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### **Randolph-Macon College Places 1<sup>st</sup> in Statewide Collegiate Ethics Bowl** *Students from 15 Virginia Colleges and Business Leaders debate “Ethics and Education”*

Richmond, VA – **Randolph-Macon College** won the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual intercollegiate **Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation Ethics Bowl** debate competition held February 14 and 15 in Richmond, Virginia. A program of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC), the Bowl featured a theme of *Ethics & Education* and involved student teams from 15 private colleges and universities in Virginia debating case studies with ethical dilemmas within the topic of education. The teams presented their analysis, positions and recommendations to panels of judges comprised of business, professional and educational leaders drawn from throughout Virginia.

Randolph-Macon’s student team, who won the championship in 2006 as well, won the championship and the Batten Trophy again this year in a close final debate over the team from **Hampden-Sydney College**. Teams from Roanoke College and Hollins University were semi-finalists, runner-ups. For the 10th year in a row, the Ethics Bowl was sponsored by the Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation.

“The students and faculty coordinators are to be commended for their preparation and lively participation in this year’s Ethics Bowl,” said **Anna Powell, Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation Community Affairs Manager for Maryland, Virginia, and D.C**, the lead sponsor for the event. “Wachovia is proud to be associated with the VFIC Ethics Bowl program because we

believe the future foundation of our nation will be built upon the ethical standards of these fine young people.” Additional sponsors for the event included: BAE Systems; GEICO; Dominion Resources and the Emily S. and Coleman A. Hunter Charitable Trust.

Members of the winning team from Randolph-Macon included: **Bobby Thomas**, a sophomore Economics/ Business/Drama major, **Jonathan Schmeelk**, a senior Political Science/Classics major, **Crystal Thomas**, a freshman Political Science/ International Studies major, **Becky Johnson**, a senior Economics/Business/Drama major. **David Brat and Ed Showalter** served as faculty advisors for the Randolph-Macon team.

Members of the runner-up team from Hampden-Sydney included: **Osric Forrest**, a sophomore Biology major, **Kyle Martin**, a senior Economics/Commerce major, and **J.B. Potter**, a junior History major. **Marc Hight** served as the faculty advisor for the Hampden-Sydney College team.

The 12th Annual Wachovia Ethics Bowl will be held February 13-14, 2011 on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk.

Founded in 1952, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges is a nonprofit fund-raising and programmatic consortium supporting the programs and students of 15 leading private colleges in the Commonwealth: Bridgewater College, Emory & Henry College, Hampden-Sydney College, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Mary Baldwin College, Marymount University, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College and Washington and Lee University. For additional information on the VFIC, visit [www.vfic.org](http://www.vfic.org).

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