



# RICHMOND matters

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## Program to assist city eighth-graders in math and science

### IN BRIEF

- \$1 million grant from Philip Morris will fund new program
- University will prepare students to take advanced placement and honors courses

The University and Richmond Public Schools announced Feb. 16 a new program to prepare Richmond city schoolchildren for advanced placement and honors classes in math and science.

The “Brains Rule!” program will be patterned after “It’s Cool to Be Smart” projects created by Freeman Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Sixty eighth-graders who show academic promise based on SOL scores will be selected to participate each year for the next three years.

The program will be funded by a \$1 million grant from Philip Morris USA. The company’s chairman and CEO, Michael Szymanczyk, presented a check for the initial portion of the grant to Richmond President Bill Cooper and city schools Superintendent Deborah Jewell-Sherman on Feb. 16.

Also recognized were Stephen B. Johnson, chair of the Richmond School Board, and William Harrell, interim city chief administrative officer.

During the summer before and after eighth grade, 60 students will attend six weeks of day-long classes at the University, preparing them to take advanced placement science and math courses during the regular school year. The summer session will be taught by experienced local AP teachers, with guest lectures by the University’s science and math professors. Educational field trips and family activities also will be provided.

During the regular school year, the students will be tutored three hours a week by Richmond undergraduates and attend special afternoon sessions.

## Art museum named in honor of the Harnetts

The University has named its art museum in honor of Joel and Lila Harnett, longtime supporters of the visual arts at Richmond. The Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art incorporates Marsh Gallery, Booth Lobby Gallery, Newby Gallery and Pickels Gallery.

It is one of three museums on campus known collectively as University Museums. The others are the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature and the Joel and Lila Harnett Print Study Center.

An event at the museum to honor the Harnetts and officially dedicate the Harnett Museum of Art is scheduled for April 30.

For many years, the Harnetts have supported the visual arts generously, both at the University and in Phoenix, where they have lived since 1987. The couple recently made another major gift that will endow the Harnett Museum of Art and support its future exhibitions and programs.

Joel Harnett, R’45, is a former vice president of *Look* magazine and founder of Media Horizons, a public radio broadcasting and magazine company. With Lila, he created *Phoenix Home & Garden*, Arizona’s leading magazine. He serves on the board and executive committee of the Heard Museum in Phoenix.

Lila Harnett is the founder of ArtTable, a national organization of professional women leaders in the visual arts. She was an art critic for *Cue* magazine and for eight years a member of the New York State Council on the Arts. She is a trustee and member of the executive committee of the Phoenix Art Museum.

“We are indebted to Joel and Lila Harnett for their vision and their generosity,” said Richard Waller, executive director of University Museums. “The gifts from the Harnetts will enable us to transform our art museum into the centerpiece of our museums on campus. With their support and guidance, the  
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# Scott Erwin named to *USA Today* academic first team

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## IN BRIEF

- Senior was one of 20 college students nationwide selected
  - He was cited for creating Ambassadors of Democracy program in Iraq
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Scott Erwin, the University of Richmond senior who created the Ambassadors of Democracy program in Iraq and survived being shot in a Baghdad ambush, was named Feb. 17 to the First Team of *USA Today's* All-USA College Academic Team. Erwin was the featured team member on the front page of the newspaper's Lifestyle section announcing the academic all-stars.

Erwin was one of 20 college students selected for the honor and Richmond's first to earn First Team honors in the 15-year history of the awards. The criteria are designed to honor students who excel in scholarship and leadership roles, both on and off campus. Given greatest weight is a student's outstanding, original academic or intellectual product.

First Team members receive a \$2,500 cash award in addition to recognition in the newspaper. Forty other students were announced earlier as members of the second and third teams. Previous University of Richmond undergraduates chosen for the All-USA College Academic Teams were John Joseph, '90, of Worthington, Ohio (1990 Second Team in the inaugural year of the awards), and Dana Wallace, '01, of Richmond (2001 Second Team).

"Scott embodies our vision to prepare students for a lifetime of great deeds," said President Bill Cooper.

