

**Virginia Commonwealth University
Community Engagement Grant Recipients
2010-2011**

Team Warbler: From Chesapeake Bay to Panama Bay and Back – Cross Cultural Connections Supporting Sustainable Communities

Community Partner: National Audubon Society and Panama Audubon Society
Primary VCU Contact: Cathy Vivarette, PhD, Center for Environmental Studies
VCU Partners: Departments of Biology and Biostatistics, Center for Environmental Studies, Rice Center

A VCU team from the Departments of Biology, Biostatistics and the Center for Environmental Studies will create a bird monitoring and habitat protection program that partners local middle school students with students in Panama, with coordination and assistance from the Audubon Society's International Alliance Program.

Improving Access and Quality of Care for the Medically Underserved through the Interdisciplinary Enhanced Teaching Model

Community Partner: Cross-Over Ministries
Primary VCU Contact: Steven Crossman, MD, Department of Family Medicine
VCU Partners: Department of Family Medicine, School of Pharmacy

VCU medical and pharmacy students will work on interdisciplinary teams to expand access to health care for the uninsured patients at Cross-Over Health Ministries, Richmond's largest free clinic.

TAPA Model: Literacy and Language Training for Adult Immigrant Learners from Non-literate Societies

Community Partner: Total Access Preparatory Academy (TAPA)
Primary VCU Contact: Helen Ruth Aspaas, PhD, Department of Geography
VCU Partners: Office of International Education, L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs

The Office of International Education will work in partnership with service-learning students in the Liberal Studies for Early and Elementary Education Program to develop training manuals and protocols in order to disseminate the successful TAPA Model to ESL programs nationwide. As part of the project, approximately 60 service-learning students will serve as language tutors to non-literate adult learners.

Richmond Chapter of Foundation for Rehabilitation Equipment & Endowment

Community Partner: Richmond Chapter of Foundation for Rehab Equipment
Primary VCU Contact: Tony Gentry, PhD, OTR/L, Department of Occupational Therapy
VCU Partners: Department of Occupational Therapy, School of Medicine

Faculty and student teams from Occupational Therapy and the School of Medicine's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will launch a local chapter of FREE to accept, renovate, and redistribute medical equipment.

Multiple Family Group Intervention for Middle School Transition

Community Partner: Communities in Schools
Primary VCU Contact: Robert Broce, School of Social Work
VCU Partners: School of Social Work, Department of Psychology

Faculty and students from the School of Social Work and the Department of Psychology will create and field-test weekend retreats for rising Richmond Public School sixth graders and their families in order to increase family functioning and support.

Vernal Pools and the Human Footprint

Community Partners: VA Master Naturalists Program, Natural Heritage Program, William & Mary, VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, VA Department of Conservation and Recreation
Primary VCU Contact: Anne Wright, Life Sciences Outreach
VCU Partners: Departments of Biology, Pathology and Conservation Medicine

Three classes of students and faculty from VCU and William & Mary will work with state agencies and a state-wide volunteer scientist network to raise awareness, understanding, and monitoring of threatened wetland communities across the Commonwealth.

Una Vida Sana: Assessing and Improving the Health Status of Richmond's Hispanic Community through Health Professional Student Service Learning

Community Partners: City of Richmond Hispanic Liaison Office, Cross-Over Ministries
Primary VCU Contact: Allison Gregory, RN, FNP-BC, School of Nursing
VCU Partners: School of Nursing, School of Medicine, School of Pharmacy, Office of International Education

Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy, and VCUHS Language Services teams will collaborate with a lay health educator program to provide outreach cardio-metabolic disease screenings and referrals to the expanding local Hispanic community.