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Shots Fired at the White House Correspondents' Dinner

BY EVERLEIGH MCCORMACK

On April 25, a shooting occurred at the White House Correspondents Dinner, which took place at the Washington Hilton in D.C. ("CBS").

According to "The White House Correspondents Association," the White House Correspondents Dinner is a celebration for top-rated journalists and government officials, usually including the president and administration. The event first took place in 1921. Despite choosing not to attend in his first term, President Donald Trump was present along with many members of his administration, including Vice President J.D. Vance, Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Speaker of the House Mike Johnson.

The dinner ended early due to a shooting at a security checkpoint not far from the ballroom, where President Trump was on stage. According to "The New York Times," Cole Allen was charged with an attempt to assassinate the president, assault of a federal officer and several firearms charges.

Allen allegedly ran through a magnetometer at the security checkpoint around 8:40 pm while holding a shotgun. Though he was not actually shot, Allen fell and was arrested after a series of gunshots sounded.

"The Detroit News" reported that the Department of Homeland Security believes Allen's main motivation for the alleged assassination attempt on Trump administration officials was his disagreement with how the U.S. has handled the Iran conflict, as Allen had many social media posts up offering criticism.

Seniors' Time at Holton Culminates with Final Projects

BY CAMPBELL ROSE KUZMUK

As the rest of the Upper School prepares for the last three weeks of the school year, the seniors always conclude their high school years with Senior Projects, a program designed to give students the opportunity to explore their passions outside of the classroom before graduation. Through internships, research, travel and more, seniors can gain real-world insight into fields they may want to pursue in college and beyond.

The projects also provide students with a chance to reflect on their time here while developing independence and practical skills. The experience serves as a meaningful finish to their high school years as they preview future opportunities. Senior complete their projects by preparing a short presentation for the Senior Project Expo.

This year, seniors pursued a wide

range of projects. Livie Thomas '26 and Eliza Clessuras '26 spent their time exploring Washington, D.C. and documenting the experience through a travel blog. Thomas highlighted, "We've visited the Library of Congress, the African American Museum and some delicious restaurants."

Clessuras explained, "The Senior Project allows me to soak in the city with some of my closest friends before I leave for college!"

Other students used the experience to explore future career interests. Helen Binner '26 traveled to a film set to shadow a director and discover more about the entertainment industry. Binner explained, "I'm learning about the filmmaking process and women's soccer, which is the subject of the show." Her experience offered Binner an inside look into both sports media and film production.

Delaney Freedman '26 shadowed Dr. Kathleen Moe at Fredrick Dermatology. There, Freedman helped med-

ical assistants, observed procedures and interacted with patients. She remarked, "I have learned how a doctor's office works and how the staff works as a united front." Through experiences like observing biopsies and helping organize patient information, Freedman gained firsthand exposure to the medical field.

Lucy Berry '26 dedicated her spring to "working alongside other upper school 'Scroll' presidents on lower school 'Scroll.'" This project included "reviewing and collecting art" and "writing, composing and editing pages for the magazine."

Berry commented that she has "loved being a part of 'Scroll' for the past few years, so this was a chance to try something new and fun with a different kind of magazine."

Ranging from creative industries to healthcare to local exploration, this year's Senior Projects reflected the diverse ambitions of the graduating class.

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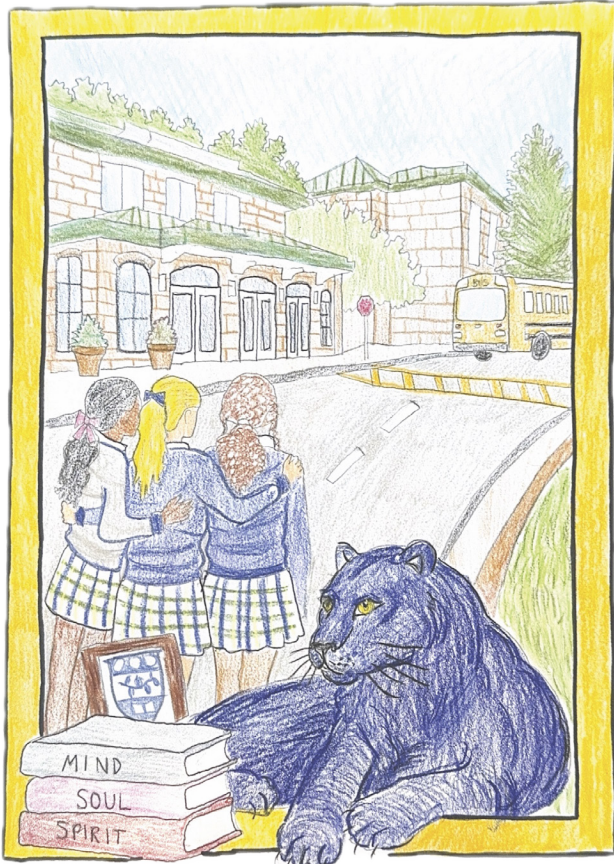
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Courteney Monroe Earns 2026 Distinguished Alumna Award at Alumnae Weekend

BY OBOKI BOLAN



Art by Lauren Hemann

Courteney Monroe '86, president of National Geographic Global Television Networks, was named the 2026 Distinguished Alumna. During an upper school assembly,

Monroe shared insight into her own school experience as well as her journey to get where she is today.

