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## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Richmond-Area High School Students Gain Awareness of Diversity and Respect at 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Diversity Dialogue Day**

**What:** Diversity Dialogue Day

**When:** Thursday, November 18, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Virginia Home for Boys and Girls, Gymnasium, 8716 W. Broad St.

**Who:** Around 100 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and educators from Richmond-area public and private high schools, including schools from Richmond City, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Henrico counties, will come together in a hands-on workshop setting to learn lessons about diversity, discrimination, and respect to bring back to their peers at school. Diversity Dialogue Day is sponsored by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

**How:** This year's theme is "Stopping Stereotypes in Schools", with curriculum taking participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Students learn to recognize prejudice and intolerance, and to respect others. They will work closely with their peers from a wide range of ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Trained facilitators guide the students through small group learning activities that explore personal experiences with discrimination and develop conflict resolution skills.

**Web Information:** <http://www.inclusiveva.org/3D.php>

**Interview Opportunities:** Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Please contact David LeFebvre by telephone at (804) 515-7950 ext. 24 or by e-mail at [dlefebvre@inclusiveva.org](mailto:dlefebvre@inclusiveva.org).

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