



Members of the Marlins VOTE Campus Election Engagement Committee (left to right: Jules Whitehurst, Mindy Bertram, Shelby St. Gelais '13, Charlie Krauser and Meg Groah) prepare to register students to vote. At the end of two hours, 86 students had pledged to exercise their democratic right to cast a ballot!



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Welcome & Welcome Back!

Make your mark through service!

VISIT US AT CLUB FAIR, SEPT. 5, 11-1, in the Batten Center!



MAKE IT A HABIT TO VOTE!!! But first, you have to be registered...

...If you are a Virginian, you may register to vote on line. Go to <http://www.vote.virginia.gov/>

...If you are from out-of-state, you may go to your state's Board of Election website or complete the national voter registration form and mail it in. You may go to this site for that form:

http://www.eac.gov/assets/1/Documents/Federal%20Voter%20Registration_1209_en9242012.pdf

...Once you are registered, then **Make it a Habit to Vote**. On Sept. 19, from 12-1 in the Grille, visit stations to learn how to request an absentee ballot, what to expect at the voting booth, about voter identification laws and reliable news sources, and how to be involved politically on campus and in your community.

...Last, **Make it a Habit to Know**. Be an informed voter. Attend this faculty panel discussion on Oct. 24 from 11 to 11:50 in Pearce Hospitality Suite. Learn about the issues in the upcoming Virginia gubernatorial election.

...Finally, **VOTE**. Request your absentee ballot and get it in by the deadline, or vote at your polling location on Nov. 5.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...

(To commit to a volunteer opportunity, come to the Office of Community Service and sign up or reply to this email.)

- Aug. 28 Virginia Supportive Housing Volunteer Orientation, 4:30 pm, Pruden Classroom, Library
Sept. 5 Game Night at Virginia Supportive Housing, 5:30 pm, Virginia Beach
Sept. 7 Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk, Mt. Trashmore
Sept. 9 AVID Information Session, 4:30 pm, Batten 228
Sept. 9 Hunger Action Month Project: Sort donations at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia, 5:30 pm, Norfolk
Sept. 11 Hunger Action Month Project: Cooking for Kids, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen
Sept. 11 American Red Cross HEROES Blood Drive, 11-5 pm, CMAC
Sept. 13 United Way Day of Caring: Boy Scouts of America construction/painting, 9-3 pm, Virginia Beach
Sept. 14 Habitat Work Day, 8-3 pm, Virginia Beach
Sept. 18-25 From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Transforming the Human Spirit display, Hub
Sept. 19 Marlins VOTE Initiative: "Make it a Habit to Vote" Voter Education Stations, Noon, Grille
Sept. 21 Marlins Make A Difference Day (Sites: Heart Walk, UP Center, MGG Trail Clean Up, Teens with a Purpose, Portsmouth Humane Society), 8:30 am-1 pm
Sept. 21 One Love Festival and United Nations Day of Peace, throughout Boyd and Batten all day
Sept. 23 UP Center Mentor Recruitment and Training (recommended for participants in Marlins Read, Marlins Count, Global Marlins, Future Marlins, Neighborhood Tutoring, MiniMarlins), 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm, Batten 228
Sept. 25 Hunger Action Month Project: Cooking for Kids, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

- Jan. 12-18 8th Annual Winter Homeless Shelter
Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Feb. 22 Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament
Feb. 26 American Red Cross LOVE IS IN THE AIR Blood Drive
March 14 16th Annual Empty Bowls Charity Dinner
March 14-23 Imagine: Alternative Spring Break
March 29 Marlins Make A Difference Day
April 22-26 Stand Against Racism
April 23 American Red Cross HIT IT OUT OF THE PARK Blood Drive (double red opportunity)

WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?

Aug. 28, Virginia Supportive Housing Volunteer Orientation, 4:30 pm, Pruden Classroom, Library *NEW!!!* Sept. 5, Game Night at Virginia Supportive Housing, 5:30 pm, Virginia Beach

An orientation for Virginia Supportive Housing volunteers will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the Library Pruden Classroom. Students planning to volunteer for the new game nights at Virginia Supportive Housing, which will take place the first Thursday of every month beginning Sept. 5, should attend. Volunteers on Game Night will enjoy an evening of fun with residents of Virginia Supportive Housing's Cloverleaf residence on Thursday, Sept. 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided. Sign up in Community Service.

