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University of Richmond Places 1st in Statewide Collegiate Ethics Bowl *Students from 15 Virginia Colleges and Business Leaders debate "Ethics and Medicine"*

Richmond, VA – The Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) is pleased to announce that the **University of Richmond** was victorious in the eighth annual statewide Ethics Bowl Competition on February 11 and 12 at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. The four-student team won a close final debate over a talented group from **Mary Baldwin College**. The theme of the 2007 Ethics Bowl was *Ethics & Medicine*. Teams from Virginia's private colleges and universities analyzed medically-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 11th and another two rounds of debates on Monday, February 12th. University of Richmond and Mary Baldwin were determined to be the top teams for the final round on Monday afternoon. Teams from Hollins University and Emory & Henry College were semi-finalists.

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

Corporate partners for the 2007 Ethics Bowl included lead sponsor Wachovia Bank, Mid-Atlantic Region, 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, Ernst & Young in Richmond, VA and West*Group in McLean, VA. **Jim Cherry, Chairman of the Mid-Atlantic region 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."

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Members of the winning team from the University of Richmond included: **Erin O’Leary**, a Senior majoring in International Business and French, **Kathryn Sigismund**, a Senior majoring in Finance, **M.K. Tantum**, a Senior majoring in Marketing and **Evan Zaletel**, a Senior majoring in Leadership Studies. **Tim Duffee**, Adjunct Instructor at the University of Richmond’s School of Continuing Studies served as faculty advisor for the Richmond team.

The Ninth Annual VFIC Ethics Bowl will be held on the campus of Marymount University in Arlington, VA on February 10-11, 2008.

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 and Lee University. For additional information on the VFIC, visit www.vfic.org.

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