Monroe's time at Holton served as a strong educational and moral foundation for her life. She learned to prepare for the real world and dream big while also making some of her most enduring friendships.

After graduating high school, Monroe attended Williams College and University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School. Following obtaining her master's degree, she moved to New York City, where she took a job at HBO. As the executive vice president of Consum-

er Marketing and Digital Platforms, she oversaw many of the channel's most famous shows.

Monroe worked at HBO for 13 years until her husband, a Special

Forces Marine, received a job offer in Washington, D.C. Monroe's top priority was family, so she decided to return to Washington.

Monroe joined National Geographic (Nat Geo) as Chief Marketing Officer and was then promoted to CEO of National Geographic Channels U.S., according to IMDb. Since being named Global CEO, Monroe has spearheaded the Channel's transformation by introducing new series and programming strategies to help NatGeo reach a wider audience and earn critical acclaim.

Director of Development Kimberly Stevenson Parks explained, "Each year we receive approximately one dozen nominations for the award. The Holton Alumnae Board forms a committee that reviews each nominee, holds meetings to discuss their choices, and then votes on them." She added, "With this recognition, Holton-Arms celebrates not only Monroe's professional achievements but also the values-driven leadership that continues to define her work."

In her speech, Monroe gave plenty of helpful advice to current students. Arya Devi '29 noted, "She made our dreams feel achievable, and she inspired me to work harder and never give up."

Students React to NFL Draft

BY MCLEAN DANIEL

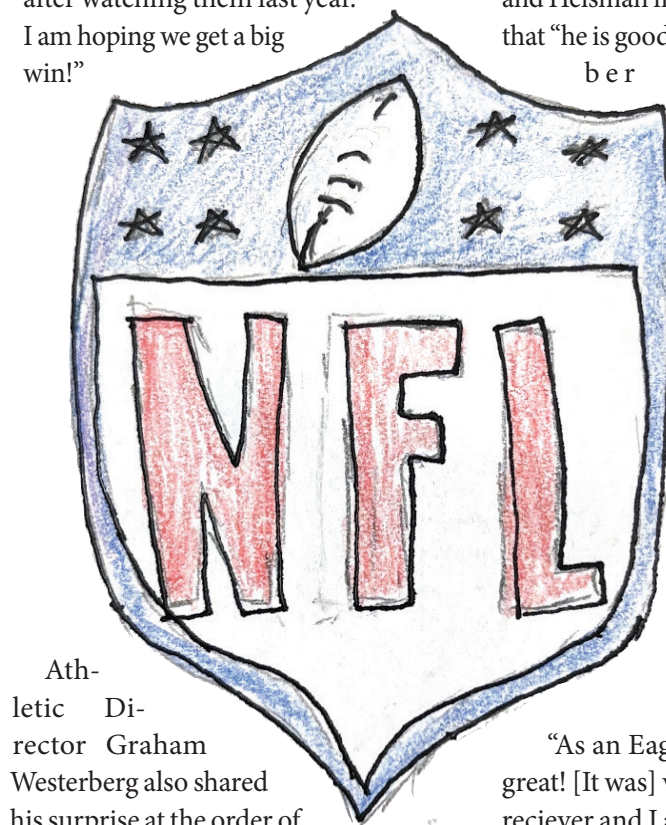
From April 23 to 26, 2026, the NFL held its annual draft, and although it came and went quickly, some of the picks still have football-enthusiasts talking. All teams got numbered selections in seven rounds with the hope of growing their roster for the next season. The draft was full of teams stealing players and unexpected drops from projected high picks. Students and teachers tuned in to watch their favorite teams' picks.

Livie Thomas '26 noted the large number of people who attended the event. She also expressed surprise for "the Los Angeles Rams' decision to draft Alabama's Ty Simpson in the first round, given they already have Matthew Stafford at the helm." From her perspective, the pick demonstrated how the Rams organization prioritizes the future instead of immediate needs.

Merritt Feldner '27 commented, "I'm really excited to watch after seeing all these players play in college. I

am looking forward to seeing how the Commanders do this season, especially after watching them last year.

I am hoping we get a big win!"



Athletic Director Graham Westerberg also shared his surprise at the order of the picks, specifically Jer-

emyah Love, a previous Notre Dame running back, 2025 Doak Award winner and Heisman finalist. Westerberg thinks that "he is good but not sure worth number three overall."

Thomas, on the other hand, thinks that Love will make an impact on the Arizona Cardinals from the start.

Some of the draft's picks were highly controversial. Clara Tice '27 commented, "I do think Caleb Downs should've been a lot higher than 11th [pick] and David Bailey should not have been second [pick]."

Avery Phillips '27 said, "As an Eagles fan, I thought it was great! [It was] very exciting to get a new receiver and I also thought it was interesting we drafted an international player who has never played a snap."

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As for the host city's team, Westerberg had high praise. He remarked, "The [Pittsburgh] Steelers added players who fit our identity, blue collar... They focused on building for both the present and the future, which is exactly what you want to see in a draft."

