**STEPSHENS HOUSE**

**Stephens House**, at the center of the Crescent, was constructed in 1987 by the architectural firm Short and Ford of Princeton, NJ. The house was a gift from trustee **Artemis Joukowsky ’50, P’80** to honor his friend and classmate, **Wade Carroll Stephens ’50 H’68 P’78 GP’06**. Their motto, written on a plaque gifted by Mr. Joukowsky, is *Suavitern in Modo, Fortiter in Re*, which translates from Latin to "Gently in Manner, Strongly in Deed."

**WADE CARROLL STEPHENS AND JEAN STEPHENS**

**Wade Carroll Stephens** entered Lawrenceville in 1946 as a Second Former, and graduated Cum Laude in 1950 before heading to Princeton University to receive his A.B. degree. He then attained his Master’s in Classics from Cornell, returning to Princeton to earn his PhD in Greek and Latin. Dr. Stephens returned to Lawrenceville as a Classics Master in 1957, with his wife Jean and their daughter Carol, and quickly made himself an integral part of the community. He became the Hamill Housemaster in 1959, and later took on the roles of the Dean of Faculty and Academic Dean. **Jean Stephens** also became an important part of Lawrenceville, hosting her historic House coffees as a Hamill Housemother, and performing dozens of roles with Periwig.

The Stephens were also instrumental in bringing co-education to Lawrenceville. In the summer of 1976, they visited eight schools—four co-ed schools, two all-boys schools and two all-girls schools—and determined that "Lawrenceville should go co-ed." Dr. Stephens passed away in 1988. Mrs. Stephens continued to work with the Performing Arts department until her death in 2014.

**STEPSHENS HOUSE FLAG**

The **Stephens House flag** shows a rampant lion on a sea of red in the upper right corner, and the Maltese Cross or Cross Formée in the lower left, with a black bar separating the two. The lion honors the English heritage of Dr. Stephens, taken from his family’s coat of arms. The Maltese Cross honors the Russian heritage of **Artemis Joukowsky**, the House’s benefactor. Through the years, the Stephens House colors have changed: initially red and black, the colors are now maroon, silver, and black.
**Stephens House** has been the recipient of the **Chivers Cup** (for excellence in Academics) twice and the **Dresdner Cup** (for excellence in Athletics) ten times since being established in 1988. It hosts an annual **Winter Tea** and the **Garden of Stephens** dance as well as a dual event with **Cleve House** known as the **Clevens Dance**, which takes place around the December holidays.

![Stephens House girls with current Housemaster and Performing Arts Master Matthew Campbell.](image)

Notable Stephens Housemasters include History Master **Kristina Schulte P’15** and current Dean of Academics **David Laws**.

![The first residents of Stephens House in the fall of 1987 were Third and Fourth Form girls. The first Housemaster (1987-1990) was Kristina Schulte P’15 (front row, fifth from the left).](image)

Former Stephenites, who like to boast that they are "Best to Date since ’88," include **Lily Rafii Band ’93**, the owner of the designer handbag company Felix Rey, **Katie Kaiser ’89**, the founder of the life coaching practice CoachingWIT, **Wendy Prior Fentress ’90**, a producer for MTV, and **Rebecca Blackwell ’93**, a photographer for the Associated Press. Stephens House can also boast having the first female Lawrenceville Valedictorian, **Dr. Julie Taftsman ’89**.

**Stephens House Cheer**


![Stephens pride at House Olympics 2015.](image)