

2026 Alumni Award Winners & Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Mollie Camentz Turnier '86

Mollie Camentz Turnier '86 has built a remarkable career and life defined by entrepreneurial vision, compassionate leadership, mentorship, and a lasting commitment to community. A Louisville native and member of Collegiate's last all-female graduating class, Mollie embraced all aspects of student life during her time at school, participating in field hockey, basketball, Geography Team, Math Team, French Club, and Pandemonium. Those early experiences helped shape the collaborative spirit, curiosity, and determination that continue to define her today.

After graduating from Miami University with a degree in Marketing and a minor in French, Mollie began her professional career at Brown-Forman Corporation, where she held several leadership and planning roles before earning her MBA from Bellarmine University. In 1993, she became Owner and CEO of Creation Gardens, helping transform the Louisville-based company into What Chefs Want, now one of the nation's leading independently owned wholesale food distributors.

Under Mollie's leadership, the company expanded across 12 states with 19 distribution centers, serving



more than 16,000 customers and employing over 2,200 people. Today, she continues to serve as Board Chair, helping guide the company's continued growth and success.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Mollie has dedicated significant time to mentoring and philanthropy, supporting organizations focused on entrepreneurship, literacy, and youth development. Mollie is also a devoted mother to her three sons, Maximillian, Stanley, and Theodore, and has remained deeply involved in their schools, universities, and communities over the years. Through her leadership, generosity, and commitment to investing in others, Mollie exemplifies the spirit of the Distinguished Alumni Award and the lasting impact of Collegiate alumni far beyond campus.

COLLEGIATE SERVICE AWARD

Gretchen Rounsavall Clark '67 & Kate Vogt Talamini '67

For nearly six decades, classmates and lifelong friends **Gretchen Rounsavall Clark '67** and **Kate Vogt Talamini '67** have embodied what it means to be lifelong members of the Louisville Collegiate School community. Through alumni leadership, volunteerism, mentorship, philanthropy, and a deep love for Collegiate, both women have spent decades strengthening the bonds between generations of alumni and helping the school community remain connected long after graduation.

Known for their warmth, authenticity, and ability to make people feel welcomed and valued, Kate and Gretchen have become beloved ambassadors for Collegiate. Most recently, they recognized an opportunity to create new and meaningful ways for alumni to reconnect with one another beyond traditional programming. Together, they envisioned and launched the Alumni Artists & Authors Luncheon, an event centered around creativity, storytelling, friendship, and shared Collegiate memories. What began as an idea quickly became a treasured tradition, drawing alumni from multiple generations back to campus each year.

Their connection to Collegiate is also deeply personal and generational. Gretchen's family ties to the school span decades, beginning with her mother, Gretchen Collins Rounsavall '35, and continuing through her children and now grandchildren, with multiple generations proudly carrying on the Collegiate tradition. Kate later experienced Collegiate from the perspective of a parent when her son, Harry Talamini '06, attended the school for 13 years, further deepening her family's connection to the community she had loved since arriving as a shy sixth grader in 1960.



Gretchen has served Collegiate both professionally and as a volunteer leader, dedicating years to Development and Alumni Affairs while also serving on both the Alumni Association Board and Board of Trustees.

Kate's decades of involvement have similarly included alumni leadership, communications, service on the Alumni Association Board and Board of Trustees, and countless volunteer efforts that have helped sustain and strengthen the alumni community over time. Together, they exemplify the spirit of Collegiate through joyful service, enduring friendships, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that Collegiate remains not simply a school alumni once attended, but a community they continue to call home.

FACULTY AND STAFF SERVICE AWARD

Marti Calderwood

When Collegiate alumni reflect on the teachers who most shaped their lives, inspired their confidence, and challenged them to think more deeply, **Marti Calderwood's** name is almost always part of the conversation. Through decades of extraordinary teaching, mentorship, curriculum development, and leadership, Ms. Calderwood left a lasting imprint on generations of students and colleagues alike.

