

My name is Keenan Hartline and I am the middle school history teacher at Holy Cross Academy. Prior to teaching at HCA, I taught history in Richmond, and spent several years before that working as an actor, tour guide, civil war specialist, and public historian. For five years, I led tours of the Virginia State Capitol on behalf of the Virginia General Assembly, introducing the history of our commonwealth to thousands of visitors and school groups from all over the world. It was there that my passion for early American history led me on a path to becoming a teacher.

I received my Bachelor's and Master's degrees in History from Virginia Commonwealth University, where I focused on twentieth-century Europe. I value the importance of teaching young minds critical thinking, writing skills, civic mindedness, and respect and appreciation for the past. Above all, I seek to cultivate the same passion for history that drives me in the learners under my care.

In my free time, I love fishing, reading, hiking Civil War battlefields, and going on long outings in the Blue Ridge. I am a huge fan of J.R.R. Tolkien, and my favorite American is Patrick Henry. Every day I strive to grow stronger in my Catholic faith, and I look forward to starting a family with my beautiful wife, Emilia.