Keynote Speaker, Kelly Smith, ‘86

Kelly Smith is the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Replacements, Ltd. in Greensboro, NC, where he has been employed for more than 20 years. There, he has responsibility for all finance functions, human resources, inventory control, and facilities, as well as various administrative and company-wide efforts including employee benefits leadership, space planning and seasonal resource planning. In 2009 he was named the Triad Business Journal’s CFO of the Year (large company division) in its inaugural competition.

He is a 1986 graduate of Wake Forest University’s School of Business with a BS in Accountancy. Kelly actively volunteers his time and energies in his community, having served as Treasurer of New Garden Friends School from 2008 to 2014, and Treasurer of the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro from 2003 to 2007. Kelly enjoys singing and is currently the lead vocalist with the NC Revelers Big Band and Likewise Jazz trio. He lives in Jamestown, NC with his partner of nearly 28 years, Jeff Poteat, and their sons, Jonathan (18) and Jordan (15).

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Greetings
Dr. Angela Mazaris, Director, LGBTQ Center

Presidential Welcome
Dr. Penny Rue, Vice President of Campus Life

Invocation
Liam Michael Hooper ’15, School of Divinity

Dare to be “That Kid”
Nehemiah Rolle, ’15

A Queer Striving
Lisa Page, ’15

Keynote: Milestones
Kelly Smith, ’86

Honoring the Graduates
Dr. Angela Mazaris, Director, LGBTQ Center
Kelly Smith, ’86
Rob Powell, Program Coordinator, LGBTQ Center

Closing
Dr. Angela Mazaris

Lavender Graduates, Class of 2015

Marcus A. Azevedo*
Master of Studies in Law

William Ballard
Master of Business Administration

Peyton Barr
International Affairs & Russian

Aaron Glaize
Communications

Shoshanna Goldin
Global Health

Jasmine M. Gonzalez*
Chemistry

Grace Kathryn Harrington
Politics and International Affairs & Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Victoria Hoskins
Biology

Nora Kane
Religious Studies

Elliotte Kiel
Economics and German Language

Kristen McCain
Psychology & Sociology

David M. Myers
Religious Studies & Chemistry

Sonia S. Muthoni Kuguru
Politics and International Affairs & Religious Studies

Keith A. Menhinick
Master of Divinity

Annie Rose O’Brien
Master of Arts in Religious Studies

Liam Michael Hooper
Master of Divinity

Lisa Louise Page
Master of Divinity

Felicity Ratway
Master of Arts in Interpreting and Translation Studies

Nehemiah Rolle
Politics and International Affairs

Brian A. Shaw
Politics and International Affairs

Jalissa Smith
Biology

Analyse Triolo
Master of Divinity

Sarah VanSickle
Religious Studies & History

Essence Xandria Walton
Economics

Terrinae Watson*
Master of Divinity

*honored in absentia