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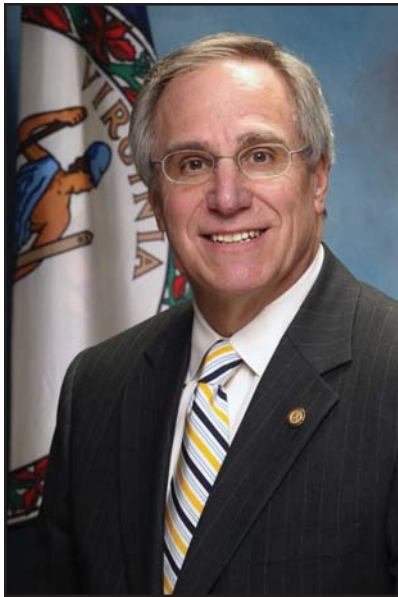
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DR. THOMAS R. MORRIS SELECTED AS 6TH PRESIDENT OF THE VFIC

The Board of Trustees of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges (VFIC) is pleased to announce the selection of Dr. Thomas R. Morris to serve as the Foundation's sixth President. VFIC Chairman G. S. "Sandy" Fitz-Hugh, Jr. said, "We are very fortunate to have Tom Morris as our new President and look forward to the leadership and strategic guidance he will provide as we continue the important work and continued success of the VFIC."

Dr. Morris continues a very distinguished career in higher education having served as Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia (2006-2010), as President of Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia (1992-2006) during which time he was Vice-Chair of the VFIC from 2002-04, and as a distinguished professor of political science at the University of Richmond.

During his teaching career at the University of Richmond, Dr. Morris was selected to leadership posts, and recognized for excellence in the classroom. He was honored as a University Distinguished Educator, received numerous faculty research grants, and chaired the Faculty Council. He is widely known as an expert on Virginia government and politics and has authored or co-authored four books, including *Virginia Government and Politics: Readings and Comments*, Fourth Revised Edition, a 1998 work co-edited with Larry Sabato



DR. THOMAS R. MORRIS
New VFIC President

of the University of Virginia. He co-authored a chapter entitled "Republicans Surge in the Competitive Dominion" in a LSU Press Publication, *Southern Politics in the 1990's*. He also wrote a chapter on Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder for a nationally circulated book entitled *Governors and Hard Times*, published in 1992 by Congressional Quarterly Press, and in 1994 a chapter on Virginia and the Voting Rights Act in *Quiet Revolution in the South*, Princeton University Press.

Dr. Morris has written 17 major articles or book chapters and served as a political analyst for television, radio, and print media over a period of twenty-five years. He chaired the Commission on Virginia's State and Local Tax Structure for the 21st Century (1999-2000) and was a member of Governor Mark Warner's Commission on Efficiency and Effectiveness (2002).

A native of Galax, Virginia, Dr. Morris earned a bachelor's degree in history at Virginia Military Institute, studied at Princeton University, then completed his master's and doctoral degrees in government at the University of Virginia. He received fellowships for advanced study including a year each as Liberal Arts Fellow at the Harvard Law School and as fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBER COLLEGES



GEORGE E. CORNELIUS
*President-Elect
Bridgewater College*

The Bridgewater College Board of Trustees unanimously selected George Cornelius as the eighth president of the College. Mr. Cornelius will assume the presidency on July 1, 2010. He currently serves as Secretary of Community and Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Emory & Henry College junior Caleb Jennings won the 2009 Willie Lanier Award as the best football player at an NCAA Division II or III college in Virginia. The running back was also the 2009 ODAC offensive player of the year, averaging 137 yards per game and scoring 14 touchdowns.

Crazy Heart, written, directed and produced by Hampden-Sydney College alumnus Scott Cooper '92, received three Academy Award Nominations. Cooper said that his Hampden-Sydney English courses helped him write the screenplay but majoring in economics helped negotiate the deals.

