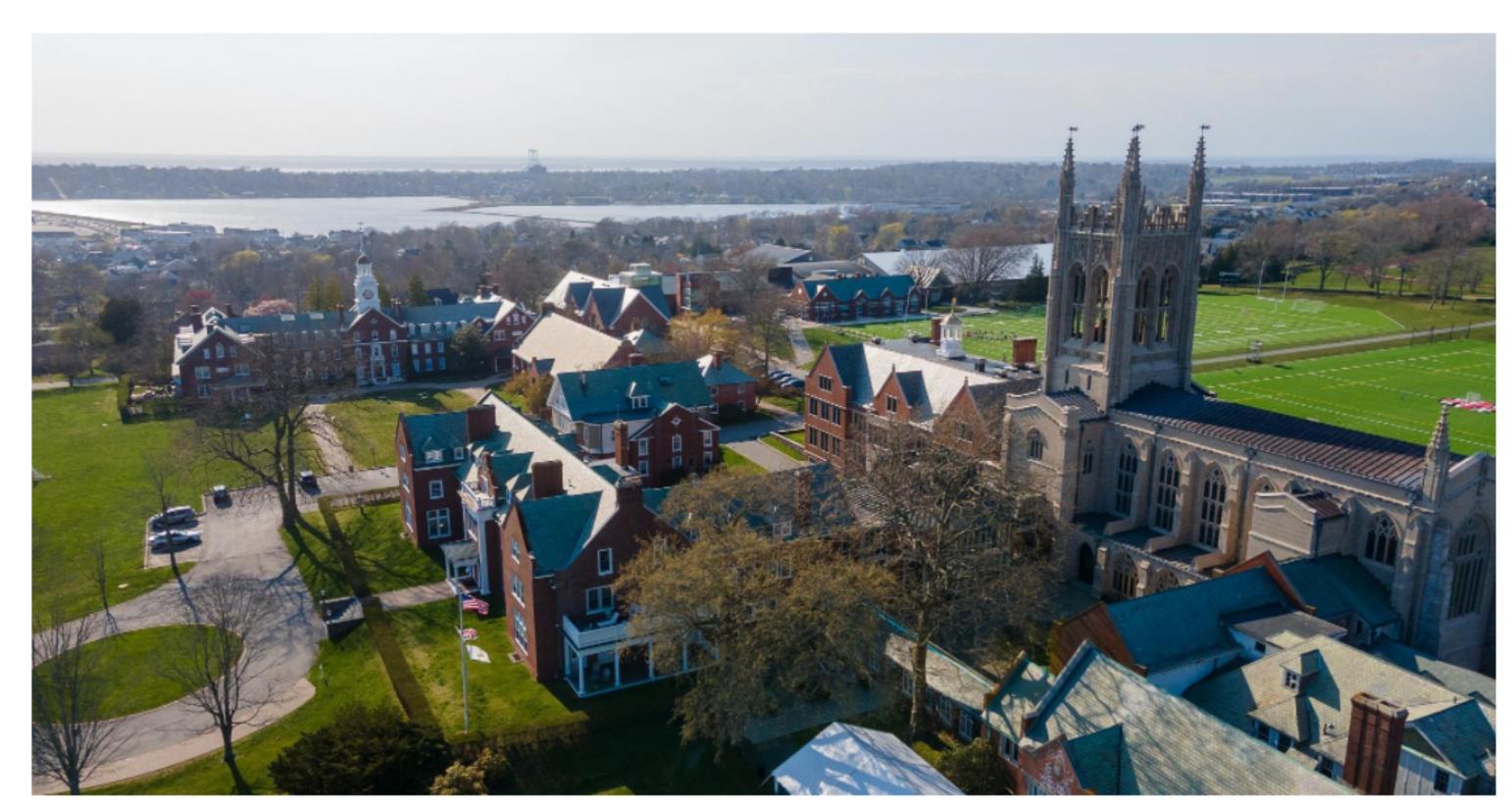
Main Drive Allée project underway



A comprehensive renovation of the landscape surrounding the Main Drive has begun and we are now preparing the site for 59 new native trees. We appreciate the overwhelming support of those in our community who have joined in on the project by donating one of the new Lindens and Princeton Elms that will be planted this fall. Read more about the project and find out how to "plant your legacy" here or contact Director of Advancement Jedd Whitlock. Just a few trees are left to donate!

