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Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Announces Winners of VFIC / Verizon Foundation Grants

Richmond, VA- The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) and the Verizon Foundation are pleased to announce that the following five VFIC member institutions have been awarded a “Digital Age Initiative” grant of \$22,500: Bridgewater College, Hollins University, Lynchburg College, Randolph-Macon College and the University of Richmond.

The VFIC and the Verizon Foundation partnered on this three-year funding program (2007-2010) to help VFIC colleges and universities provide incoming freshmen from challenged backgrounds with instruction and assistance in developing the computer skills they need to succeed in their academic careers. Each year, five of the 15 colleges are selected to receive this \$22,500 grant and utilize the grant funds to provide students with personalized instruction and the tools needed for them to study, live, work and succeed in a digital age

The Verizon Foundation is one of the VFIC’s most distinguished corporate partners, contributing more than \$3 million to the VFIC cause over the course of 52 years. Since 1998, Verizon’s commitment to improve student learning and faculty instructional effectiveness has made a meaningful impact on colleges across the Commonwealth.

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, Randolph-Macon College, Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Washington & Lee University. The VFIC supports these traditional undergraduate institutions by securing gifts and grants for the consortium, increasing their visibility, facilitating collaborative initiatives among the colleges and supporting programs which ensure that these colleges’ personalized and effective educational experiences remain an affordable choice for the young men and women who will be tomorrow’s citizen-leaders.

For more information about the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and this grant program, visit www.vfic.org.

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