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## **Sweet Briar College Places 1<sup>st</sup> in Statewide Collegiate Ethics Bowl** *Students from 15 Virginia Colleges and Business Leaders debate “Ethics and Privacy”*

Richmond, VA – **Sweet Briar College** won the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual intercollegiate **Wachovia Ethics Bowl** competition held February 13 and 14 on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Virginia. A program of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC), this year’s Ethics Bowl theme was *Ethics and Privacy* and featured student teams from 15 independent colleges and universities in Virginia deliberating case studies with ethical dilemmas within the topic of privacy. The teams presented their analysis, positions and recommendations to panels of judges comprised of business, professional and educational leaders from across Virginia.

**Sweet Briar College’s** student team won the championship and the Batten Trophy this year in a final debate against the team from **Hampden-Sydney College**. Members of the winning team from Sweet Briar College were: **Kathryn Alexander**, senior, majoring in Government; **Samantha Britell**, senior, Philosophy and Religion major; **Catherine Marcks**, freshman, undeclared major and **Jennifer Will**, sophomore, majoring in Philosophy; and Faculty Coordinator **Dr. Kevin S. Honeycutt**.

Members of the runner-up team from **Hampden-Sydney College** included: **Baker Allen**, freshman undeclared major; **Christopher Deen**, sophomore, majoring in Philosophy, **Osric Forrest**, junior, biology major; **J.B. Potter**, senior majoring in history; and Sydney College faculty coordinators **Dr. Marc Hight** and **Dr. James Janowski**.

Wachovia served as the signature sponsor for the Ethics Bowl. “Wachovia Wells Fargo is proud to be a partner of the VFIC Ethics Bowl program,” said Marino Santarelli, Wachovia Wells Fargo market executive for Southside Hampton Roads. “We believe the future foundation of our nation will be built upon the ethical standards of these fine young people and that is why this event is so vital.” Additional key sponsors for the event included: BAE Systems; GEICO; Dominion Resources, Dollar Tree, Inc. and Norfolk Southern Corporation.

In addition to the competition portion of the two-day event, the dinner on Sunday, February 13 honoring Macon and Joan Brock raised over **\$150,000** for the newly created *Macon and Joan Brock Scholarship Fund*. “We are very excited to have such a successful outpouring from the Hampton Roads community, supporting students seeking quality educations at the VFIC institutions,” said **Bob Sasser, President and CEO of Dollar Tree, Inc.** These funds will benefit students from the Hampton Roads region attending VFIC member schools.

The 13th Annual Ethics Bowl will be held February 12-13, 2012 on the campus of Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia.

Founded in 1952, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges is a nonprofit fund-raising partnership supporting the programs and students of 15 leading independent 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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