



2005 VFIC ETHICS BOWL "Politics & Ethics"

**Should the White House be used as a place to entertain campaign donors?
Where does the public life of a politician start and stop?
Is it appropriate to appeal to voters' fears to win their support?**

These are just a sampling of ethical dilemmas presented to the 75 students participating in the 2005 Ethics Bowl that was held on February 14. Celebrating six years of competition, the event was hosted by Virginia Wesleyan College and attracted more than 50 judges and moderators from around the state of Virginia and Tennessee.

The VFIC Ethics Bowl is a unique initiative that matches student teams from the 15 member colleges debating case studies, addressing a variety of contemporary ethics-based subjects. Having just completed the 2004 election year, this year's cases centered around media headlines that highlighted real life campaign and election issues on local, state and federal levels.

Wachovia Bank was the signature sponsor for the event. Supporting sponsors were BAE Systems, Inc., GEICO Corporation and Dominion. This year's Ethics Bowl was led

by Roger Mudd, retired journalist with The History Channel and former news anchor at NBC and CBS News, and Dr. Kenneth R. Garren, President of Lynchburg College. The Statewide Campus Coordinator was Dr. Steven Emmanuel, Professor of Philosophy at Virginia Wesleyan College.



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Washington and Lee University Wins Ethics Bowl Title



2005 VFIC Ethics Bowl Champions - Washington and Lee University team members Sam Russell, Susan Somers, faculty advisor James Mahon, Leah Greenberg and Matthew Clauss

The team from Washington and Lee University won the 2005 Ethics Bowl competition in a close final debate victory over the team from Randolph-Macon College. W&L also won the 2004 competition and retains "The Batten Trophy" for the second consecutive year.

The runner-up teams in their respective divisions were Mary Baldwin College and Emory & Henry College.

Marianne Vermeer, President of Vermeer Consulting Group, served as moderator for the final round and judges Jim Cherry, Wachovia Mid-Atlantic Bank, Susan Goode, Norfolk civic leader, and Dale Smalley, Philip Morris USA presented each team with probing and thought provoking questions.



2005 VFIC Ethics Bowl Runner-Up - Randolph Macon College Faculty advisors Ed Showalter (L) and David Brat (R) with team members: Caroline Williams, Jon Calesnick, Justin Gayle and Eric Smith

The Seventh Annual VFIC Ethics Bowl will be held at Lynchburg College in February 2006.

If you are interested in learning more about the Ethics Bowl or would like to serve as a judge or moderator in future Bowls, contact Mary-Beth Johnson at johnson@vfic.org or 804.288.6609.

2005 VFIC Ethics Bowl Dinner Honors Jane & Frank Batten



Jim Cherry, VFIC Chairman, with Frank and Jane Batten, donors of the pivotal gift in 1999 to create the VFIC Ethics Bowl initiative.

More than 250 guests attended the opening reception and dinner for the 2005 Ethics Bowl on February 13 at Virginia Wesleyan College. The evening honored Jane and Frank Batten for their longtime dedication and support of the VFIC and the Ethics Bowl Initiative. Guests were treated to dinner in an elegantly transformed student dining center.

Instrumental in securing corporate sponsors for the event were fourteen Norfolk regional trustees and friends of the VFIC. Viewing this as the perfect time

and venue to honor the Battens for their contributions to the Ethics Bowl, VFIC trustees Tommy Johnson of Willcox & Savage and Vince Mastracco of Kaufman & Canoles took on the challenge of heading the fundraising effort and the volunteer committee. Together with their leadership and commitment to the VFIC, the committee raised more than \$100,000.

In recognition of the dinner's honorees, the proceeds from the event will be given to the VFIC colleges and universities in the form of "Jane and Frank Batten Scholarships" to provide financial aid for need-based students from the South Hampton Roads area.



Ethics Bowl Dinner committee members (left to right): Lem Lewis, George Birdsong, Louis Ryan, Richard Burroughs, Tommy Johnson and Vince Mastracco.

ETHICS BOWL DINNER COMMITTEE

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