Erwin will graduate in May with a double major in political science and classical civilization. He is completing an independent study in New York while serving as an assistant to the Iraqi ambassador to the United Nations and will return to campus next month to complete additional studies. Erwin said he hopes to continue to work in civil society development in the Middle East or Central Asia and attend law school.

Last December, Erwin received the Defense of Freedom Medal, the highest civilian honor of the Department of Defense. Among his campus activities, he has been a member of Phi Beta Kappa, president of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, vice president of Richmond College Student Government Association and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

He is a graduate of Park Hill High School in Kansas City, Mo., near his hometown of Weatherby Lake and is the son of Bob and Karen Erwin.

"Scott typifies much of what is great about America," said Dr. Akiba Covitz, assistant professor of political science, who nominated Erwin for the honor. "He is sincere, ambitious, entrepreneurial, brilliant, and above all, good-hearted.

"I have known Scott since we both started at Richmond, and since then he has never stopped trying to create ways to

take reality as he finds it and make it better in every way," Covitz said.

Erwin said the Richmond campus community and Iraqi university students should share in his recognition.

"While I am honored to be recognized by *USA Today*," Erwin said, "the credit really belongs to the entire University of Richmond community. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of my professors in particular. Each went out of his or her way to assist me in my development as a student and person in general.

"I hope this award will raise awareness of the inspiring work being done by university students in Iraq to ensure that their country's transition to a democratic form of government is successful. They are far more deserving of recognition."

## Harnett Museum of Art, *continued from page 1*

Harnett Museum of Art will not only flourish but will take its place as a leading university art museum both regionally and nationally.

The museum currently uses its 4,000 square feet of public galleries to feature approximately 15 rotating exhibitions each year.

The Harnetts have supported many of the museum's exhibitions during the past 20 years, including works by notable American artists such as George Tooker, Philip Pearlstein, Jerome Witkin and Janet Fish. The Harnetts also have given significant artwork to the museum's permanent collection, and they continue to fund the Harnett Summer Fellow, which allows a Richmond undergraduate to work full time with museum staff to research the collections and curate exhibitions.

In 2001, the Harnetts made a major contribution to establish the Joel and Lila Harnett Print Study Center, the only facility of its kind in the region, and to give the museum an endowment for print acquisitions and programs.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events

March 2

#### Urban Practice and Policy Forum

"The University and the Global Community: When Do We Know When We've Asked the Right Questions?"

7:30 p.m., Jepson Hall, Room 118

Speakers for this second program include Dr. Terence P. Dolan, associate professor, Department of English, University College in Dublin, Ireland; Dr. Uliana Gabara, dean of international education; and Kathryn Monday, vice president for information services.

March 14

#### Awareness Week 2005: "Educating through the Years"

1:30–2:30 p.m., Tyler Haynes Commons, Room 313

In recognition of Build It 2005, this program will look at education from kindergarten through high school. Panelists will include Dr. Mavis Brown, associate professor of education, and the principals of the three schools being enhanced during Build It 2005: Baker Elementary, Rolfe Middle and Varina High School.

March 15

#### Awareness Week 2005: "Tackling Poverty in Virginia"

4 p.m., Weinstein Hall, Brown-Alley Room

Steve Myers, director of Virginia Poverty Legal Center, will speak. A reception will follow the program.

March 15

#### Children's book author Lois Lowry

7:30 p.m., Tyler Haynes Commons, Alice Haynes Room

Newbery Award-winning children's book author Lois Lowry will speak on "How Everything Turns Away." Her appearance is sponsored by Richmond Quest and the English department's Cathleen Mallaney Trees Memorial Lecture Series. Lowry has published more than two dozen books, many of which appear on both elementary and middle school syllabi and banned or challenged book lists. The talk is free and open to the public. She will sign books after the talk.

March 16

#### PETE luncheon: "Using Opera in Any Class: Issues, Methods and Resources"

12:30 p.m., Tyler Haynes Commons, Room 331

Join Ruth Longobardi from music and Linda Fairtile, music librarian, as they introduce us to how opera can enhance the teaching of your subject. Reserve a lunch by contacting Pat Schoknecht (ext. 6689; pschokne@richmond.edu).

