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Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges Announces Winners of VFIC / Verizon Teaching with Today's Technology Award Program Grants Totaling \$100,000

Richmond, VA- The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) and the Verizon Foundation are pleased to announce the award of five "Teaching with Today's Technology" program grants totaling \$100,000. The five institutions chosen receive \$20,000 each to enhance their Teacher Education Departments in the area of technology and the role it can play in the K-12 classroom experience. The 2010 recipients are:

Emory & Henry College – Enhancing its Student Technology Advisors (STARS) Program, which pairs K-12 education students participating in an instructional technology design course with College faculty interested in learning how to use emerging technology to enhance their students' classroom learning experience.

Lynchburg College – Implementing a multi-faceted program in response to the need for enhanced use of technology in K-12 education.

Randolph College – Increasing pre-service teachers' technology literacy as it pertains to K-12 standards based instruction.

Randolph-Macon College – Providing developmental, sequential, and integrated technology instruction for pre-service teachers to use in teaching K-12 students in practicum placements.

Shenandoah University – Equipping faculty to work with undergraduate education students to develop interactive lessons that integrate Verizon's Thinkfinity online high quality media resources with Virginia Standards of Learning initiatives for K-12 education programs.

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 55 years. Since 1998, Verizon's commitment to improve student learning and faculty instructional effectiveness has made a meaningful impact on colleges across 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
Washington and Lee University

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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