

CLASS OF 1985

As we began our Freshman year, in 1981, the Space Shuttle Columbia took its first flight. 1981 was the first year that the word Internet was mentioned, and Microsoft released MS-DOS and the IBM PC. Anwar Sadat was assassinated. A month before we arrived on campus, Lady Diana Spencer married Charles the Prince of Wales. **Luke and Laura** also got hitched in 1981.

We arrived on campus with our boom boxes and turntables, and in 1982, the first CD was released. We were thrilled by the release of Michael Jackson's second solo album, **Thriller**, and we were reminded to "phone home" by **ET**. Human League asked, "**Don't You Want Me?**"

In 1983 we listened to The Police sing "**Every Breath You Take.**" The US invaded Grenada following a bloody coup by a Cuban trained militia. **Microsoft Word** made its debut. **Sally Ride** became the first woman in Space.

We listened to Duran Duran, Billy Joel, The Go-Go's, The B-52's, The Cars, Wham! and of course, **The Boss. Springsteen** could always be heard somewhere on campus. The AIDS virus was identified in 1984. Apple released the first **Macintosh** Computer.

Famine in Ethiopia sparked **Live Aid** concerts around the world in 1985. The first **.com** was registered. As Marty McFly and Doc Brown ventured **Back to the Future** in a DeLorean, we listened to the wise and inspiring words of Hal Prince as we commenced to pursue our own futures, as the F&M Class of 1985 ventured on to our next life adventures.