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## VWC Tops 8-week Recyclemania Competition

[http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/scoreboard/participating-schools/list?geo\\_aa=VA&node\\_id=54039](http://www.recyclemaniacs.org/scoreboard/participating-schools/list?geo_aa=VA&node_id=54039)

Week 2 Results

#1 in private college peer group, 0-2500

#1 in Athletic Conference, ahead of Bridgewater, Roanoke

#4 in state, behind U of R, W&M, U of MW

#26 in nation overall

**Garden Club Starts This Month ♦ Habitat Back in Action**

*Read all about it inside this issue!*

March 2017

## COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

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February saw the launch of our 15 Weekly Commitment Programs in Education, an American Red Cross Blood Drive thanks to Sigma Sigma Sigma, and the Special Olympics Area 2 Basketball Tournament, made possible for 400 athletes and their families by 52 Marlin volunteers, including the folks pictured here (top left to right): Manager Destini Garrison and friend Julian Lightner; volunteers Michael Willson and Janine Harland; student lunch makers with members of Alhambra Civic Club, Anthony Bowden, Gabby Ayala, Ashantiana Jackson and Manager Julie Manning; and a Special Athlete with referees and scorekeepers Michael Tres, Kollin Baer, Shana Harrison, Ashley Fisher.

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For details about items on the calendar, please scroll down to the "WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?" section.

**Thurs., March 2,** Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 530am-830am, Norfolk

**Thurs., March 2,** Virginia Beach Grow Smart READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY, 930-1030 am, Tri Campus

**Thurs., March 9,** Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 530am-830am, Norfolk

**Thurs., March 9**, ForKids Mojo Thrift Store Assistance, 2-4pm, Norfolk  
**Friday, March 10**, Terracycle Beach Clean Up of Rigid Plastics, 2-5 pm, Virginia Beach  
**Sat., March 11**, Habitat for Humanity Work Day, 8-4pm, Portsmouth  
**Sat., March 11**, Pleasure House Point Walk and Trail Cleanup, 11-2, Virginia Beach  
**Sat., March 11**, ECOAgents Campus Clean Up, 11-1  
**Tues., March 14**, Marlins Community Youth Garden Club, 430-545pm, Virginia Beach  
**Thurs., March 16**, Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 530am-830am, Norfolk  
**Thurs., March 16**, ForKids Mojo Thrift Store Assistance, 2-4pm, Norfolk  
**Fri., March 17**, Empty Bowls Charity Dinner, Various shifts, Shifts 1-3, 3-5, 5-9, Batten  
**Sat., March 25**, ECOAgents Campus Clean Up, 11-1  
**Sat., March 25**, First Landing State Park Service, 1-3, Virginia Beach  
**Mon-Fri, March 27-31**, ECO Agents Storm the Dorm Recycling  
**Tues., March 28**, Marlins Community Youth Garden Club, 430-545pm, Virginia Beach  
**Thurs., March 30**, Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 530am-830am, Norfolk  
**Thurs., March 30**, ForKids Mojo Thrift Store Assistance, 2-4pm, Norfolk  
**Sat., April 1**, Habitat for Humanity Work Day, 8-4pm, Portsmouth

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** (details to come)

Sat., April 8, Marlins Make a Difference Day, 8am-1pm  
 April 10-14, CRU Love Week  
 Wed., April 12, American Red Cross Blood Drive, 11am-5pm

**WEEKLY COMMITMENT PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION**

**Monday:** 8am, Future Marlins, Newtown  
**Tuesday:** 810am, Global Marlins, BFWilliams  
 930, Marlins Count, Newtown  
 1230pm, Marlins Count, BFWilliams  
 430, Marlins Community Youth Garden Club, Good Sam Episcopal (Starting March 14)  
**Wednesday:** 330pm, Marlins Read, Bayside 6th  
 330, Neighborhood Tutoring, Heritage UMC (Starting Feb. 8)  
**Thursday:** 530am, Soup Line with Catholic Worker, Norfolk  
 930am, Marlins Read, Shelton Park  
 11, Marlins Read, BFWilliams  
 1, Marlins Read, Diamond Springs  
 3, SOC: ForKids Good Mojo Thrift  
**Friday:** 850am, Marlins Read, Bayside ES  
 1030, Marlins Count, Bayside ES  
 1230, Marlins Read, Shelton Park  
**Saturday:** 10 am, Fins 'n Paws, Hope For Life Rescue

**WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?**

**March 1-April 10, CRU COLLECTS TOWELS, FLANNEL IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN IN ZIMBABWE**--Marlin Ministries' group CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ International) is planning Love Week (April 10-14) to take action showing love toward a global community in need. Be part of this campus-wide effort by donating old towels or flannel to make LuoPads (sanitary napkins) for women in the Middle East. You may drop off donations in the Office of Community Service. A full schedule of volunteer opportunities during Love Week will be available in the April Community Service News Bulletin. For more information, contact Lydia O'Conner (lmoconner@vwc.edu) or Laura Robusto (lerobusto@vwc.edu).

**Thurs., March 2, 9, 16, 30 Soup Line with Catholic Worker, 530am-830am, Norfolk**  
**SOUP LINE WITH CATHOLIC WORKER IS BACK!** After a semester hiatus, April Bell is once again loading up the van with volunteers at 5:30 am every Thursday morning and heading to Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Norfolk to help Kim and Steve Williams-Baggerly lead volunteers in serving a street-side, open-air breakfast to hungry men and women, many of whom are homeless. To volunteer, sign up in Community Service.

**Thurs., March 2, Virginia Beach Grow Smart READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY, 930-1030 am**

**BE A GUEST READER**—In schools and child care centers across the country on March 2, Guest Readers will spend 30-60 minutes talking about the importance of reading, followed by a Dr. Seuss book read to the children. Every child receives a book to take home. Virginia Wesleyan has been assigned classrooms at Williams Farm Rec Center and Diamond Springs Elementary School, 930-1030am. Interested in inspiring a child to read? Sign up in Community Service.

**Thurs., March 9, 16, 30 ForKids Mojo Thrift Store Assistance, 2-4pm, Norfolk**

**TIDY UP THE STORE TO BENEFIT HOMELESS FAMILIES**—Join Student Outreach Coordinator for Hunger and Homelessness LeMar Calloway at the **ForKids Good Mojo Thrift Store** (<http://www.forkidsva.org/good-mojo/>) every Thursday afternoon, where he and his team tidy up the store. Proceeds from sales at the clean, well-organized store help the non-profit FORKids Inc. “break the cycle of family homelessness in Hampton Roads.” You might even find a bargain! Sign up in Community Service for whichever Thursdays you are available.

**Friday, March 10, Terracycle Beach Clean Up of Rigid Plastics, 2-5 pm, Virginia Beach**

**TAKE A WALK ON THE BEACH, PICK UP RECYCLABLES**—Water bottles and beach toys are among the rigid plastics that litter our waterways. Join this special Terracycle Brigade and walk Chic’s Beach to collect items to be recycled. There’s a pizza dinner at the end. We can take up to 18 volunteers. Transportation, dinner and water are provided. Sign up in Community Service.

**Sat., March 11 and April 1, Habitat for Humanity Work Day, 8-4pm**

**HABITAT BACK IN ACTION**—Campus Chapter President Conne George has scheduled two workdays this semester. For each, meet at the Marlin mural outside Batten at 7am. Arrive on site for a 8:00 am start. Return to campus by 330pm. You will be rehabilitating a house on Carrington Court W in Portsmouth, Va. A maximum of 10 volunteers is needed. There will be a lunch break at 11:30 a.m. You are responsible for your lunch. Habitat provides water. Sign up in Community Service.

**E.C.O. AGENTS TAKE ACTION ON RECYCLING**—Environmentally **C**onscious **O**peratives are fanning out across campus to positively influence recycling behaviors. Led by Community Service Office Environmental Awareness Director Taylor Boyd, these guardians of campus recycling have a host of events this month, including biweekly Campus Clean Ups (March 11 and 25); Be Green With Green Campaign (March 16-17); Terracycle Trivia on Mondays in the Grille (an informational table to spread awareness of our Terracycle campaign on campus); and Storm the Dorms Week (spreading the love of recycling and encouraging eco-friendly conversation in the residence halls). A presentation by Tidewater Fiber Corporation about our co-mingled recycling program is also being planned. Date to be announced.

**MARLINS GO GREEN PLANS ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS OFF CAMPUS**—The campus environmental club Marlins Go Green has planned environmental service projects off campus this month: on March 11 at Pleasure House Point Walk in Virginia Beach and on March 25 at First Landing State Park. Sign up in Community Service. Email President Zach Drake with questions: [zdrake@vwc.edu](mailto:zdrake@vwc.edu).