Sept. 7, Out of the Darkness Walk, Mt Trashmore, Virginia Beach

BRING SUICIDE AND DEPRESSION OUT OF THE DARKNESS AND INTO THE LIGHT--Counseling Services is sponsoring a Wesleyan Team to participate in the Out of the Darkness Walk to promote good mental health. To sign up, email Bill Brown at bbrown@vwc.edu.

Sept. 9, AVID Information Session, 4:30 pm, Batten 228

HELP HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ADVANCE WHILE EARNING A PAYCHECK—If you would like to apply for the AVID Tutor position with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, you are invited to find more information and start your online employment application today by visiting <http://www.vbschools.com/hr/content/pdfs/AVIDad.pdf>. If interested, please attend a live information and application workshop on Monday, Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m. in Batten 228. This is a great, paid, part-time employment opportunity for education majors and other juniors or seniors who love to work with middle and high school students. The online application closes on Friday, Sept. 20, 2013. Sign up in Community Service to attend this session.

Sept. 9, Hunger Action Month Project: Sort donations at the Foodbank, 5:30 pm, Norfolk

GET TO KNOW YOUR FOODBANK; ENGAGE IN QUALITY ASSURANCE—Volunteers will sort non-perishable food items, pack non-perishable food for the Mobile Pantry program or for emergency food relief, prepare youth-friendly food bags for the Backpack program, repack bulk food, or help with sanitation & cleanliness. There may be other tasks on the list on the day you volunteer, but these are the five primary tasks performed by volunteers in Quality Assurance. Transportation is provided. Sign up in Community Service.

Sept. 11 and 25, Hunger Action Month Project: Cooking for Kids, 6:30 pm, Campus Kitchen

IMPACT CHILDHOOD HUNGER--Cooking for Kids is a food preparation program in partnership with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia that takes place in our campus kitchen every other Wednesday. Child nutrition is a real issue in our communities. Ending childhood hunger is a major priority of our Foodbank. In South Hampton Roads, more than 79,600 youth are eligible for the free and reduced price lunch program at their schools, an indicator that the children in our communities are not receiving the nutritious food they need to learn, and grow, which scientific research shows hinders their productivity as citizens. Come to the kitchen and assemble a meal that will be sent to after-school programs in the Kids Café network, and feed some children! Sign up in Community Service.

Sept. 11, KA American Red Cross HEROES Blood Drive, 11-5 pm, CMAC

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE—DONATE; VOLUNTEER TO FACILITATE THE DRIVE--Go on line to www.redcrossblood.org for a time to donate blood at the campus' first blood drive of the year. There will be two drives in the fall (Sept. 11, Nov. 6) and two in the spring (Feb. 26; April 23). Scheduled donors will complete the donation process in about an hour. Walk-ins are welcome as space is available. **Volunteers** are needed at registration and the canteen on the day of the drive. Volunteers may sign up in the Office of Community Service for one-hour shifts throughout the drive. Kappa Alpha Order is sponsoring the Blood Drives. Helps us break a record for number of pints collected! The need is critical, especially for O blood types. Double red donors should consider whole blood donations at the drives in September and February and double red donations in November and April.

Sept. 13, United Way Day of Caring: Boy Scouts of America construction/painting, 9-3 pm

JOIN VOLUNTEERS FROM HAMPTON ROADS ON THIS ANNUAL SERVICE DAY--Thousands of volunteers from throughout the region will be paired with non-profit United Way agencies to help with much needed projects. Wesleyan's site is the Boy Scouts headquarters off Wesleyan Drive. This assignment is a great way to get to know our community and make a difference! Space is limited. Transportation is provided. Sign up in Community Service.

Sept. 14, Habitat Work Day, 8-3 pm, Virginia Beach

HELP BUILD A DECENT, AFFORDABLE PLACE TO LIVE—Habitat for Humanity is building townhouses for folks who could not otherwise afford to buy a home. The project at Kenley Commons on Bonney Road in Virginia Beach is just a few miles from campus and where our chapter will be spending a lot of time this year. Join us for the first work day of the semester. Sign up in Community Service. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn something new, follow instructions and get dirty!!! Transportation is provided.

