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Good-bye Senior Tutors!

Graduation is nearing, and the Center for Learning Excellence is saying goodbye to ten great tutors. They are all going on to new, exciting things.

Alli Crandall: Alli is hovering in Roanoke for the summer, then going on grand explorations wherever her heart may take her. Of course, her heart will take her into a German language class, as well as some intense post-modern philosophy. Then it will be on to graduate school for many years, where she hopes to solve a bit of her bipolar academic lifestyle. Alli will miss working in the same building where she lives, and she will miss QR Tutor parties/pigs/SUMS Math Conference.

Warm Wishes for Alli:

For your sanity, I hope you don't really plan on being in school for 16 years! Good luck with your future!

-Allyson Stephens

Memories of Alli:

Lunchbox = Love.

-Alexandra Smallpage

If Alli were a mathematical idea, she would be:

Alli would be a plus sign, because Alli always has a positive attitude.

-Caroline Walz

If Alli were a mathematical function she would be that which describes fractals. I don't really know why. Maybe because she has finely detailed structure under high magnification.

-Robin Mizell

To me, Alli represents ∞

-Mrs. M

Lindsay Little: In the fall, Lindsay will be attending Vanderbilt Divinity School to pursue a Masters of Divinity. She is not yet sure what she will do with this degree, but she looks forward to continuing her study of religion at the graduate level.

Lindsay thinks the WC is always a place to find interesting, even bizarre, conversations. She will miss discussing far-ranging topics such as what type of dog tutors would be, the finer points of bower bird evolution, and of course astrology!

Warm Wishes for Lindsay: Have a fantastic time in grad school at Vanderbilt! I'm sure you will be very successful in whatever you choose to pursue.

-Megan Stolz

If Lindsay were a punctuation mark she would be: She would definitely be



a semi-colon; specific, deliberate and always on top of things, Lindsay could easily support two complete sentences.

-Paige Briddell

Memories of Lindsay:

I'm going to miss sporadically running into her on campus and getting into impromptu chats.

-Carmen Sambuco

Emily Frost:

Emily Frost is going to be attending the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in the fall. She is really excited, and a little bit nervous, to start the long process of becoming an equine, or possibly mixed large and small animal, veterinarian. She will miss her amazing friends, the fantastic traditions, the wonderful faculty who reside in Dana and the lovely coaches, athletic trainers, and barn managers at the gym and barn. She is grateful for the opportunities that were offered to her over

QR Center Hours

Monday: 9:00am-12:00pm

1:00pm-9:00pm

Tuesday: 9:00am-12:00pm

1:00pm-5:00pm

6:00pm-9:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am-12:00pm

1:00pm-9:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am-12:00pm

1:00pm-5:00pm

6:00pm-9:00pm

Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm

Sunday: 2:00pm-5:00pm

6:00pm-9:00pm

Open until Reading Day.
For tutoring during exam week,
contact Phyllis Mellinger at
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Writing Center Hours

Monday: 9 - 11 am

12 - 2:30 & 3 - 5 pm appt. only

6 - 9 pm

Tuesday: 10:30 am - 1 pm

3 - 4:30 pm

6 - 9 pm

Wednesday: 9 - 11 am

12 - 4:30 pm

4:30 - 9 pm appt. only

Thursday: 9 am - 12:30 pm

6 - 9 pm

Friday: 9 - 11 am appt. only

Sunday: 6 - 7 pm appt. only

7 - 9 pm

We are closed on Reading Day and will reopen until May 11. Check our website for hours.

Good-bye Seniors Continued

the past four years and the support that she got from her family, friends and faculty members. Tutoring gave her a chance to help others see that math isn't scary and she met people and had great times that she won't soon forget.

Warm Wishes for Emily:

Best of luck in all you do! Your sense of humor in meetings will be greatly missed!

-Mallory Potock

I wish you much success as you pursue your dreams at Penn.

-Mrs. M

Memories of Emily:

I'll miss seeing you around the theatre wearing a not-so-old-man wig! Good luck at Penn working with all those famous horses!

-Allyson Stephens

If Emily were a mathematical idea, she would be:

Emily would be a formula that combined math and science, like the Krebs Cycle.

-Abbie Fisher

Amy Grenier: Amy is going to move back to the DC Area with some friends, work a 9-5, take the GREs, learn to read and write French, read books that she's been meaning to read but hasn't had the time to since she entered college, learn Judo, knit, write letters, and apply to graduate school for the following fall. Plans are subject to change with little to no notice, rhyme, or reason.

One of her favorite memories from her time at the Writing Center is from her first semester working as a tutor and all the crazy conversations that were had at 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the QR tutors, Arden, and herself.

Warm Wishes for Amy:

Hooray for history majors making it in the real world!

-Paige Briddell

Best of luck in your pursuit of historical knowledge! Fly free like the wind.

-Megan Stolz

Memories of Amy:

I love getting into travel discussions with Amy, especially hearing about her semester abroad in Vietnam.

-Megan Stolz

Amy, we used to have some very interesting morning discussions that semester before you went abroad.

-Abbie Fisher

If Amy were a punctuation mark, she would be:

She would be an interrobang because she's the perfect blend of enthusiasm and curiosity.

-Carmen Sambuco

Robin Mizell: Robin has no idea what she is doing after graduation. She supposes she will get some sort of job in the chemistry field and maybe go to graduate school later on.

