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Google official to give main commencement address

IN BRIEF

- Margaret Thomas is 1992 University graduate
- Five people will receive honorary degrees

Margaret J. Thomas, human resources manager of Google Inc. and a 1992 Richmond graduate, will give the keynote address at the University's commencement ceremony May 8. Some 740 undergraduates will receive degrees. A student speaker will be selected in April.

On May 7, Phyllis Katz, an attorney with Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, will speak at the Richmond School of Law commencement, and David Cryer, retired history professor and mortgage lender, will deliver the commencement address for the School of Continuing Studies.

Five people will receive honorary degrees at the May 8 ceremony. They are Thos. Capps, chairman, president and CEO of Dominion Resources Inc.; Marian Grace Collins Lindblom, president of Central Communications Network Inc.; Dr. Kwang-I Yu, a computer scientist and founder of Paracel Inc.; Robert L. Burrus, chairman and partner of McGuire Woods LLP; and Princess Cecilia de Medici, an accomplished pianist.

Thomas is human resources manager and site lead for Google's Santa Monica, Calif., office. She hires and manages for the office and also serves on the steering committee of the Google Foundation. When the company last year planned its initial public offering, Thomas worked on a stock option plan for employees.

After graduating from Richmond, Thomas worked as communications assistant at Memphis Brooks Museum of Art. In 1995, she became special events coordinator for investment bank Credit Suisse First Boston in New York, and in 2000 she became human resources director for Internet start-up company Oingo in Los Angeles, which was eventually purchased by Google. She holds a B.A. in English and speech communication from the University.

Katz is a member of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller's employment and local government practice groups. In addition

to her preventative law practice, she works on cases involving discrimination, wrongful termination, employment torts and contractual issues, among others.

Prior to joining the firm, Katz was appointed by three different governors to direct Virginia's Department of Employee Relations Counselors, where she provided employment advice to all state agencies and administered a grievance procedure for local and state governments. Earlier, she was an assistant attorney general practicing in the areas of education, civil rights and disability law.

Katz also is founder of LINC (Legal Information Network for Cancer), which provides legal and business assistance to cancer patients. She is winner of the 2000 Pro Bono Publico award from the Richmond Bar Association and is an adjunct professor at Richmond School of Law. She earned a B.A. in political science from Rutgers, a master's of urban and regional planning from Ohio and a J.D. from Richmond.

Cryer drove a taxi and collected bills while working his way to a bachelor's degree from Richmond's School of Continuing Studies. He went on to become a Henrico County history teacher, history professor at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, mortgage lender, bank director and investor. He and wife Linda made the largest-ever gift to the School of Continuing Studies--\$500,000--last year.

Capps earned undergraduate and law degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. After practicing law in Winston-Salem, N.C., he joined Carolina Power & Light in 1970 as senior counsel. In 1974 he joined Boston Edison Co. as vice president and general counsel. Capps joined Dominion's principal subsidiary, Virginia Power, as executive vice president in 1984 and assumed the presidency of Dominion in 1986. In 1989 he became COO and in 1990, CEO. In 1992, he became chairman of the board, president and CEO. After the company's merger with Consolidated Natural Gas in 2000, Capps became vice chairman, president and CEO

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175th anniversary open house planned for April 2

IN BRIEF

- President Cooper and others to discuss relationship between the University and city of Richmond
- Children's activities include clowns, balloons, face painting and a scavenger hunt

Lectures, walking tours and concerts will all be a part of the University's 175th anniversary celebration April 2.

But so will such activities as a Contra dancing demonstration, massage therapy stations, trolley tours of campus, children's story time and a scavenger hunt.

The day-long celebration, to which members of the community as well as faculty, staff, students and students are invited, begins with a 5K run at 9 a.m. to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at First Market Stadium.

Dr. Bill Cooper, University president; Dr. Doug Hicks, director of the Center for Civic Engagement; and a panel of community leaders will address the relationship between the University and the city of Richmond at 11 a.m. in the Robins Pavilion of Jepson Alumni Center.

