



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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## **Richmond-Area High School Students Gain Awareness of Diversity and Respect at 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diversity Dialogue Day**

**What:** Diversity Dialogue Day

**When:** Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** University of Richmond, Tyler Haynes Commons, Richmond, VA 23173

**Who:** Over 150 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and educators from Richmond area high schools 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, with funding support from Dominion Resources.

**How:** This year's theme is "Addressing Bullying in School", with curriculum taking participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Participants will also view "Pushed: explorations into bullying," produced by The Conciliation Project. 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 Jonathan Zur by telephone at (804) 515-7950 or by e-mail at [jzur@inclusiveva.org](mailto:jzur@inclusiveva.org).

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