March 16

#### Awareness Week 2005: "Developing Communities through Affordable Housing"

7 p.m., Keller Hall Reception Room

The program will feature discussion of affordable housing with Christine Lowrie of Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC); John Solano and Meredith Clark of the University's Habitat for Humanity chapter; and a representative of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Amy Howard, program manager of the Center for Civic Engagement, will moderate.

March 17

#### "Working with the News Media—A Lunch Workshop for Faculty"

12 p.m., Richmond Room, Heilman Dining Center

Learn more about working with the media to share knowledge with the public, promote books and research, and boost the profile of the University locally and nationally. Reporters from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and NBC 12 News will explain what does and does not make news for their readers and viewers, and the Media and Public Relations Office staff will talk briefly about getting in the news through Profnet, op-eds and pitching story ideas to the news media. Pick up a free lunch in the University Club and take it to the Richmond Room between 12–12:30 p.m. The program will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude by 1:30 p.m. To reserve a lunch, please contact Linda Evans (ext. 8056 or levans2@richmond.edu). Reservations are requested, but walk-ins are welcome.

March 17

#### Awareness Week 2005: "Discriminating Pollution: The Environmental Justice Movement"

4 p.m., Tyler Haynes Commons, Room 313

Dr. Andrea Simpson, associate professor of political science, will be the speaker.

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#### International Film Series

##### *The Return* (Russian)

Two boys growing up in contemporary Russia are unexpectedly reunited with their father, who had been absent for 12 years. One responds with cooperation and eagerness to know his father; the other is reluctant to trust him. Then the father announces he is taking them on a trip the next day. Making up for lost time is not the only purpose of the trip. Their father's motives include mysterious business. Thursday and Sunday showings are at 7:30 p.m. in Jepson Hall 118. The Friday showing is at 3 p.m. in Adams Auditorium of Boatwright Memorial Library.

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March 19, 2005

### 2005 Chocolate Festival

10 a.m.–4 p.m., Jepson Alumni Center

The \$10 ticket price includes delicious samples from some of Richmond's finest chefs. You may also stop by the chef's demo stage from 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., where you can watch chocolate masterpieces come to life. The Chocolate Festival is presented by the Virginia Chef's Association to benefit its Chef Otto Bernet Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available at the School of Continuing Studies (ext. 8133) or at For the Love of Chocolate (359-5645). For more information, please call Chef Glenn Pruden at ext. 8952.

### Meetings and Deadlines

March 17, April 21 (if needed)

#### Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

1 p.m., Dean's Conference Room

#### Boatwright Administrative Wing, Room 4

All faculty contemplating research on animals are reminded that the federal government requires that such research be cleared by the University IACUC. Applications for proposals are available at [oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/grad\\_a&s/forms/index.html](http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/grad_a&s/forms/index.html).

Proposals should be submitted well in advance—at least two to three weeks—to be considered at a scheduled meeting of the IACUC. Federal regulations also require that the University provide training and education for all individuals working with laboratory animals. To comply with those regulations, the IACUC is requiring that all individuals—faculty, staff, lab assistants, and undergraduate and graduate students—working with laboratory animals view the film *Animal Care Matters* before beginning work. Copies of the film are available in the biology and psychology departments, the Media Resource Center and the Graduate School Office.

March 21, April 25 (if needed)

#### Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Participants (IRB)

12:45 p.m., Dean's Conference Room

#### Boatwright Administrative Wing, Room 4

Please remember that research involving human subjects may not begin before approval is received. Though some applications can be processed quickly through expedited review, others must be considered by the entire committee at the next scheduled meeting. To avoid delay, please submit your application to the IRB well in advance—at least two to three weeks—of the planned starting date for your research. Applications are available online at [oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/grad\\_a&s/forms/index.html](http://oncampus.richmond.edu/academics/grad_a&s/forms/index.html).

### Around Campus

#### Merit Scholarship finalists visiting in March

The University will host approximately 150 merit scholarship finalists March 14–23. The talented high school seniors will interview with selection committees, explore campus facilities and visit classes in session. The students will soon be choosing between the University of Richmond and other outstanding schools across the country. Their visit to campus is our chance to showcase Richmond. Your hospitality will be appreciated if you meet or assist them as they seek to learn more about the University.