Sept. 18-25, From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Transforming the Human Spirit, Hub

ENORMOUS PEACE DISPLAY AVAILABLE ONE WEEK FOR VIEWING--In association with the One Love Festival and UN Day of Peace recognition to be held on campus Sept. 21, the college will host the display "From a Culture of Violence to a Culture of Peace: Transforming the Human Spirit." The display is brought to

us by SGI-USA (Soka Gakkai International, a worldwide lay Buddhist association that promotes peace, culture and education through personal change and social contribution). This very large display will be in the Hub area from Sept. 18 to 25. You can find a link to the panels of the display here:

<http://www.sgi-usa.org/newsandevents/exhibitions/transformingthehumanspirit.php> For more information, contact Community Service.

Sept. 21, Marlins Make A Difference Day, 8 am-1 pm

SHOW HAMPTON ROADS THAT WESLEYAN CARES--Join fellow Marlins for a day of service at one of five agencies in our community which serve the following populations: youth, animals, health or the environment. Sites are the American Heart Association Heart Walk, the UP Center Mentoring Program featuring a program on cyberbullying, Marlins Go Green Trail Clean Up, a performance with Teens with a Purpose, and the Portsmouth Humane Society. We start at 8 am with bagels, go to our sites, and return for pizza. All participants get t-shirts. Transportation is provided. Sign up in Community Service.

Sept. 21, One Love Festival and United Nations Day of Peace

WHAT WOULD WORLD PEACE LOOK LIKE? --Volunteer or just participate in the 8th Annual One Love Festival. It is a FREE event that draws people together for music, poetry, drumming, and activities to promote community peacebuilding. Conceived as a snapshot of what world peace would look like (even if for only one night), the festival is held every fall at Virginia Wesleyan College. The flavor of the festival is unique every year, but the idea is the same: **bring all kinds of people together to create a community of harmony and peace, enjoy all different kinds of performances, and most of all have fun.** The agenda is: Largest Drum Circle in the World, 1–5 pm, Batten Center Grill--The Hampton Roads Youth Poets, a division of Teens With a Purpose, will be a part of the drum circle this year; Pax Christi Presents Roy Bourgeois, *From Warrior to Peacemaker—Roy Bourgeois, Conscience, and the Movement to Close the School of the Americas*, 2–4 pm, Monumental Chapel; United Nations Peace Day--Bringing Peace to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2:30–5 pm, Boyd Dining Hall (The U.N. Peace Day celebration will be woven throughout all of the One Love Festival activities this year. In addition, there will be a block of speakers and performers with a special focus on peace in the Congo, including the Rev. Carey Chirico, Virginia Episcopal Diocese Women-to-Women Ministry; Old Dominion University Professor and Ambassador (Ret.) Bismarck Myrick; Friends of the Congo speaker (www.friendsofthecongo.org/); and Faith Liwanga, MICAH-ell Foundation (micahellefoundation.org/). An evening concert in the Boyd Dining Hall will feature: Friends School Sound Waves Concert, Ohana Mau Loa, Narissa Bond, Isis Rising Dance & Drum Ensemble, Rick Mateo, Walidanés Drum Group and Teens with a Purpose SoulStice Reb'L. To participate, just show up!!!

Sept. 23, UP Center Mentor Recruitment and Training, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm, Batten 228

VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS? LEARN HOW TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE—The UP Center is our area's expert on mentoring. If you volunteer with kids, chances are you are mentoring them as well. You are someone who cares in that child's life and the child looks up to you. Come learn how to be the best mentor you can be at this session, which starts at 4:30 and is especially recommended for participants in Marlins Read, Marlins Count, Global Marlins, Future Marlins, Neighborhood Tutoring and MiniMarlins. Want to be a one-on-one community mentor? A big brother or big sister? Come at 3:30 to learn what the UP Center requires of you and the procedure to be matched with a "little." Space is limited. Sign up in Community Service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARLINS READ RESUMES--Literacy is the goal of this weekly program which pairs college students with a child who needs reading assistance. Volunteers meet with the same child each week for 30 minutes to an hour. Four local elementary schools are part of Marlins Read, providing a selection of days and times to fit students' schedules. Elementary schools where the program is offered and Student Liaisons coordinating volunteer at each site are: Bayside, Wednesdays at 10 (Renee Ellis); Diamond Springs, Thursdays at 1 (Fatima Davis); Shelton Park Thursdays at 11 (Kylah Jackson); and Newtown Tuesdays at 11:30 (Tanasia Hazelton). Limited transportation is available. Sign up in Community Service. To learn more, contact Director Renee Ellis at rmellis@vwc.edu.