Addressing a national issue in higher education, Hollins University recently hosted a successful conference on "Role Models for a New Century: Women and Leadership in Science and Mathematics."

Lynchburg College senior Alison Weir broke the NCAA Division III record

for career goals in intercollegiate field hockey. Alison finished her career with 131 goals, handily breaking the previous national mark of 120, a record which has been in place since 1976.

Mary Baldwin College's commitment to student involvement in volunteering and community service was honored recently with the College's third consecutive listing on the annual President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Marymount University has launched two new undergraduate offerings, adding two new specialties: a B.B.A. in Hospitality Management and a B.A. in Paralegal Studies.

Randolph College senior and studio art major Sarah Kreiger won a prestigious Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship for 2010. With the notable grant award, she plans to pursue a Master of Fine Arts in printmaking in graduate school next year.

Randolph-Macon College students Samantha Bradshaw '10 and Crystal Thomas '13 won first place in a debate competition at the College Forensics Association's recent national tournament held at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Martha Kuchar, professor of English at Roanoke College, was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach at a university in Ukraine and to research Russian fiction written by Ukrainian women. She is the third RC faculty member to be awarded a Fulbright in as many years.

This year, Shenandoah University implemented its new "Going Global:

First-Year Seminar" program for all incoming freshmen. The Seminar is at the core of the University's commitment to expand student, faculty awareness and study of other countries and cultures.

Sweet Briar College recently hosted a major conference on "Innovation, Entrepreneurship and the Liberal Arts," which included programs and discussions tailored specifically for liberal arts students looking at entering the world of business.

The University of Richmond continued its involvement in the Highland Park neighborhood of Richmond by building a second house there this spring in partnership with Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity. For two months, students, faculty, staff and alumni constructed the home with up to 15 volunteers per day.

Virginia Wesleyan College is the first liberal arts college in the world to sign on to PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education). Inspired by the United Nations Global Compact, the Principles help students develop problem-solving and critical thinking skills, and manage the complex challenges faced by business and society in the 21st century.

Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society that was founded at Washington and Lee University in 1914, will be returning to its birthplace later this year when the national headquarters is relocated to Lexington, Va. ODK plans to move into the historic Lexington train station on Nelson Street this summer once the organization's purchase of the building from W&L is completed.



HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Hampden-Sydney College seniors Josh Miller (football) and Brett Chonko (soccer) have been named "ESPN Academic All-Americans" for their outstanding achievements in both academics and athletics. Both are Venable Scholars at H-SC.

THREE KEY CAREER¹⁵ INITIATIVES LINK STUDENTS WITH EMPLOYERS

1) WEBSITE: www.career15.com

Launched in 2008, the CAREER15 website continues to provide corporations with a direct connection to students attending all 15 VFIC colleges and universities with downloaded resumes, opportunities for job postings, articles, interactive blogs and social networking. Currently, more than 95 corporations have registered on the CAREER15 web site, ranging from Verizon and SunTrust to GEICO and Dominion Resources.



Above: During Key Employer Panel event Denis Malkor (left), Genworth representative speaking with Bridgewater College student, Brad Jones. Photo right: Christian Stahl (left), a Senior at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, takes the opportunity to talk with Greg Tigani, Director of Strategy at CarMax.

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2) KEY EMPLOYER PANELS

Providing a personalized, face-to-face opportunity for students and corporate HR reps to meet, CAREER15's "Key Employer Panels" have become a major success. Held every few months,



the day-long program provides a targeted group of companies with the opportunity to present their story and meet personally with, a select group of 75 to 100 well-prepped VFIC college students interested in considering careers with those companies. Corporate participants have included CarMax, Dollar Tree Stores, BB&T, Wachovia and Genworth Financial, whose representative Chelsea Sopko noted that "These bright, talented and well-spoken students at the Key Employer Panel were impressive. What a great way to get in front of an engaged and proactive audience and to identify potential matches between career interests and employment opportunities!"

