

## A Sprinkling of Holiday Joy!



Dear Alumni,

At this time of year, it often feels like enchantment is in the air. People seem kinder, gatherings more jovial, and smiles brighter. It's a time when even just a dusting of snow inspires a bit of childlike wonder.

It's also a time when a curious university mascot can create some holiday magic, just by chance. . . .

I hope the holiday season brings you comfort, peace, and joy, and that the new year is filled with great happiness.

Sending warmth from my heart to yours,

Tracy



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### Great turnout for the Alumni Reception at the 2022 VMEA Conference!

On Nov. 17, we had a wonderful time at the alumni reception hosted during the 2022 Virginia Music Educators Association Conference.

Shenandoah alumni who attended the conference join each other for good conversation, food and drinks. Before the reception, they got to watch a performance from Shenandoah's Little Big Band.

We can't wait to see our music education alumni again at the conference in 2023.



### Alumni watched the Baltimore Ravens beat the Carolina Panthers!

Thank you to all the alumni who came out to Alumni Day at M&T Stadium with the Baltimore Ravens on Nov. 20.

Although it was cold, we enjoyed tailgating with you and watching the Ravens beat the Panthers with a 13-3 win.

We are excited to offer more discounted tickets opportunities like this in the future, and hopefully see another Ravens victory at next year's Alumni Day!

### A message from Anne Popp Lewis '92, '06, '11

Be the light.

It is a phrase I often responded with to my daughter when she was perplexed with a dilemma. Now as an adult she will remind me of the mantra I shared with her for so many years. However, it is not just a phrase I say, it is how I choose to live.

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### Meet the newest members of the Alumni Board of Directors!

At the fall meeting for the Alumni Board of Directors on Oct. 15, the board installed five new members, which are listed below.

- [Phillip R. Ayers '81](#)
- [Paul Battista '83](#)
- [Timothy G. Deitz '84](#)
- [Nathan L. Copeland, Jr. '85](#)
- [Jason W. Guy '11, '15](#)

We are happy to have these alumni on the board, and appreciate them volunteering their time to help the university and their fellow alumni.



### We are pleased to introduce our new Alumni Relations Coordinator, Ciarra Berry!

Ciarra is a 2022 Shenandoah University graduate, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in media and communication with a minor in business administration.

Before beginning her position in the Office of Alumni & Constituent Relations, she was a graduate assistant for the university's Campus Activities Network (CAN), a student run organization that provides programming to students on campus. In this position, she oversaw the students and planning of CAN events.



## Additional University & Alumni News



### Harambee Gospel Choir Reunion set for April 22, 2023

Were you a member of the Harambee Gospel Choir during your time as a student at Shenandoah? If you were, we hope that you will join past and current members for the Harambee Gospel Choir Reunion on April 22, 2023. There will be more information to follow in the new year. If you are interested in attending the event, please click "LEARN MORE HERE" below.

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### Shop Alumni-Owned Businesses for the Holidays

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If you are an alum who owns a business and wants to be included in the directory, visit <https://bit.ly/3Yekq11>.



### Duke '15 Promoted To Chief Operating Officer For APMP

BBA alumna and MBA student **Julia Duke '15** accepts leadership role at global proposal management organization.

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**Featured class news of the month:** **Ludwig Carrasco (C '99)** has been appointed the artistic director and principal conductor of the National Symphony Orchestra of Mexico. [READ MORE](#)

