Stanley House was established in 1987 and designed by the architectural firm of Short and Ford of Princeton, New Jersey. Stanley was one of the inaugural Houses of the Crescent, alongside Stephens, McClellan and what would eventually become Kirby, to welcome young women to Lawrenceville. The House was named for the Stanley Family on behalf of benefactors Edmund A. Stanley ’43 and Thomas O. Stanley ’45. The Stanley House motto, "Fear the Deer," is inspired by the image of the stag on the Stanley family crest.

EDMUND A. & THOMAS O. STANLEY

The Stanley brothers grew up in South Orange, New Jersey, the sons of an English immigrant who became the president and owner of Bowne and Company, a financial services business. When Edmund "Ted" Stanley was accepted into Lawrenceville, his younger brother, Thomas, was also enrolled. Edmund, after graduating from Princeton, followed in his father’s footsteps and became the CEO of Bowne and Company from 1956 to 1986; Thomas graduated from Yale and found a job at RCA, where he worked for many years and patented several revolutionary electronic inventions.

Both men were avid philanthropists, supporting educational, political, and conservationist organizations. Edmund was a great proponent of coeducation at Lawrenceville, and served as a School trustee from 1969 to 1989. He also funded the Aldo Leopold Distinguished Chair in Environmental Science and Ethics. Edmund Stanley died in 2009; Thomas Stanley resides in Oxford, Maryland.

The Stanley House flag displays three stag heads on a blue band over a green crest. The stag, which represents peace and harmony, is adopted from the Stanley family crest. The blue of the band is also taken from the crest, representing loyalty and truth. The green is a nod to the Latin motto of Lawrenceville: Virtus semper viridis, or "Virtue is always green," referencing Lawrenceville benefactor John Cleve Green.
Stanley girls, known as "Stanladies," sporting their House colors of blue and green, have won the Dresdner Cup since the House was established in 1988, as well as the Chivers Cup in 2008–2009. Every Christmas, Fifth Formers who were former Stanley girls return to perform "The Twelve Days of Stanley," an adaptation of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" for the annual Stanley talent show. "Stanladies" are also the hosts of Club Stan, one of the largest Invite-a-Friend dances on campus.

Notable Stanley Housemasters include Mathematics Master Timothy Brown and former English Master Barbara Elkins, the first married couple to function as co–Housemasters, and Jim Brown, associate Athletics Director, and Margot Brown, former School Comptroller.

Stanley Alumni include Alex Petrone '99, who was Lawrenceville's first female school president, and Almira Baldwin Arnold '90, who was inducted into the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008 for her prowess in field hockey.

STANLEY HOUSE CHEER

"What house? S House!
What house? S House!
Go Stanley, Go Stanley, Go!
Kirby and McClellan, no!
Stephens, Carter, take a seat
'cause Stanley will not be beat!
Can’t touch this!
Ugh!"


ABOVE: Stanley pride 2015.