3) CORPORATE SITE VISITS

CAREER15 now connects VFIC students with employers by arranging site visits to corporate headquarters. In March, Dominion Resources hosted a CAREER15 Tour focused on the energy industry and career/internship opportunities with Dominion Resources. Demetrius Carter, Supervisor HR Staffing with Dominion, commented, "From Dominion Resources' perspective, the CAREER15 employer site visit provided a very cost effective and time efficient way to access a strong group of quality students from Virginia's private colleges and universities."



From Mary Baldwin College (l to r): Julie Chappell, Career Services Director; Amy Williamson, MBC student; and Alison Kaufmann, MBC graduate and a Dominion Resources Energy Conservation Specialist during a corporate site visit at Dominion Resources.



CAREER15 STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

JENNY YOUNG
Sweet Briar College, Class of 2011

"The CAREER15 website is a wonderful tool where I can find everything I need to know about jobs and internships. I find it much more useful than other websites on job and internship searching because the articles are written for students in my position of their job and internship search. I also really enjoy being able to look at the company profiles and learn about companies that I would potentially like to work for in the future. I feel that the CAREER15 website is an asset that all VFIC college students should embrace and use frequently to help secure future jobs and internships."

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE WINS THE 11TH ANNUAL VFIC ETHICS BOWL



Trophy in hand, the Randolph-Macon College championship team with President Robert R. Lindgren (l), Bobby Thomas, faculty adviser David Brat, Becky Johnson, Crystal Thomas, faculty adviser Ed Showalter and Jonathan Schmeelk.

The team from Randolph-Macon College was victorious in the 11th annual Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation Ethics Bowl held February 14-15 at the University of Richmond. Hampden-Sydney College was runner-up in the two-day intercollegiate tournament.

With this year's theme focusing on *Ethics and Education*, student teams from all 15 colleges analyzed case studies in ethical dilemmas impacting the educational sector, and presented their recommendations for the best ethical solutions. Forty business and community leaders from across Virginia critiqued team arguments. The teams

from Roanoke College and Hollins University were semi-finalists in their respective divisions.

"The Ethics Bowl combines the excitement and fun of a competitive tournament with an innovative approach to education in practical and professional ethics for these undergraduate students. We are proud to sponsor this event and we look forward to meeting the students and faculty each year and being a part of their experience," said Anna Powell, Mid-Atlantic Community Affairs Manager with The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation.



Runner-up team from Hampden-Sydney College (l to r) Kyle Martin, J. B. Potter and Osric Forrest confer during the final round.

SAVE THE DATE

12th Annual VFIC ETHICS BOWL

February 13-14, 2011
Virginia Wesleyan College
Norfolk, Virginia

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TEACHER EDUCATION SUPPORTED BY VERIZON GRANTS TO 5 VFIC COLLEGES

Verizon and the VFIC have embarked on a new three-year \$300,000 partnership designed to enhance the education and skills of VFIC college students heading to careers in teaching K–12.

The grant program, which will support five different VFIC member colleges in each year of the program, is focused on



providing VFIC college students with more exposure to the technologies and software available for K–12 teaching, such as Verizon’s notable *Thinkfinity* program. “Technology is the wave

of the future and we know that it will play an important role in our K–12 classrooms going forward,” noted Steve Clementi, Director of External Affairs at Verizon. “We are pleased to be able to provide this grant so that teachers have the technological tools and knowledge to incorporate it into their curriculum, effectively translating it to their students.

With this grant, we hope to provide limitless opportunities for these institutions.”

In this first year’s competitive grant application process, the five colleges selected for the major grants were Emory & Henry College, Lynchburg College, Randolph College, Randolph-Macon College and Shenandoah University.

Each institution presented a plan to develop or enhance a program that helps to ensure that future K–12 teachers coming out of these colleges are on the cutting edge in using the various technological applications to enhance the learning experience for their future K–12 students.