Warm Wishes for Robin:

The chemistry department won't be the same without you. I'll miss seeing all your colorful compounds hanging out in the lab. Good luck with your after-college plans!

-Allyson Stephens

I hope you name your kid after me.

-Fiona Zweib

Memories of Robin:

I like to remember how Robin kept me company in the seminar room when we were always ridiculously early to staff meetings.

-Caroline Walz

I will remember Robin playing games with my Grandson and our first Pi Day.

-Mrs. M

If Robin were a mathematical

idea, she would be:

Robin would be "Stalking the Riemann Hypothesis."

-Alexandra Smallpage

Denae LoBato:

This fall, Denae will be attending the University of Georgia as a first year veterinary student (and the token Delawarean). For any of you who did not see/hear the screaming and jumping or see the accompanying t-shirt, she is very excited! Denae is currently planning to focus on small animal medicine, and would eventually like to do research in small animal endocrinology as an internal medicine specialist. Wish her luck, and good luck to all the other seniors!

Denae has many fond memories of Hollins (many of them centered around the biology department, her bluebird research, the writing center, and her friends). Most of all she will miss the Hollins community, and especially, her very closest friends. As far as one of her amusing WC memories goes, Denae really liked that time that Amy referred to her as, "The voice of God," in the middle of one of her sessions. She also really liked meeting Ken Bruffee at the conference we went to this fall.

Warm Wishes for Denae:

Good luck in Georgia and don't let the heat get you down!

-Carmen Sambuco

Memories of Denae:

I loved taking the training class with Denae and hearing how she saw things in the reading. She's such a smart girl and she's so inquisitive (a great trait for a great research veterinarian).

-Megan Stolz

Real doctors really do practice on multiple species!

-Paige Briddell

If Denae were a punctuation mark, she would be:

Denae would be an exclamation point because she always seems super enthusiastic about everything.
-Megan Stolz

Leah Jackman:

Leah plans to get a job, probably in the DC area. She is in the interviewing process for GEICO right now. She will miss everything about Hollins (almost): The beautiful campus, the wonderful people, etc. She really enjoyed her tutoring experience. She thinks the best part about tutoring is feeling like you're really connecting with someone, and making a positive difference in their ability to understand mathematics.

Warm Wishes for Leah:

I hope all the competitiveness you put toward playing games at Mrs. M's follows you with your after-college plans. Good luck! You'll be missed!

-Allyson Stephens

Memories of Leah:

Do you still remember our discussion on which way to turn into driving back from the tutor party at Mrs. M's house last semester?!

-Wenti Du

I will think of you every time I make pear salad.

-Mrs. M

I'm going to miss those surprise balloons.

-Fiona Zweib

If Leah were a mathematical idea, she would be:

She would be an asymptote because when she is around, the fun never reaches a limit.

-Caroline Walz

Rachel McCarthy-James: In August 2008, Rachel will take on the position of Interim Coordinator of the Writing Center. Dean Allison Ridley will be taking over as Director after Marcy Trianosky's departure, but due to her busy schedule she will need help with the administration and day-to-day operations of the Writing Center, and

that's where Rachel comes in! She will continue to tutor while taking on these and other responsibilities including coordinating conference attendance, representing the Writing Center at admissions and new student events, and coordinating efforts between the Writing and the QR Center. Rachel is thrilled to be continuing her association with Hollins and the Writing Center - it's almost as exciting as graduation!

Just about every memory she has had of Hollins and the Writing Center has been positive and lovely. she could not possibly pick just one!

Warm Wishes for Rachel:

RMJ, you have such a creative mind and you have a passionate loyalty. I'm sure those two traits will bring you success in the future.

-Megan Stolz

Glad you're staying around to prevent WC anarchy!

-Paige Briddell

Memories of Rachel:

I loved the chat we had on the way to Marcy's Christmas party about the Rolling Stones.

-Carmen Sambuco

If Rachel were a punctuation mark, she would be:

RMJ would be a hyphen because she's a multitasker who works on a million things at once.

-Megan Stolz

Writtika Roy: Writtika will start medical school at the University of Mississippi. She will miss the freedom of intellect at Hollins wherever she goes. She will also miss the QR tutor meetings and playing board games at Mrs. M's house.

Warm Wishes for Writtika:

My best wishes to you as you continue your studies.

-Mrs. M

I hope you have a wonderful and exciting time at medical school.

-Caroline Walz

Always remember that Scorpios must stick together.

-Robin Mizzell

Memories of Writtika:

Your Indian dance was so awesome!

-Wenti Du

If Writtika were a mathematical idea, she would be:

Writtika would be some sort of rhythmically repeating trig function.

-Abbie Fisher

Christie Houser: Christie will be getting married and plans to live in Virginia Beach.

Warm Wishes for Christie:

Happy wedding!

-Alexandra Smallpage

I hope you frame my Pi Limerick someday.

-Robin Mizzell

Memories of Christie:

I'll miss your excitement and sense of humor! You were always so much fun to work with and meetings will not be the same without you! Best of luck! Miss you already!

-Mallory Potock

I'll remember Christie whenever I wear the QR tutor shirt that she designed.

-Mrs. M

If Christie were a mathematical idea, she would be:

Christie would be an integral, because she is sexy.

-Abbie Fisher