If class meetings on any of these days are less than optimal for visitors (e.g., test dates, field trips), please notify the Scholars Office before March 4 at [sconrad@richmond.edu](mailto:sconrad@richmond.edu) or by calling ext. 8443. Provide subject, course number and title, location, day, date and time of affected class meetings. Your information will be passed on to visiting finalists.

#### Diversity survey

Faculty, staff and students have an opportunity to participate in a survey of their thoughts on the diversity climate on campus. The electronic survey can be completed at <http://oir.richmond.edu/DiversityHome.htm>. Paper copies will be provided to staff units that do not routinely use computers.

“The purpose of the survey is to establish a starting point as a basis of measuring the impact of new diversity initiatives in the future,” said Provost June Aprille in a memo to the University community.

The survey will measure the quality of the environment for diverse populations, said Steve RiCharde, director of institutional research. “The Common Ground action committee will analyze the results and share them with the University community” later in the spring semester, he said.

#### The George M. Modlin Book Award: Attention seniors

The Modlin Book Award was established by the faculty in 1971 to honor Dr. George M. Modlin upon his retirement as president of the University, promote a scholarly interest in books and the development of personal libraries and to encourage undergraduate students to accumulate collections pertaining to some particular area of interest. Collections are eligible for the award only during the student's *senior year*. Students should submit to the University librarian by Friday, April 1, 2005, a list of not more than 50 entries from the collection. This should include a full bibliographical citation for each entry and a one-to-two page rationale for the collection's theme. The award will be a check for \$500. In case of a tie, the award will be shared, and each winner will receive a check for \$250. The recipient's name

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will be inscribed on a plaque in Boatwright Memorial Library and will be acknowledged in the commencement program. A display from the winning collection may be shown in the library. An award may not be made in a given year if not merited.

### James W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Library Research

The library committee is pleased to announce the annual James W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Library Research. The award recognizes and encourages excellence in the use of library research skills in the social sciences. Upper-division students are eligible, *based on a research project completed during the spring of 2005 or during the calendar year 2004*. Papers previously submitted are ineligible. The winning paper should demonstrate a depth and breadth use of research materials in the social sciences and clear evidence of thoughtful command of these resources. Excellent research projects that *do not* make significant use of library research materials (e.g. experimental projects) unfortunately cannot be considered.

Students must be nominated by a faculty member. Each faculty member may nominate one or two students by submitting the research paper(s) *by noon on April 1, 2005*. Please send papers to Jackson Award Subcommittee, University Librarian's Office, Boatwright Memorial Library. The award will be a check for \$450. In case of a tie, the award will be shared and each winner will receive a check for \$225. The recipient's name will be inscribed on a plaque in the library and will be acknowledged in the commencement program.

### Exhibitions in University Museums

On view through May 6 at the Joel and Lila Harnett Print Study Center and at the Harnett Museum of Art through July 30 is "Then & Now: Dementi Studio Photographs of the University of Richmond."

"Bonnie Prince Charlie and the Royal House of Stuart, 1688-1788: Works of Art from the Drambuie Collection" will be on view through May 7 in the Harnett Museum of Art. From Feb. 11 through May 7 "Rococo to Revolution: European Prints of the Eighteenth Century" will be displayed.

Continuing through July 10 at the Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature is "Cheers!: Drinking Glasses from the Permanent Collection." Also on view through June 26 is "Fancy Rockingham Pottery: The Modeller and Ceramics in Nineteenth-century America." On view through July 30 is "Silent Spring: Andy Warhol's 'Endangered Species' and 'Vanishing Animals'."

A special online exhibition, "hypertemporality: an exhibition on internet art," is available through June 30 at <http://oncampus.richmond.edu/museums/hypertemporality/>. Included are the works of five artists (Peter Baldes, Joel Holmberg, Lisa Jevbratt, Erik Loyer and Alexander Stewart) who are interested in the notion of how the newest technology brings about such rapid obsolescence in our society today.

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