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Happy Thanksgiving to you!

As we prepare for the upcoming break, I hope your holiday is full of family, friends, joy, and gratitude. We have so much to be thankful for at Rhodes this fall. We share some recent highlights below:

- We are absolutely thrilled that Mariam Khayata, a 2022 graduate of Rhodes, has been named a **Rhodes Scholar**, one of only 32 in the nation and one of only three this year from a liberal arts college. She will pursue a Master of Philosophy in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Oxford in England beginning in Oct. 2024. In the meantime, she is working at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as an education coordinator at St. Jude's fundraising arm. Mariam is from Memphis and chose to make Rhodes her college home, thanks to a scholarship provided by the Clarence Day Foundation. She is the eighth Rhodes Scholar to come from Rhodes College. Congratulations, Mariam! We are so very proud of you.
- Our Mock Trial students continue to dominate the competition. Rhodes A and B teams won their most recent tournaments, with the Rhodes Red team earning second place. You can read about their success [here](#), but it's always a great coup when our students defeat such larger schools as Ohio State University, University of Michigan, University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin, and Ole Miss. Congratulations to all these students, as well as to Professor Anna Eldridge, their director.
- Sixteen Rhodes seniors are competing for **Fulbright U.S. Student Awards** to be used in 2024-25. Recipients will be announced in the spring. I hope you will take a moment to read about each of these incredible students, and we wish them all the best as they compete for these prestigious awards. Rhodes continues to be recognized as a top-producing Fulbright institution.
- Our sports teams had an outstanding fall season of competition. Our Rhodes field hockey team won the SAA championship, and both our men's and women's soccer teams made it to the SAA championship game. Eleven student-athletes were named to the All-SAA first teams for their regular season performances. We are so proud of all our student-athletes.
- We held our most successful Athletic Day of Giving ever on Nov. 9. Thanks to the support of our community, we received 1,310 gifts and raised \$597,201 to support our student-athletes. This is

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- WMC-TV in Memphis recently ran a wonderful “Five Star” story on Rhodes to commemorate our 175th anniversary. A special thanks to those on campus who spent time with reporter Kym Clark, including Claire Kiernan ‘24, Bill Short ‘71, Sherry Turner ‘84, and Tim Huebner, to tell the Rhodes story so beautifully. You can watch it [here](#).

So far, applications are up year-over-year for Fall 2024. With our Dec. 1 scholarship application deadline looming, please remember to talk with family, friends, and neighbors and encourage them to [apply](#) to be considered for scholarships. We don’t want them to miss the deadline! To date, early decision applications are up 18% and early action applications are up 11.5%. A special thank you goes to our Admissions and Marketing teams who are working so hard to bring in another talented class for 2024.

In closing, I want to share with you [this video](#) of an incoming student in Virginia who learned last week that he has been accepted to Rhodes. It warmed my heart, and I hope it warms yours, too.

Happy Thanksgiving - I am so thankful for all of you!

**Jennifer Collins**

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