Dan Roberts, assistant professor of liberal arts and host of "A Moment in Time" on NPR, will discuss the history of the University at 11 a.m. in Jepson Hall, room 118, while Stuart

Wheeler, associate professor of classical studies, presents a lecture on the architecture of the University at 9:30 a.m. in Weinstein Hall's Brown-Alley Room.

Visitors can hear a number of lectures in the law school throughout the day, visit open houses in the human resources and international education offices, and listen to concerts by student groups in Cannon Memorial Chapel from 1–2 p.m.

Children will enjoy clowns, face painting and balloon animals, and every half-hour from 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m., they can participate in story time at Boatwright Memorial Library. Also at the library, guests can pick up work sheets for a scavenger hunt. Completed entries will be eligible for a prize drawing at 2:30 p.m.

The Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art, Joel and Lila Harnett Print Study Center and Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature will be open with special exhibits for viewing.

For more information and a list of events, visit <http://175.richmond.edu/events/OpenHouse.htm>.

Three receive 2005 Story Awards for service

Dywana Saunders, Sandie Walker, '05, and Gail Zwirner are the 2005 recipients of Story Awards, presented annually by the Bonner Scholars Program and Office of the Chaplaincy.

They received the awards during a dinner ceremony March 16.

Since 1992, the freshman class of Bonner Scholars has coordinated an awards ceremony to recognize each year the service and leadership of University faculty and staff, and, beginning in 2002, a student.

Faculty, staff and students nominate people whose commitment to community building may have gone unrecognized. The freshman class of Bonner Scholars is responsible for soliciting nominations, selecting the award recipients and coordinating the ceremony. During the program, freshman Bonner Scholars share the "stories" of the winners

and present them with pewter awards.

Saunders is a library associate in the media resource center of Boatwright Memorial Library. She was selected for her "dedicated work for the Richmond Area Mothers of Multiples" and her support and commitment to the organization and Richmond mothers.

Walker was selected for her initiative in creating and running Project Y.O.R.K., helping inner-city youth explore the world and learn to become involved in community service.

Zwirner, head of access services in the law school library, was selected for her pioneering work with the Virginia Association of Law Libraries, Boys and Girls Club, her Fan District community and the Richmond law library.

Accepted students to visit Richmond in April

An open house for accepted students and expanded visit days are designed to give the accepted student—who is choosing between Richmond and many of the most prestigious universities in the nation—a chance to fully explore our educational offerings and unique features. While students may *apply* to Richmond because of what they read in brochures, they choose to *enroll* at Richmond because of our rigorous academic environment, the many exciting opportunities that this community offers and because of you—the faculty, students and staff.

- Open House for Accepted Students
Saturday, April 16

The day's events begin in the Robins Center with an academic symposium and registration, followed by panels, lunch in the dining center, student/parent forums and tours of the residence

halls. Dia Lisner is the admission office's coordinator of the open house.

- *Realize Richmond (new this year!)*
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, April 4–22 (except April 13 and 15)

Realize Richmond will host mini-visit days for accepted students who cannot attend the open house on April 16. Students will have an opportunity to visit a 10:25 a.m. class, have lunch with students and admission officers in the dining center, take a tour of campus and visit other campus areas of interest to them. Kate Materna is the admission office's program coordinator

Mark your calendars to welcome and congratulate these accepted students. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission at ext. 8640.

Reporters, consultant and public relations staff discuss what makes news

Working with the news media is all about building relationships—there must be a good relationship between the University and the media in both good times and bad.

That was the message of two veteran Richmond area journalists who spoke during a workshop for faculty and staff March 17 on how to work with the media. The program was sponsored by the Media and Public Relations Office.

Gary Robertson, a Richmond alumnus who covers the University for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and Mike Porter, chief political reporter for WWBT TV-12, also said they are looking for compelling stories. The media relations office should find “the essence of the story,” said Robertson, and pass it along to the reporter.

“What's the hook? Why would somebody sitting at home care about the story?” added Porter. Other considerations include proximity, or how the story ties into the local community, and what else is happening at the same time.

He said that television news is looking for sight, sound and emotion. “We don't want an egghead interview—it's boring and people will tune out. Get us into the classroom or tie the

idea into a national event.”