MARLINS COUNT RESUMES, EXPANDS—Modeled after Marlins Read, Marlins Count pairs college volunteers with elementary school students struggling in math. The program will run on Thursdays, 11:30-

12:30 at Newtown Elementary and BF Williams. Bayside Elementary will be added. Day and time to be announced. Transportation is provided. Sign up in Community Service or contact Program Director Kate Maguire (kbmaguire@vwc.edu) for more information.

MINI MARLINS TO CONTINUE—This program aims to provide recreation services where there is a demonstrated need, in a safe fun environment for children, in partnership with the Hampton Roads Community. The site for this year's program is to be announced. Past sites have included the Dwelling Place, a shelter for families, the Norview Boys and Girls Club, and Enoch Baptist Church. Mini Marlins volunteers need to be Dependable, Open to new experiences, Personable, Enthusiastic. For more information and ways to get involved contact Program Director Katie Go at Kagiwaosagie@vwc.edu.

NEIGHBORHOOD TUTORING RETURNS for 16th YEAR—Consider a commitment to the academic advancement of neighborhood children through our weekly Neighborhood Tutoring Program. Our classroom is located at Heritage United Methodist Church adjacent to campus. About 15 children from area elementary schools will come on Tuesdays for assistance with homework and fun, educational games. Sign up in Community Service. Email Director Jasmine Burrell (jeburrell@vwc.edu) to learn more.

GLOBAL MARLINS CARRIES ON--The Bayside Tri Campus has more than 50 students who come from homes where English is not the first language. These families by and large hail from Spanish-speaking countries, but others are from India, Africa and China. Help these children do well in school. Learn more about how to get involved. Sign up in Community Service for more info.

DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. USE THE ON-LINE SERVICE LOG—Students needing to document their service hours have the opportunity to record them as they go through this on-line, on-your-honor service log system. Go to www.vwc.edu/service where you will find a button on the homepage that says DOCUMENT YOUR SERVICE. Once there, you will be asked to register the first time you access the system. After that, you will be sent directly to the log where you can input a description of your volunteer work and hours. If you are in Honors and Scholars, be sure to check the Honors and Scholars line in the Service Type box. You may print your log to submit wherever your service is required.

ITEMS TO RECYCLE: LAPTOPS, TABLETS, MP3 PLAYERS, DIGITAL VIDEO/CAMERAS, GAME CONSOLES, GPS DEVICES, T1 GRAPHING CALCULATORS—These items, in addition to ink jet cartridges, alkaline batteries and cell phones, can all be recycled in the Office of Community Service. Bring old and broken items to the Office. Proceeds from recycling benefit Office programming. Just over \$100 was added to the Office budget last year from these donations.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITY...

CKI (Circle K)... Seeking a leader and members. Former Key Club Members and those who like service will have a special interest in this organization. Want to build on something that was real good? Contact Diane Hotaling at 455-3216, dhotaling@vwc.edu.

Habitat for Humanity... President Morgan Piero, mgpiero@vwc.edu

Imagine: Wesleyan's Alternative Break Program... Students interested in leading a trip should contact Diane Hotaling at dhotaling@vwc.edu.

Marlins Go Green... Students interested in environmental issues should contact Ben Freiler at bjfreiler@vwc.edu

Marlins Against Cancer...Get this club off the ground serving the cancer community. Contact Diane Hotaling at 455-3216, dhotaling@vwc.edu.

CALLS FOR SERVICE (To sign up for any of the opportunities listed, please call the contact noted.)

...**GET SMART** is a community based, holistic outreach initiative that is based on relationships between under-resourced high school students and positive role models. We meet on Tuesday nights. We start with activities at the Great Bridge/Hickory YMCA, then head to Great Bridge United Methodist Church for a meal, followed by activities, and then learning time. We are launching the 120 Challenge. The goal is to find 50 people that are willing to connect with kids for 120 minutes a week. We hope to see you this Fall. Your simple presence has the immense power to change the trajectory of someone's life. For more information please contact Wendy Scott at getsmartofchesapeake@gmail.com, call 757-376-3864, or visit getsmartofchesapeake.org We will be having a training for everyone that is interested in participating on September 15 from 2pm-5pm at Great Bridge United Methodist Church.