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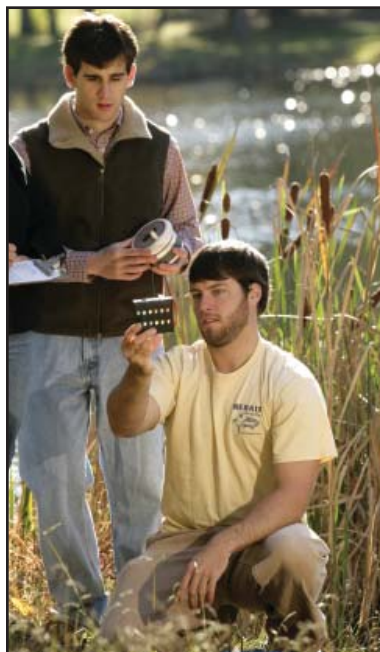
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UNILEVER PROVIDES CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

As environmental stewardship becomes more important, one of the VFIC’s main collaborative priorities has been to seek support for sustainability projects on member campuses.

We are pleased to announce that Unilever, a consumer goods company and a 50-year donor to the VFIC, has graciously provided five of our member institutions with “Campus Sustainability” grants designed to help incorporate eco-friendly environments on the campuses, reduce their overall carbon footprints, and demonstrate results in annual savings in tight collegiate budgets.

In making the grants, Unilever representatives noted that the company “is driven by a strong set of values, one of which is sustainability, placing a premium on the well-being of society as well as the environ-



ment. One of our critical goals is growth while reducing our overall environmental impact .

According to VFIC Board Chair Sandy Fitz-Hugh, “The importance of the sustainability movement and these grants fits into an even bigger picture. Higher education is a multi-billion dollar sector of the economy and has contact with thousands of students, thus providing a special opportunity to impact the future leaders of the nation. As such, colleges and universities have a responsibility to encourage environmental stewardship. With this grant, member institutions are a part of this movement for the greater good.”

The VFIC is grateful that Unilever has agreed to assist our member colleges with meeting a campus priority and providing a strong long-term educational impact.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE VFIC NETWORK

VFIC TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS GATHER IN NORFOLK FOR SPRING LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON

Trustees, donors and friends gathered April 13 for a VFIC Spring Leadership Luncheon in Norfolk at the headquarters of Norfolk Southern Corporation. VFIC Trustee Wick Moorman, President of Norfolk Southern, served as host.

The event included:

- A keynote address by James S. Cheng, Secretary of Commerce and Trade for the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- The introduction of Dr. Tom Morris, the newly-named President of the VFIC; and,
- Special recognition of the E. T. Gresham Company, for its remarkable record of 50 years of support for the VFIC.

Pictures below capture some of the highlights of the occasion.



VFIC Leadership Luncheon speaker, Secretary Jim Cheng with Norfolk Southern's CEO and VFIC Trustee Wick Moorman



On behalf of E. T. Gresham Company, Inc., President & CEO Bill Gresham accepts the VFIC's 50-year donor award.



Ned Moore (center) joined by VFIC Chairmen (l to r) Jack McElroy (1997-99), Sandy Fitz-Hugh (2008-10), C.T. Hill (2006-08) and Robert Woltz (Chair-elect, 2010-12)

NED MOORE TAPPED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION

On February 8th, VFIC trustees, college presidents, donors and friends gathered to bid Ned Moore a fond farewell and thank him for his guidance and leadership during the past seven-plus years. Under his leadership, the VFIC helped secure more than \$22 million in support for the member colleges.

Ned, who served as president of the VFIC from July 2002 until February 2010, has accepted a position as Executive Director of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) in Washington, DC and as Vice President of the Council for Independent Colleges (CIC).



VFIC Trustee George Birdsong visits with State Senator Jeff McWaters at VFIC Leadership Luncheon in Norfolk.