**Tues., March 14, 28 Marlins Community Youth Garden Club, 430-545pm, Virginia Beach**

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP KIDS SOW AND GROW**—Lend 4-H Extension Agent Greg Costanza a hand in the garden on Tuesdays. For the third year, The Marlins Community Youth Garden Club aims to develop in elementary and middle school-aged youth an appreciation for gardening, healthy lifestyle choices, hard work, patience, teamwork and the interconnectedness of the world in which we live. You will be assisting in teaching lessons and working one-on-one with children in the classroom and the garden. Sign up in Community Service.

**Fri., March 17, Empty Bowls Charity Dinner, Various shifts, Shifts 1-3, 3-5, 5-9, Batten**

**START SPRING BREAK IN SERVICE. VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT THE HUNGRY IN OUR COMMUNITY**—The Empty Bowls Charity Dinner is a 19-year tradition on campus. It provides a modest soup meal and a hand-crafted bowl for a \$25 ticket. Get yours in the Bookstore. Some 700 people will buy tickets and participate in the silent auction, which together provide approximately \$20,000 each year for local hunger agencies. Volunteers are needed. Sign up in Community Service.



Offices  
Located in  
Village II

## VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads News...

VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, located on campus in Village II, has an opening for a part time (25 hours a week) position beginning March 1 until Oct. 31 to implement our Frontline Families program. The Frontline Families Corps member will recruit and train military members, veterans and their family members to become volunteer leaders. The position comes with a cost of living stipend and an AmeriCorps Education Award upon successful completion of service. If interested please bring your resume to our office located next to the Health Center.

...Learn more about VHR at <https://www.volunteerhr.org/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HELP COLLECT RECYCLEMANIA DUMPTER DATA**—For the past two weeks, President of Marlins Go Green and his fearless team of Marlins have been collecting data from dumpsters to enter into the national Recyclemania Competition to encourage college and universities to develop a recycling culture on campuses. With Week Two numbers in, Virginia Wesleyan is leading the pack among peer institutions and member of our athletic conference that are enrolled in the competition! We have come in at 5.77 pounds of recycling per person at this time. WE CAN DO BETTER! Make an extra effort these next six weeks to recycle bottles, cans, paper, cardboard, certain plastics. And if you're feeling it, lend Zach a hand and collect dumpster data with him weekly. Contact him at [ztdrake@vwc.edu](mailto:ztdrake@vwc.edu) to help. To date, our impact is as follows: 15 Metric Tons of CO2 Equivalent, or 3 cars off the road, or the energy consumption of 1 households.

**CRU'S LOVE WEEK SUPPORTS MIDDLE EAST; CLOTH COLLECTION FOR SANITARY PADS UNDERWAY**—Cru's Love Week is supporting women in the Middle East this year by making sanitary pads called and we need donations of towels, washcloths, and flannel blankets. We will be accepting donations until Wednesday, April 12th. We will also be taking monetary donations until Friday, April 14.

**DO YOU TERRACYCLE?** This upcycling effort allows you to deposit your foil-lined energy bar wrappers and oral care and beauty products in receptacles located in the Office of Community Service and the Library for repurposing. Foil-lined Energy Bar Wrapper collection spots are also located at Recycle Stations in the Batten Student Center. We will be collecting these items for which we receive points toward repurposed items we can use on campus, like benches, or cash we can donate to a non-profit or convert to cash to support our recycling program. Collections will be monthly and shipments made at the end of each semester. **Please help us keep the upcycling and recycling streams pure by redirecting folks who want to use the bins for trash.** Be part of making our planet great again! If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about the Terracycle effort, please contact Technical Services Librarian Sophie Rondeau or Director of Community Service Diane Hotaling. Learn more about Terracycle at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>

**A WORD ABOUT COMPOSTING**--Our Grounds Supervisor Kathy Bartkus has made it possible for you to compost on campus, as well. You may bring your organic food waste (think coffee grounds, egg shells, vegetables--no meat) to the recycle station near the Physical Plant and deposit it in the green container with the flip top. It will be added to our compost pile and used to brew "compost tea" which is a natural fertilizer for campus plants and flower beds.

