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## **Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Announces Winners of Witt Mares Scholarships**

Richmond, VA– The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) and Witt Mares are pleased to announce the winners of the 2007-2008 VFIC / Witt Mares Scholarship Program competition.

These students were selected in a statewide competition with applicants from five of the VFIC member colleges in the VFIC consortium. This prestigious scholarship, worth \$2,500, carries with it the opportunity to be considered for a paid summer internship at Witt Mares, an accounting and financial services firm headquartered in Newport News. The newly-named VFIC / Witt Mares Scholars are:

- Brandon Baker of Clarks Summit, PA – junior, Virginia Wesleyan College
- Bo Garner of Suffolk, VA – junior, Randolph-Macon College
- Chris Murray of Madison Heights, VA – junior, Lynchburg College
- Marina Rajaratnam of Winchester, VA – senior, Shenandoah University
- Andrew Throckmorton of Midlothian, VA – junior, Lynchburg College

“We are delighted to partner with Witt Mares for the second year on this important initiative. With their generosity we have been able to reward talented young men and women with academic scholarships as well as career development opportunities in their chosen field of study,” said Ned Moore, President of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

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-Macon College, Randolph College (formerly Randolph-Macon Woman’s College), Roanoke College, Shenandoah University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, Virginia Wesleyan College, and Washington & Lee University.

The Witt Mares Scholarship program, administered by the VFIC, is provided to seniors who have academic promise and an interest in enhancing their future career opportunities in accounting and finance through an internship with Witt Mares. The award is available to VFIC undergraduate students seeking degrees in Accounting or Business. Each scholar receives \$2,500 for his or her senior year contingent on maintaining the scholarship requirements. The scholarship process is very competitive and students selected have an inside track to apply for a paid summer internship at Witt Mares.

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