Peter Rooney of Gehrung Associates, the University's national media relations consultant, also spoke, saying that to sell story ideas to the national media, “the bait has to be tastier.” National journalists are looking for something topical or something counterintuitive. Trends, new discoveries or ideas that go against the grain sell better to national media, he said. Things that all universities already *should* be doing do not make news.

Some successes he has had for Richmond include a trend article on the decline of Friday classes and what Richmond was doing to counteract it; leasing a building to Philip Morris, which became a national real estate story; and Craig Kinsley's research on mother rats.

Concluding the workshop, Randy Fitzgerald, senior writer in the Media and Public Relations Office, discussed Profnet, a computer-based service that matches journalists with experts, and Linda Evans, media and public relations specialist, discussed the University's online and printed faculty experts guides.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events

April 1

Brown bag lunch series at the museums

“Eighteenth-Century European Drinking Glasses”

12 p.m., Lora Robins Gallery of Design from Nature

Bradley Jane Wright, '06, the 2004 University Museums summer research fellow, will speak. Bring your thoughts and your lunch to this informal program, presented in conjunction with a current exhibition at the University. Soft drinks and dessert will be provided.

April 1

Brown bag program

“Staying Civically Involved after Graduation”

12:30 p.m., Tyler Haynes Commons, Room 201

Dr. Cathy Howard, director of Community Programs at VCU, and Timothy Weathers, a University of Richmond alumnus, will be the speakers at this program sponsored by the Center for Civic Engagement.

April 2

175th Anniversary open house

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April 10

A Legacy for Excellence lecture series

“The Founding Years”

4:30 p.m., Tyler Haynes Commons, Room 313

Sponsored by the SCS liberal arts program and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, this series about the history and promise of the University is free; however, reservations are requested. Call ext. 8020 to reserve a seat.

April 11

Lecture by Janisse Ray

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

The last lecturer in the WILL/WGSS series, Ray will talk about the beleaguered Southern landscape and the need to remake a world in which we can be fully human.

Meetings and Deadlines

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.

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.

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.

Around Campus

Exhibitions in University Museums

On view March 18–April 10 in the Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art is the senior honors exhibition featuring Kari Butt, Blair Falck and Erri Kanesaka. On view April 15–May 6 is the senior honors exhibition of Silvia Chu, Stephanie Rounds, Nisha Singh and Linnea Westerberg.

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 exhibited through May 7 in the Harnett Museum of Art. “Rococo to Revolution: European Prints of the Eighteenth Century” will be displayed through May 7.

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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of the combined company. He assumed the title of chairman in August 2000. He serves on the board of trustees of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

Lindblom owns Central Communications Network, which provides cell phone equipment and supplies and has four locations in Florida. She formerly owned U.S. Medical Corp., a wholesale computer company. She is a former financial analyst and received a B.A. degree from University of Richmond in 1952.

Yu is a 1973 graduate of the University and a native of Hong Kong. A computer scientist in the field of high-speed computing, Yu made his mark in national security, space programming and the Human Genome Project, which indexed the 40,000 genes that define human beings. In the early 1980s, he invented the Fast Data Finder, a computer system that can cull through volumes of text and locate a desired passage within seconds. In 1992 he founded Paracel Inc., which provided high-speed supercomputer products for analyzing genome and other biological data. The company was sold to Celera Genomics in 2000.

Burrus, a member and former rector of the University’s board of trustees, is chairman of McGuireWoods LLP, where he works in corporate and fiduciary counseling, mergers and acquisitions and shareholder disputes. He also serves as outside counsel for Dominion Resources, Circuit City Stores and a number of other public companies. He received a B.A. degree from Richmond and a law degree from Duke. The University of Richmond named a scholarship program for developing leaders after him in 2002, and he has received the Trustees Distinguished Service Award and the Richmond Alumnus of the Year Award. He formerly served as chair of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

de Medici promotes young American musicians through La Gesse Foundation, of which she is founder and president. The foundation also hosts an annual music festival in Toulouse, France. She is the widow of Dr. Abraham Horwitz, a physician, medical professor and prominent leader in public health in Chile until his death in 2001. She holds master’s and doctoral degrees in Greek and Latin from The Catholic University of America. Between working on her degrees, she studied piano at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University.



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