ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD
Honoring
Griffin Rankin Lamb ’00
June 6, 2015

In her application to Davidson, Griffin Rankin Lamb pointed to experiences that she received outside of the classroom that helped to shape her intellectually. Her essay highlighted her desire to return to the world of education after graduation. And return she has.

Griffin has supported the essential inner-workings of academic institutions through her bright career in secondary and higher education fundraising. At Davidson, she helped alma mater continue preparing students for lives of leadership and service as Reunion Coordinator for Alumni Relations and as Assistant Director of the Annual Fund. At Harvard University, where she earned her Masters of Education, she served as Managing Director of Reunion Giving at the Harvard College Fund. While living in Boston, Griffin also served as a class agent and helped lure bright students down south by representing Davidson at local admission fairs. Currently, Griffin finds herself re-laying her North Carolina roots as Associate Vice Chancellor of Development at East Carolina University in Greenville, where she lives with her husband David and their young twins Emmy and Spencer.

Griffin has done her part to ensure future generations of Davidson students enjoy the same experience she did. When she was a student, she counseled first years as a hall counselor, planned events for Warner Hall as social chair, studied abroad in France, majored in English and got involved in community service through Reach Out.

Griffin’s dedication to Davidson perhaps began before she—or any of us—set foot on campus, or even walked at all. Her father, Sam Rankin, is a proud member of the class of 1970. In her college application, Griffin wrote, “he is one of Davidson’s greatest advocates.” After college, Griffin said that her father set an example for her by giving back to Davidson as his honored duty. She continued, “we are both proud to help Davidson maintain one of the highest alumni giving rates in the nation.”

Griffin lends her deep passion for and experience with a breadth of higher education institutions to her service for Davidson. Margie Gudaitis in Annual Giving wrote about Griffin, “As a volunteer, she not only encourages enthusiasm among fellow alumni and prospective students, but even re-energizes staff, encouraging our creativity and drawing out our passion for this incredible institution. I have felt extremely lucky to work with and learn from Griffin this year. The fact that Davidson holds such a special place in her heart will benefit this college for many years to come.”

For your dedication to education and excellence and your faithful generosity to Davidson, now and for the future, we honor you, Griffin Rankin Lamb, during the 15th reunion of the Class of 2000, with the Alumni Service Award on this 6th day of June, 2015.