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Dear Colleague:

I would like to take this opportunity to again bring greetings from the Office of Admission - Outreach Office at the University of Virginia. My name is Valerie Gregory and I am the Director of Outreach. This office was created to support the University's commitment to diversity as well as create a community that is reflective of our growing society. Let me take this opportunity to also introduce you to the other members of the Outreach team: *Christian West*, senior admission counselor, *Alexis Richardson*, admission counselor, *Kelsey Bowles*, access coordinator and *Cathy Ames Turner*, administrative assistant.

Our mission is to (1) welcome students from underrepresented groups to the University of Virginia, (2) help students compete successfully in the admission process at U.Va., and (3) give students general advice about finding a college that will help them reach their potential and achieve their dreams.

The University continues to support the idea that college is financially accessible to low-income students. There have been some recent changes to our Access UVa program to make it more sustainable but it continues to be an important part of our mission to meet 100% of demonstrative need for all of our undergraduate students. For more information I would encourage you to visit the financial aid website: www.sfs.virginia.edu. *Kelsey Bowles* a member of the Outreach team and is available to work with low income students in your schools who have the potential to be successful at the University of Virginia. (access@virginia.edu)

Attached is the listing of upcoming events and scholarship opportunities available to students, and a counselor's nomination form. If you know of any interested students, please feel free to have them contact us in the admission office. We are also available to visit high schools, conduct college admission and/or financial aid presentations, arrange for special tours, and counsel individuals with the college admission process. We encourage you to visit our web page: www.admission/virginia.edu/outreach .

In closing, I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to share this information with your staff and students. If there is anything we can help you with in regards to the admission process, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you as we continue to help students achieve their dreams.

Have a wonderful school year!!

Sincerely,

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The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – this is the goal of true education. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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Upcoming Events:

Fall Blast

Friday, November 13, 2015

Our annual open house event for Hispanic/Latino students is an attempt to attract talented high school juniors and seniors to the University. This event will give students and their parents the opportunity to visit U.Va. to learn more about academic programs, student life, the admission process, and the University in general. Interested students may register online at www.admission.virginia.edu/outreach/events

Fall Fling

Saturday, November 14, 2015

Our annual open house event for African American students is an attempt to attract talented high school juniors and seniors to the University. This event will give students and their parents the opportunity to visit U.Va. to learn more about academic programs, student life, the admission process, and the University in general. Interested students may register online at www.admission.virginia.edu/outreach/events

Diversity Chats

The U.Va. Undergraduate Admission Outreach Office invites you to join us on the third Tuesday of each month to chat with admission deans and current students about academics, admission and student life. Stay for the full two hours or drop in for 10 minutes – it is up to you: **Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17 (tentative date - to be confirmed); 8-9:00 pm.** www.admission.virginia.edu/outreach/events

VAAN – Virginia Alumni Admission Network

This year we are expanding VAAN to include Virginia regions: *Richmond, Tidewater and Northern Virginia*. For our out of state counselors and students, VAAN will continue to support our students in 10 domestic cities: *New York, NY, Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, Chicago, IL, Philadelphia, PA, Northern New Jersey, St Louis, MO, Atlanta, GA., Baltimore, MD, CT and MA*. These African American and Hispanic alumni volunteers seek to augment the work of the Outreach Office of Undergraduate Office of Admission through person to person interaction with prospective students. VAAN volunteers attend college fairs, meet with students individually, and are available in your city to help your students learn more about the University of Virginia. alumni.virginia.edu/admission/virginia-alumni-admission-network/

Scholarships:

University Achievement Award

This scholarship program is designed to attract exceptional in-state students to U.Va. We are looking for students who will add to the diversity of the University community. We hope this award, covering full tuition for four years, will make it easier for these students to attend U.Va. **All in-state applicants will automatically be considered for this award.** The most competitive applicants will demonstrate through the UVA supplement of the common application that they have special talents, unique personal characteristics, and/or pressing needs which will assist us with our objective to recruit and retain a diverse student body. Academic merit, leadership, service and citizenship are primary considerations. A student must also satisfy at least two of the following conditions:

