



MEDIA ALERT

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Tidewater-Area High School Students Gain Awareness of Diversity and Respect at 2nd Annual Diversity Dialogue Day

What: Diversity Dialogue Day

When: Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Where: Old Dominion University, University Webb Center, Norfolk, VA 23529

Who: Around 75 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students and educators from Tidewater area high schools in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, 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 "Addressing Bullying in School", with curriculum taking participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Participants will also take part in a play, "Bullied", 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 David LeFebvre by telephone at (804) 515-7950 ext. 24 or by e-mail at dlefebvre@inclusiveva.org.

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