Before arriving at Collegiate, Ms. Calderwood built innovative English curricula and discovered a passion for helping students engage thoughtfully with literature and the world around them. During her years at Collegiate, she developed the school's AP Composition and AP Literature programs while also serving in countless additional roles, including advisor, Mock Trial coach, archaeology advisor, college counselor, and leader of transformative student travel experiences abroad. Whether teaching British literature, guiding students through college essays, or discussing philosophy at ancient historical sites overseas, she encouraged students to approach learning with curiosity, discipline, and courage.



Ms. Calderwood's influence extended far beyond academics. Alumni consistently describe her as someone who helped them discover their voices, sharpen their thinking, and believe more fully in themselves. Her demanding yet deeply caring approach created classrooms where students felt challenged, respected, and inspired. Even years after graduation, former students continue to credit her with shaping not only their writing and intellectual growth, but the way they engage with the world itself. Her legacy at Collegiate is one of rigor, compassion, lifelong learning, and extraordinary impact.

YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Rachel Annette Helson '07

Rachel Annette Helson '07 is recognized for building nonprofit her extraordinary creativity, artistic vision, entrepreneurial spirit, and growing impact across film, theater, fashion, and nonprofit leadership. Throughout her career, Rachel has embraced bold storytelling and imaginative thinking while building a body of work defined by both artistic excellence and meaningful impact.

A graduate of New York University Tisch School of the Arts, Rachel began her career as an actor before transitioning behind the camera as a director and producer. Her work has included feature films, award-winning short films, and projects connected to major entertainment platforms and publications, earning recognition for her distinct visual style and emotionally compelling storytelling. In addition to programs, designing fashion, or mentoring young people, Rachel consistently approaches her work with imagination, authenticity, and heart.

Her career reflects the very spirit of the Young Alumni Achievement Award and the powerful impact of pursuing a life shaped by creativity, courage, and purpose. her work in film and theater, Rachel co-founded Global Game Changers alongside her mother, Jan. Today, the nonprofit's free leadership



and social-emotional learning curriculum reaches more than 500,000 students annually across all 50 states and 13 countries, encouraging young people to discover their strengths, serve others, and lead with confidence.

Rachel's creativity continues to evolve across disciplines. Most recently, she co-founded butter x birthday cake, a vintage-inspired jumpsuit brand rooted in individuality, confidence, and artistic self-expression. Whether directing films, building nonprofit programs, designing fashion, or mentoring young people, Rachel consistently approaches her work with imagination, authenticity, and heart. Her career reflects the very spirit of the Young Alumni Achievement Award and the powerful impact of pursuing a life shaped by creativity, courage, and purpose.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Carrie Anderson '13

Carrie Anderson '13 is known not only for her outstanding athletic accomplishments but also for the leadership, humility, sportsmanship, and dedication she brought to every team and community she joined. A beloved member of the Collegiate community, Carrie consistently earned the respect of coaches, teammates, teachers, and peers alike through her willingness to lead, encourage others, and give her full effort in everything she pursued.

During her time at Collegiate, Carrie distinguished herself as one of the school's top multi-sport athletes, earning varsity honors in both field hockey and lacrosse. She served as captain of both teams, earned MVP honors, received Academic All-American recognition, and was celebrated for both her athletic talent and character. Her commitment to teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship made her an exceptional representative of Collegiate athletics.

Carrie continued her field hockey career at Sewanee: The University of the South, where she became a four-year starter, team captain, and multi-year all conference honoree.

Today, she continues to channel the creativity, leadership, and collaborative spirit developed through athletics into her professional life as Director of Nashville Artist Collective and founder of her own custom framing business. Carrie credits many



Collegiate teachers and coaches for helping shape her path, particularly Coach Wendy Martin, whose mentorship had a profound impact on her growth both on and off the field. Through her athletic excellence, generous spirit, and lifelong commitment to teamwork and community, Carrie exemplifies the values celebrated by the Athletic Hall of Fame Award and founder of her own custom framing business. Carrie credits many Collegiate teachers and coaches for helping shape her path, particularly Coach Wendy Martin, whose mentorship had a profound impact on her growth both on and off the field. Through her athletic excellence, generous spirit, and lifelong commitment to teamwork and community, Carrie exemplifies the values celebrated by the Athletic Hall of Fame Award