



## The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges

8010 Ridge Road  
Richmond, VA 23229

804.288.6609  
www.vfic.org

### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

*DATE: February 12, 2008*

*Jenni Booker, VFIC*

*(804) 288-6609, [jenni.booker@vfic.org](mailto:jenni.booker@vfic.org)*

## **Mary Baldwin College Places 1<sup>st</sup> in Statewide Collegiate Ethics Bowl**

*Students from 15 Virginia Colleges and Business Leaders debate "Ethics and the Environment"*

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) is pleased to announce that **Mary Baldwin College** was victorious in the ninth annual Wachovia Ethics Bowl Competition on February 10 and 11 at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. The four-student team won a close final debate over a talented group from **Lynchburg College**. The theme of the 2008 Ethics Bowl was *Ethics & the Environment*. Teams from Virginia's private colleges and universities analyzed environmentally-oriented, ethical case dilemmas and presented their recommendations for the best ethical solutions.

Students from all 15 VFIC colleges participated in two rounds of debates on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and another two rounds of debates on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Mary Baldwin College and Lynchburg College were determined to be the top teams for the final round on Monday afternoon. Teams from Bridgewater College and Hampden-Sydney College were semi-finalists.

Nearly 50 business and community leaders from across Virginia critiqued team arguments on cases that focused on environmental ethical dilemmas.

Corporate partners for the 2008 Wachovia Ethics Bowl included lead sponsor Wachovia Bank, Richmond, VA, BAE Systems, Inc., Arlington, VA, GEICO Corporation, Washington, DC, Dominion, Richmond, VA, the Emily S. and Coleman A. Hunter Charitable Trust, Richmond, VA, and the Trustees of the Emerson G. and Dolores G. Reinsch Foundation, Arlington VA. **Amy Nisenson, Community Affairs Manager for Wachovia** stated, "The participating students are to be commended for their thoughtful insight and preparation for this year's Ethics Bowl. 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."

## **VFIC Ethics Bowl 2-2**

Members of the winning team from Mary Baldwin College included: **Emily Hunt**, a senior majoring in Philosophy and Political Science, **Cori Kasura**, a sophomore majoring in Communications, **Cyntha Stottlemeyer**, a junior majoring in Political Science and **Kathleen Todd**, a freshman majoring in Philosophy and Religion. James Gilman and Frances Slattery served as faculty advisors for the Mary Baldwin team.

**The Tenth Annual Wachovia Ethics Bowl will be held on the campus of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA on February 8-9, 2009.**

Founded in 1952, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges is a nonprofit fund-raising partnership 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 (Founded as Randolph-Macon Woman's College), Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College and Washington & Lee University. For additional information on the VFIC, visit [www.vfic.org](http://www.vfic.org).

###