**ITEMS TO RECYCLE: INJET CARTRIDGES, ALKALINE BATTERIES AND CELL PHONES**—Bring these items to the Office of Community Service throughout the year. Proceeds from recycling benefit Office programming. Just over \$100 was added to the Office budget last year from these donations.

**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.vvc.edu/service](http://www.vvc.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.

## **VOLUNTEER INDEPENDENTLY**

*(To sign up for any of the opportunities listed, please call the contact noted. Additional opportunities can be found in the **Independent Volunteer Opportunities binder** in the Office of Community Service. Other opportunities can be found at [www.volunteerhr.org](http://www.volunteerhr.org))*

**EAST NORFOLK YOUTH CLUB**, Norfolk, a 501 (c)(3) organization that participates in various sports as provided by Norfolk Parks and Recreation, seeks help with tutoring and homework assistance for all student athletes who register with the organization. Interested? Contact, Micaiah Walters, Executive Vice President East Norfolk Dynasty, [execvp@eastnorfolkyc.org](mailto:execvp@eastnorfolkyc.org). To learn more, go to [www.eastnorfolkyc.org](http://www.eastnorfolkyc.org).

**THE CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION** has numerous volunteer opportunities available. For the following volunteer opportunities, please email or call Tanner Council directly ([tcouncil@cbf.org](mailto:tcouncil@cbf.org) or [757.622.1964](tel:757.622.1964)): **Amerigroup's Community Volunteer Fair: Tuesday, March 7; 10:30am – 2:00pm** @ 1330 Amerigroup Way, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. **8<sup>th</sup> Annual GBFA Fishing Flea Market: Saturday, March 11, 8:00am – 3:00pm** (3.5 hour shifts available, or take the whole day!) @ Chesapeake Conference Center (700 Conference Center Dr., Chesapeake, VA, 23320). **LEGENDS OF THE FLY: Saturday, April 1, 12:30pm – 7:00pm + optional volunteer party** (3 hour shifts available, or take the whole day!) @ Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art/MOCA (2200 Parks Avenue, Virginia Beach). **Clean Water Captains:** CBF seeks gifted advocates for the Bay to join our *Clean Water Captains* program. **Oyster Shell Recycling Volunteers Needed!** CBF is looking for volunteers to assist with our oyster shell recycling program by helping maintain oyster bins and transport shells to collections sites. Schedule is very flexible. We need help at the following location: *The Virginia Company* in Carrolton. To volunteer or learn more, please contact: Heather North, Virginia Oyster Restoration Specialist ([HNorth@cbf.org](mailto:HNorth@cbf.org)| [757/809-2939](tel:757/809-2939))

**BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD PANTRY**, located at 4397 Wishart Road, Virginia Beach, seeks volunteers for a variety of tasks related to weekly food distribution to more than 100 families. If interested in helping at this site consistently, please contact VWC Alumna Teresa Cherry at [tbird1216@yahoo.com](mailto:tbird1216@yahoo.com).

## **ACTIVE CITIZENS RECOGNITION...**

### **Weekly Programs**

- **Neighborhood Tutoring, Feb. 8, 15, 22--** Divine Brooks, Devon Lacey, Laura Pettigrew, Taylor Boyd, BreeAna Coleman, Danielle Borrow, Alyssa Jamison, Michelle Carter, Avriana Chavez, Erik Estrada
- **Marlins Count (BF Williams) Feb. 14, 21, 28—**Claude Clarke, Ari Driggs, Morgan Lucas, Tosh Gwathney, Mariah Hendrick, Jennifer Parker, Justice Miller
- **Marlins Count (Bayside) Feb. 17, 24—**Claude Clark, Anthony Bowden, Gwendolynn Malone, Tashawn Sanders, RayQuan Smithers, Tanail Canty, Gabrielle Adams
- **Marlins Read (Bayside) Feb. 17, 24—**Stacie Doughtie, Kristina Sabelstrom, Tonesha Taylor
- **Marlins Read (Shelton Park) Feb. 16, 23—**Shelby Emch, Monkia Metro
- **Marlins Count (Newtown) Feb. 14, 21, 28—**Naeemah Morris, Josh Simmons, James Ficklin, Cody Little
- **Fins 'n Paws (Hope for Life Rescue) Feb. 11, 18--** Gabriella Ayala, Ashantiana Jackson, Thomas Reinholds, Amber Gaines, Dionna Foxx, Asia Blackwood, Briana Brown, Mikelah Burr, Ryan Applewhite, Ingrid Yvonne Ceron, Emily Midkiff, Monika Metro