- have a history of overcoming disadvantage
- be a first generation college student
- be a member of an underrepresented minority or ethnic group
- be a member of a low-income family
- reside in a rural or inner-city location
- have been raised in a single parent household

Walter N. Ridley Scholarship

The Black Alumni Association sponsors several scholarships designed to support African American students coming to the University of Virginia. These scholarships range from \$2500 - \$12,500 are awarded to students annually. Students typically have excelled academically in school, usually are in the top 15% of their class, and have special talents and/or leadership qualities. The Flagship Ridley Scholarship (\$12,500) is for *Virginians only* and these applicants are selected through their admission applications. They are brought to Grounds to complete through a selection process similar to the Holland Blackburn Scholarship. www.alumni.virginia.edu/ridley/

Holland Blackburn Scholarship

This scholarship formally known as the Jerome Holland Scholarship is now administered by the Ridley Foundation through the alumni association. The scholarship is designed to attract academically **talented African-American students** from across the nation to the University of Virginia. Approximately two \$40,000 scholarships are awarded annually for *out-of-state students*. To select new Holland scholars each year, the most outstanding African-American applicants (based on their academic performance, leadership capabilities, and potential as role models for their peers) are invited to Grounds to compete for the scholarship. Nominations from guidance counselors are quite helpful in pointing out particularly strong candidates for this award. In recent years, Holland scholars have averaged 600 or better on each section of their SATs and are typically in the top 10% of their class. **This scholarship is for out-of-state students only.** www.alumni.virginia.edu/ridley/

Jefferson Scholarship

The Alumni Association sponsors this scholarship for any student applying to the University. This is a full scholarship and the process begins with a nomination from your school directly to the Jefferson Scholarship Foundation. Application deadline is Nov. 1, 2015. For more details, visit their web site at www.jeffersonscholars.org

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is the largest scholarship-granting organization in the nation. HSF provides financial assistance to outstanding Hispanic students in higher education throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The students represent every region of the country and attend hundreds of institutions of higher education throughout America. Founded in 1975, HSF has awarded over 45,000 scholarships totaling \$60 million. These scholarships require an application and are separate from the University of Virginia. For more information visit their website: <https://hsf.net/>

Questbridge Scholarship Program

UVA is a partner school with the national acclaimed Questbridge Scholarship Program. This program works with high achieving low income students by providing academic and financial support to college. This is a matching and binding process that guarantees low income students a full four year scholarship. **Application deadline is September 28, 2015.** www.questbridge.org

Oliver Lindwood Perry Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student attending the University of Virginia who demonstrate a history of service with Native American communities. Students who have been admitted to the University of Virginia in order to be considered must submit at least one letter of reference from a Native American tribal leader and complete an application. For more information contact the Outreach Office, www.admission.virginia.edu/outreach

Alumni Scholarships

The alumni association sponsors several scholarships for both incoming and current undergraduate students. Typically there is an application process for most of their scholarships but others may be based on other criteria such as regional areas. alumni.virginia.edu/scholarships/

For more information on financial resources: www.admission.virginia.edu/outreach/financial



UNIVERSITY of VIRGINIA

Guidance Counselor Nomination Form

Deadline is Friday, December 18, 2015

Student name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student home address: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Race or Ethnicity (optional): _____

	Strong			Weak	
Academic Performance	5	4	3	2	1
Personal Character	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership Abilities	5	4	3	2	1
Commitment to Service	5	4	3	2	1
Extra-curricular Involvement	5	4	3	2	1

In the space below, please provide any additional information that may help us assess the student's talent and abilities.

I am nominating this student for consideration for the following award: (check as many as apply)

- Holland/ Ridley Scholarship University Achievement Scholarship (UAA)
 Oliver Lindwood Perry Scholarship Questbridge Scholarship Other scholarships

Please feel free to copy the form to nominate more than one student.

Counselor's Name: _____

High School: _____

School CEEB #: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

This form is available on the web at: www.admission.virginia.edu/counselors. See Outreach Counselor Package.

You are also welcome to send via fax at 434-924-3587, email: deangregory@virginia.edu or by mail to Valerie Gregory, Office of Admission, PO Box 400160, Charlottesville, VA 22904.