...**BE AN ELECTION OFFICIAL**—Ever wonder how your vote counts? No better way to find out than to become an Election Official. The City of Virginia Beach is recruiting now for the November Election. Below are links to the necessary documents in order to become an Election Official for the City of Virginia Beach. Original hard copies of the forms are required and must be notarized (where indicated)—we can do this on campus, signed, and submitted to our office. The mailing address is P.O. Box 6247 Virginia Beach, VA 23456-0247, or for your convenience you can drop-off the forms and have them signed by an Assistant Registrar at our main office or either of our satellite offices located at the Virginia Beach DMVs. Location information for the DMVs is as follows: Hilltop DMV: 1712 Donna Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 or Buckner DMV: 3551 Buckner Blvd., Virginia Beach, VA 23453. **CLICK BELOW FOR FORMS:** Print out and complete the Notice of Appointment forms and submit directly to the Voter Registrar's Office. http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/voter-registrar/Documents/20120410-GRD-Fillable_EOProsplntLtBlank%202012_2014.pdf OR Please click on the link below to submit your online interest form and we will mail you a packet of information: <http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/voter-registrar/eo-information/Pages/default.aspx> Please call Beverly or Cindy at 385-8683 if you have any questions, or email us at electiontraining@vbgov.com.

...**"Kids for Christ" SEEKS STUDENT LEADERS**-- St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Hampton is inviting children from the neighborhoods around the church to a Sunday morning, activity based, and Vacation Bible School-type program. It is multigenerational—which means we work with children from age 4 through ages 10 or 11. There are "workshops" or centers where the children can participate in age appropriate activities: crafts, role playing, story time, games, singing, and more. We need you at the church no later than 8:45—earlier if you can manage it. Our program begins at 9am. The program is in three phases: 9am to 9:45, the initial program and activities; 9:45 to 10:15, children come into the worship service at 10 and leave at 10:15; 10:15 to 11am, children continue with new activities or complete some that they had not finished; 11am to 11:15, parents or caretakers pick up children. We will pay each college student \$10 an hour. This includes logging in prep time you spent during the week. The maximum we will pay is for four hours a week. For more information, contact The Rev. Roy White, rpwhite614@gmail.com.

...**OLD COAST GUARD MUSEUM INVITES YOU TO Join Our Crew!**--Our dedicated volunteers share their time, talents, and enthusiasm for Virginia's coastal and maritime heritage! Housed in a 1903 Life-Saving Station, the Old Coast Guard Station honors and preserves the history of Virginia's coastal communities and maritime heritage. OCGS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. **SEEKING VOLUNTEERS AS: GIFT SHOP ASSISTANTS, MUSEUM TOUR GUIDES, EDUC/ADMIN ASSISTANTS. TRAINING PROVIDED!** Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Darcy Nelson, for more info: 757-422-1587 -oreducation@oldcoastguardstation.com.

ACTIVE CITIZENS RECOGNITION...

Voter Registration Drive, Aug. 21—Mindy Bertram, Molly Fanney, Steven Bond, Sarah Nworkie, Shelby St. Gelais '13, Dejha Crudup, Daniel Samerin, Chris Worrell, Meg Groah

CONTACT US

2013-14 Office Staff

The Office of Community Service is open 8:30-4:30, Monday thru Friday, in Batten 25.

Director...Diane Hotaling

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Cooking for Kids...Denisha Howard

Neighborhood Tutoring...Jasmine Burrell

Marlins Read...Renee Ellis, Kylah Jackson, Fatima Davis, Tanasia Hazelton

Global Marlins...Tanasia Hazelton

MiniMarlins...Katie Giwa-Osagie

Future Marlins...Sam Ajiobla

Marlins Count...Kate Maguire

2013-14 Student Outreach Coordinators (SOC)

Animals and the Environment...Lauren Hoffman

Health and the Elderly...Open

Hunger and Homelessness...Open

Youth...Open

2013-14 Winter Shelter Managers

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