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**Dear Rhodes Community,**

I want to thank all of you who helped us surpass our goal of providing **50,000 hours of community service** to the Memphis community this academic year as part of our 100th anniversary in the city. A special thanks goes to Natalie Person, Jessica Cowan '11, Marisol Palomo, Arthur Jenkins, and Gabriela Madrano, the staff of the Lynne and Henry Turley Memphis Center for Community Engagement, whose leadership made this possible. We not only surpassed our goal; we crushed it with 63,800 hours and still counting. Thank you for your generosity and commitment. As a reminder, we will be celebrating this accomplishment from 5:00 to 7:00 today on the lawn of McNeill Hall. I hope you can take some time to join us.

We had another very successful **Rhodes Giving Day** last week, raising \$272,890 from 1,003 donors. I know many of you gave to this campaign, and I want you to know how appreciative we are. These funds will directly support our students, faculty, and staff.

Our amazing **Mock Trial team**, which will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, is going to Washington D.C. later this week to compete in their 38th consecutive national championship. Under the leadership of Anna Eldridge '02, Rhodes continues to shine. We will be cheering for all of you from Memphis!

We have exciting news from our faculty. Congratulations to **Scott Newstok**, professor of English and executive director of the Spence Wilson Center for Interdisciplinary Humanities, who has been awarded a four-year grant from the State Research Agency of Spain. This award will support his scholarship on the multilingual heritage of early modern English across legal, religious, political, and literary discourses. It is one of 37 projects funded among 254 applications. He is only the second recipient who works in the humanities and the only recipient from a liberal arts college.

Congratulations to **Geoff Bakewell**, professor of Ancient Mediterranean Studies, on his appointment as the inaugural Brian D. Joseph Endowed Chair in Classics at College Year in Athens (CYA). This distinguished opportunity will involve a three-year leave of absence from the college while he holds this position in residence in Athens. As chairholder, Professor Bakewell will teach one course per semester and work closely with CYA faculty on curricular and pedagogical matters, combining teaching and research with active participation in CYA's academic life.

And congratulations to **Eric Gottlieb** P'20, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, who has been granted a Fulbright Scholar Award to teach and conduct research in

mathematics at the University of Primorska in Koper, Slovenia in the next academic year. In his project, titled "The Computational Complexity of Some Combinatorial Games on Integer Partitions," Gottlieb proposes to analyze the computational complexity of certain combinatorial games. This is Gottlieb's second Fulbright, having received the award in 2004 to conduct research in Chile and teach calculus courses at the Universidad de Talca.

Our spring sports are nearing the end of the regular season and headed to conference tournaments. All of our spring sports teams are in the top 4 of the Southern Athletic Association standings. League championships are right around the corner, with the Men's and Women's Golf SAA Championships and the Men's and Women's Tennis championships being held April 23-26.

We will have more than 300 guests on campus this Saturday for our final Preview Day for Admitted Students. If you are on campus, please help us extend a warm welcome to them. We are so grateful for your partnership and support as we welcome another extraordinary class of students to Rhodes!

We have requested and received permission to post the recent conversation with Justice Amy Coney Barrett '94 on the college's YouTube channel. You may access it [here](#).

Thanks to all of you who came out Monday to honor our beloved campus cat PJ, who passed away over the winter break. A permanent marker is now placed at PJ's favorite resting place.

I look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our seniors in just a few weeks. I appreciate all you do to encourage and support our students on a daily basis. Thank you for being part of the Rhodes community.

**Jennifer Collins**  
President



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