Upper School English teacher Brad Kosegarten expressed that "the Patriots did a nice job shoring up their offense line with the athletic Caleb Lomu, so my guy Drake Maye can sling the ball around without having to worry too much. They also added a potentially dynamic tight end."

The incoming talent has football fans excited about what's next!

Holton Athletics Honors Future Collegiate Athletes at Signing Day

BY HARPER LANPHER



Photo courtesy of Holton Communications

This Spring Holton-Arms Signing Day honored eight athletes who will continue to compete at the college level.

Dylan Agetstein will join Indiana University's crew team this fall. Agetstein mentioned that she is most excited "for the opportunities [she] will get from training and racing at the colle-

giate level and forming new connections with people from all over the world."

Oma Ndu plans to swim at American University. Making the WMPSSDL All-League Team and being a part of several championship wins over the past four years,

she has contributed greatly to Holton swim and dive.

Remy Caspar is committed to MIT's women's field hockey team. Caspar, a four-year varsity player and two-time captain, explained, "For each signing day leading up to mine, I sat with Hannah Wiseman. It was a dream come true to sign to play field hockey at MIT and even more so because I still got to sit next to Hannah but this time on the other side of the commitment table."

Wiseman will continue her softball career at Swarthmore College. A softball captain here, she earned recognition as the Maryland High School Softball Player of the Week and recieved All-ISL Honors.

In the fall, Alexis Akwara will join the volleyball team at Albright University. Earning All ISL Honors this past fall, she made a profound impact on the volleyball team.

Holton volleyball captain Kamora Mack will continue to play at Ithaca College. Mack said, "I'm honestly just

really grateful everything worked out the way it did and that I get the chance to represent my school at the next level."

Kai Wells will play tennis at Rochester Institute of Technology. Kai commented, "Tennis has always meant a lot to me, and it's been a hard but deserving road to get to this point. I'm so excited and grateful that I get to continue playing the sport I love while also being able to focus on my education."

Lana Cvijetinovic recently signed to Hamilton College, where she will play volleyball. Cvejeticinovic stated, "Getting this opportunity to play at a higher level means a lot to me because it is something I have worked toward for a long time. Playing at the next level gives me the chance to see how far I can push myself and keep improving."

Athletic Director Graham Westenberg said, "You simply can't go play at the next level without putting your time in and working hard. These students have put in so much time for our programs and, more importantly, have built great relationships with peers and coaches."

Packing a PUNCH: Student-Run Fashion Show Closes out a Successful Year of Arts

BY LUANA RABAH

Imagination, glamour, creativity, and design come together seamlessly at PUNCH. The fashion club PUNCH, People United for New Creative Hunches, hosted a fashion show on May 8th that featured student designers and models.

Throughout the year, members meet to talk about fashion-related topics, such as new trends and often have guest speakers. In this club, students have an opportunity to express their creative sides through fashion. In addition, many Holton alums pursuing fashion-related careers, such as Caroline Volz of Tuckernuck and Sarah Ettinger of MAE, started their path with PUNCH.

The biggest event for PUNCH is its annual student-run fashion show at the end of the year. Students can design their own lines, create new pieces, gain experience behind the scenes in tech or be a model for the show. Working all year for countless hours, the designers first sketch their lines, then collect fabrics and measurements to craft their pieces.

President of PUNCH Vivienne Craig

'27 explained that "it truly takes a tech team, club advisors, models, designers and makeup and hair help for the entire show to come together."

In general, Craig loves the creative environment because "everyone a part of the club, whether they design, model or even just love fashion have such unique souls and views of the world. When people come together over any shared passion, the energy is unmatched, the potential is incredible."

Students gain inspiration from many different places. Inspired by the beauty of summer, Dasha Hill '28 designed a strapless green dress, hand-crafted with a sewing machine. She wanted to reflect the "carefree approach of summer and appreciating every moment you have."

Additionally, Craig's line was inspired by Donald Fagen's song "Walk Between the Raindrops." Featuring outfits for the rain, she showcased the vibrant city energy that shines even in dreary weather.

On May 8th, the fashion show took place in the Black Box Theater, featuring a runway and an audience filled with supportive friends and family.

Each ticket cost 10 dollars. The club donated all the proceeds to Suited for Change, a non-profit organization that provides professional attire and on-going career education for low-income women.

Em Serchuk '28 commented, "I love that everyone is super supportive of each outfit and designer. Also, I love how each designer has their own theme and all the outfits."

Before the show, PUNCH co-host Dorothy Andama '28 said she was "so excited to see everyone's final pieces" and that it is "so fascinating to see how creative students are."



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Erina Alie '29 and Dasha Hill '28 pose on the runway

Congratulations and Good Luck to the Class of 2026!



Class of 2026 gathers on skirt day

Photo by Barrett Poling

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Bowdoin College	Lehigh University	The Ohio State University	University of Virginia (6)
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Christopher Newport University	Middlebury College (2)	University of California, Berkeley	Wake Forest University
Cornell University (4)	Mount Saint Mary's University	University of Chicago (2)	Washington University in St. Louis (3)
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