ALTRIA ESTABLISHES STUDENT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Ten outstanding sophomores at VFIC Member Colleges and Universities have been selected to receive a \$10,000 Altria Student Leadership Scholarships funded by Altria, a Fortune 500 corporation headquartered in Richmond and a 55-year supporter of the VFIC. (See list of student recipients, right column)

Nominated for the awards by their respective college presidents, these students represent the “best of the best, demonstrating exceptional academic and leadership promise in addition to financial need,” noted VFIC President Tom Morris. “We are deeply grateful to Altria for recognizing these students and working through the VFIC to implement this Leadership Scholarship Program which includes a preference for students from minority and underrepresented populations.”

In making the award, Katie Fessler, Manager of Contributions Programs with Altria Client Services, said that “Through the VFIC, we believe we are impacting Virginia’s future and our nation’s future by investing in these talented, deserving students. These scholarships will make a significant difference in nurturing their academic and career potential, and we are proud to contribute to these students and their future successes.”

2010 ALTRIA LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

Emory & Henry College
Natalie L. Hudok, Huttonsville, WV

Hampden-Sydney College
Walter E. Anderson, Chatham, VA

Hollins University
Rebecca M. Hobbs, Chittenango, NY

Mary Baldwin College
Caitlin Mary Henck, Baltimore, MD

Marymount University
Nastacia C. House, Port St. Lucie, FL

Randolph College
Nicole Y. Skellie, Verona, PA

Randolph-Macon College
Ashley N. Lambers, North Andover, MA

Shenandoah University
Jacob R. Pendergraft, Knoxville, MD

Sweet Briar College
Hannah R. Montalvo, Poquoson, VA

Washington and Lee University
Kathryn A. Iwanta, Pasadena, CA

To learn more about creating a named student scholarship program through the VFIC, contact Mary-Beth Johnson, VFIC Vice President, at johnson@vfic.org.

VFIC PROFESSORS AWARDED SCHEV'S 2010 OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD



Dr. Teresa Keller
Emory & Henry College
Mass Communications



Dr. Ellen Maycock
Washington and Lee University
Spanish

Two faculty members from VFIC institutions were recently honored with major statewide awards for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

Dr. Teresa Keller, Professor of Mass Communications at Emory and Henry College and Dr. Ellen Maycock, Professor of Spanish at Washington and Lee University were selected as recipients of the 2010 Outstanding Faculty Award in the statewide competition sponsored by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) and Dominion Resources.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

in her own words ...



NORFOLK SOUTHERN SCHOLAR

EMILY MATHEWS “Emmy”

Washington and Lee University
Double Major: Business Administration
and Philosophy

“It is a great honor to have been chosen as a VFIC / Norfolk Southern Scholar. This scholarship will afford me the opportunity to pursue an internship outside of my hometown this summer because the money I am saving on tuition will cover my living expenses in a different city. This scholarship will also allow me to expand my knowledge base and potential opportunities for future learning and employment.”

REMINDER:
VFIC’s Fiscal Year Ends
May 31st

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2009-2010 ANNUAL FUND FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN ENDS MAY 31

Our Colleges and their talented students thank you!

The 2010 Annual Fund for Academic Excellence Campaign is in the final homestretch. With the May 31 year-end quickly approaching, there is still time to ensure that your gift is counted and distributed in June to all Member Colleges. Just one gift to the VFIC benefits 15 member colleges and 21,000 students! Gifts through the Annual Campaign provide support for a variety of programs,

including scholarships, academic program development, ethics programming, career development, undergraduate research, access and opportunity programs, and campus facility improvements.

To make your annual gift, contact Mary-Beth Johnson, VFIC Vice President, at johnson@vfic.org.



"For as long as I can remember, my parents have always instilled in me the importance of excellence in my academic life. To see that value rewarded has been a blessing that allows me to focus on my studies and not worry about where I'm going to find the money for the coming semesters. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your overwhelming generosity!"

Bryn A., University of Richmond

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