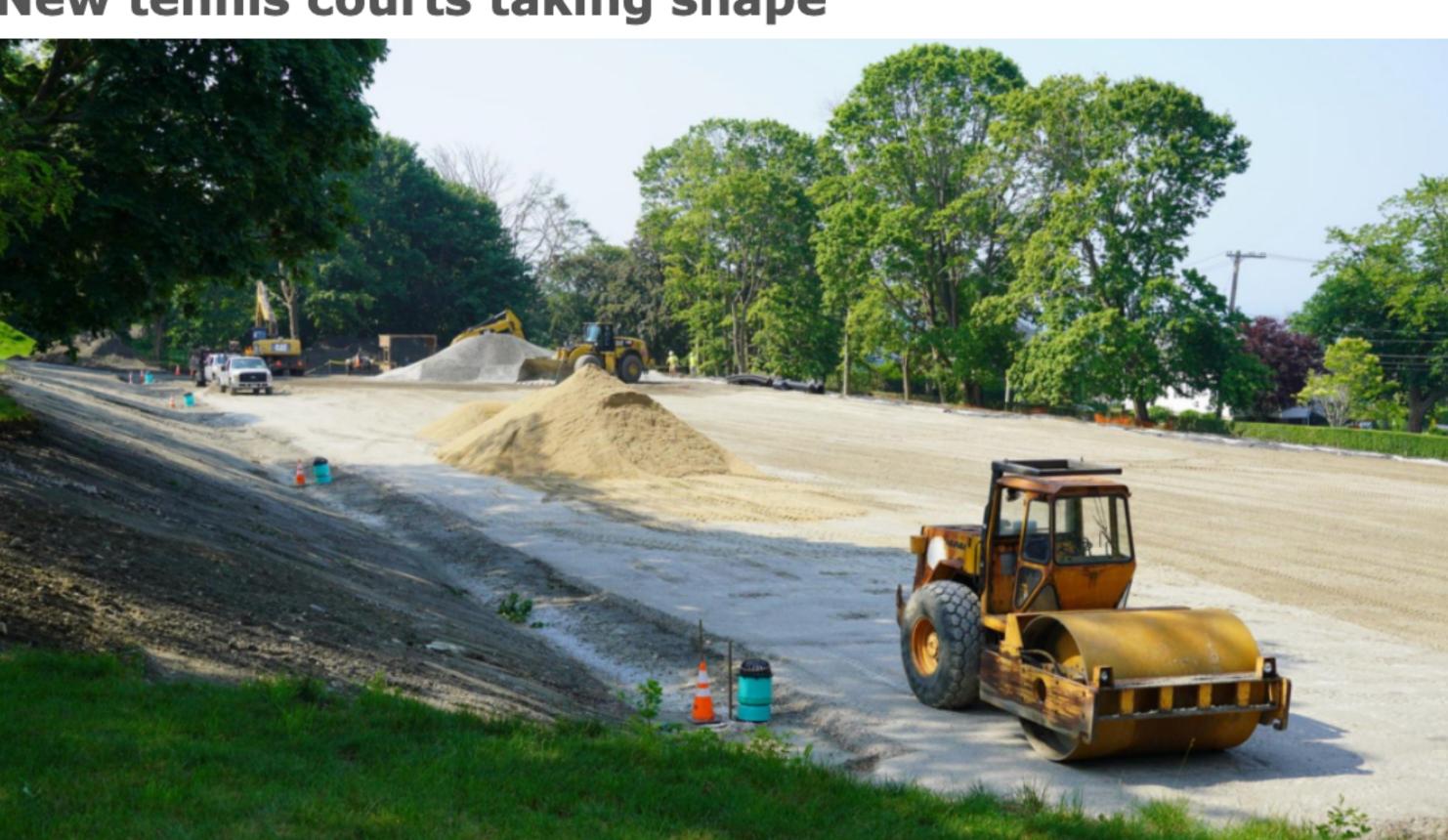
Gift A Tree

SG Fund reaches new record



Thank you to all those in our Dragon community who helped us attain yet another successful year of giving to the St. George's Fund. The end-of-theyear drive this spring helped us reach record-breaking heights in support of our students and faculty, raising over \$3.155 million! Your gifts truly make a difference and we're so grateful for your support.

New tennis courts taking shape



Steady progress continues on six new tennis courts along the west side of the Lower Drive. The courts will replace the courts now located alongside the Main Drive and across Purgatory Road. Construction, by J.G. Coffey Co., will continue throughout the summer.

Greco-Draco appreciation

Greek President Katerina Sakellaropoulou awarded the Commander of the Order of the Phoenix Medal to our very own Charles Williams '49 on Philhellenism Day this spring. President Sakellaropoulou highlighted Dr. Williams' contributions during his 31 years in Greece working on the archeological dig at Ancient Corinth, making him among the world's top archaeologists on ancient Greece. She also praised his love of present-day Greek customs, people, and rural life. Mr. Williams has done extensive charitable work and made many contributions to creating facilities for the archaeological finds in Ancient Corinth and for students, scientists, and researchers visiting Greece. You can read more <u>here</u>.

Geronimo sails along the East Coast



Students and recent graduates onboard Geronimo this summer have been traveling up the East Coast from Florida to Maine before returning to Rhode Island next month. Here, the current crew – Tucker Ballou '22, Tharaly Joseph '22, Nathan An '21, Nicole Richards '24, William Wilson '21, and Ethan Ma '21 - are pictured in Georgia with St. Catherine's Island behind them. You can read all about the trip in the <u>Captain's Log</u>.

College sailor places with Tufts

Hats off to sailor Celia Byrne '20, who came in seventh place with Tufts University at the 2021 Team Racing Nationals last month. She was the only freshman on the team!

Upcoming Alumni Events

- Hilltop Summer Reception with Head of School Alixe Callen: Tuesday, July 27, 6-8 p.m., Memorial Schoolhouse
- Alumni Regatta: Sunday, Oct. 10; registration opens Aug. 1
- 125th Celebration: Friday, May 13-Sunday, May 15, 2022