**CBA Basketball Concession Stand, Jan. 24, 26—**Kathryn Reavis, Emani Thomas, Brina Boone

**Blood Drive, Feb. 8—**Makayla Kelly, Celine Henri, Paige Trangeser, Shana Harrison, Ari Diggs, Bethany Crowder, Heather Jenkins, Isabella Glaze, Kayla Bennett, Anna Paola Da Silva, Anthony Bowden, Shelby

Emch, Donald Wolfgang, Denise Wilkinson, Stuart Minnis, Lauren Willis, Courtney Mason, Lynne Fetter, Time Sturcken, Frances Barnes, Ashlei Smith, Anna Schmidt, April Bell, Ann Johnson, Amber Ward, Naeemah Morris, Connie George, Lindsey Walker, Kaniah Elkerson, Monique Ayers, JT Taylor, Jax Crabtree, Alexis Green, Donald Stauffer, Brittany Hockey, William Moore, Edie Nunez, Patricia Clark, Rebecca Norfleet, Adwoa Ankomah, Carolina Jess, Richard MacDonald, Morgan Lucas

**Soup Line, Feb. 9, 16**—Laura Robusto, April Bell, Kayla Rodgers, Nyoh Njoka

**Eco Agents Campus Clean up Feb. 11**—Charlene Santos, Lynne Fetter, Ashantiana Jackson, Jasmine Burrell, Joy Vernon, Taylor Boyd, Zach Drake, Christina Bouie

**Special Olympics, Feb. 12**—Julian Thompson, Abigail Spahr, Rachel Connelly, Brenna Will, Adrian Benn, Keith Cooper, Michael Tres, Louis Wolveston, Kristen Powell, Anthony Bowden, Gabby Ayala, Shana Harrison, Andrew Goad, Khadijah Hester, Caitin Eversole, Michael Wilson, Kayla Rodgers, Jenine Harland, Mary-Rae Ratigan, Francesca Lanuza, Julie Manning, Destini Garrison, Lashaunda White, Zezie Martins, Michelle Yates, Genesis McDaniels, Emily Powers, Nic Snyder, Anastasia Hernandez, Christina Bouie, Toni Aris-Howell, Brooke Totzeck, Hannah Bocker, Morgan Lucas, Robert McCombs, Stephanie Norwood, Kelly Bateman, Celine Henri, Madeline Snyder, Makayla Kelley, Sam Nason, Ashley Herbert, Stephanie McDemott, Ashlei Smith, Emily Burkard, Naeemah Morris, Ashantiana Jackson, Christina Lehner, Taylor Nichols, Natalie Kendall, Ashley Fisher

**VFIC Ethics Bowl, Feb. 12-13** Libby Hipple, Farah Haidari, Shawn Matthews, Hannah Bocker, Farah Haidari, Ederlis Nunez, Connor Graham, Sheril Steinberg

**Mojo Thrift Store Assistance, Feb. 16**—Charlotte Santos, Anthony Bowden, Kayla Rodgers, Keynan Boatright, LeMar Calloway

## **CONTACT US**

### **2016-17 Office Staff**

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

**Director...Diane Hotaling**

**Office/Program Manager...Gwendolynn Malone**

**Neighborhood Tutoring...Erik Estrada**

**Marlins Read...Mary McLaughlin Seys, Avriana Chavez, Andre' Banks, BreeAna Coleman, Amber Morris**

**Global Marlins...Tanasia Hazelton**

**Future Marlins...Anthony Bowden**

**Marlins Count...Laura Robusto, Claude Clarke**

**Environmental Awareness...Taylor Boyd**

**Elementary School Assistants...Raqiyyah Eaves and Ashley Wentzel**

### **2016-17 Student Outreach Coordinators (SOC)**

**Animals and the Environment...** *See Director of Community Service if you are interested.*

**Women's Issues...** *See Director of Community Service if you are interested.*

**Hunger and Homelessness...LeMar Calloway**

**Youth...Kathryn Reavis**

### **2016-17 Winter Shelter Managers**

**Avriana Chavez**

**Diane Hotaling**

**Mary-Rae Ratigan**

**Takeyra Collins**

**Tone Boykins**

**Sheril Steinberg**

**Brianna Speelmen**  
**Patrick Barrett**