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VIMS Campuses

Main campus, Gloucester Point:

- Located at the mouth of the York River
- ~42 Acres
- 61 Buildings
- 333,380 SF

Field Laboratory, Wachapreague:

- Located on the seaside of the Eastern Shore
- ~5 Acres
- 22 Buildings
- 24,249 SF



Kauffman Aquaculture Center, Topping:

- Located on the Rappahannock River
- 1 Building
- 6,420 SF





Wachapreague Campus



VIMS Mission

- Conduct research in ocean and estuarine science
- Educate students and citizens
- Advise policy makers, industry and the public





Virginia Institute of Marine Science Important Attributes

- One of the Country's largest coastal and estuarine-focused institutes (more than 400 employees)
- Serves as a premier research powerhouse for Chesapeake Bay and beyond (over \$100 million in grant awards since FY 2009)
- Named in 32 sections of the Code of Virginia mandating our involvement in natural-resource use and management issues
- Partners with Industry to foster relationships that combine science and engineering as well as expedite applications of new technology to practical problems





School of Marine Science Important Attributes

- The W&M School of Marine Science is embedded within the Virginia Institute of Marine Science
- Approx. 60 Teaching & Research Faculty and 100 Graduate Students
- Students paired with Faculty Mentors and undertake leading edge research projects with high impact
- Recent Enrollment: 27% In-State (headcount); 45% PhD 55% MS; 45% Male – 55% Female
- Our students graduate debt free and virtually all obtain jobs in marine and environmental science!



Just in time for the 75th Anniversary!

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1000th Degree Coming Soon!



Academic Year



Training Scientific Leaders of the Future

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Breadth of Research

- Faculty research expertise includes sub-disciplines from marine biology to marine physics
- Scale of projects ranges from global to molecular
- 270 projects funded largely by competitive federal grants and contracts





Strategy for World-Class Scholarship in Research and Education

- Ask the right scientific questions
- Develop and apply the most advanced technologies and approaches
- Communicate research results and new technologies to both professional and public audiences
- Provide consultative assistance to facilitate the application of new knowledge to practical problems
- Train future generations of young scientists to continue this tradition



Advisory Services: The Public Face of VIMS

- Commonwealth's scientific advisor on natural resources
- Over 30 sections of VA Code require VIMS advisory service
- Advisor to General Assembly, State Agencies, Maritime Industries, and the Public







FY 2016 Budgeted Sources and Uses of Revenue (all sources)



Grant & Contract Expenditures By Agency Fiscal Year 2014 (\$ in Millions)



Grant & Contract Proposals Submitted vs. Funded Averages Over FYs 2004 – 2014

# of Proposals	# of Proposals	# of Active	11 Year
Submitted	Funded	Researchers	Success Rate
256	140	69	55%





Aquaculture and Native Oyster Restoration: Support for Industry

Genetic Research and Selective Breeding







VIMS Supports Industry

Economic Impacts of Commercial and Recreational Fishing

•Total sales from both sectors \$1.5B

•Total income from both sectors \$285M

•Total Full and Part time Jobs from both Sectors 15,000 Shellfish and Finfish Diseases: Impacts on Important Recreational and Commercial Species



Role of Aquatic Pathogens





Application of Molecular Genetics



Chesapeake Bay Fish Surveys: Essential for Fisheries Management (juvenile finfish, blue crab, striped bass, shad, sharks and oysters)





Water Quality Monitoring & Modeling: Refining the EPA Model

Gauge Effectiveness of Public Fund Expenditures







Determine Fate of Contaminants

Development of Buoys and Biosensors for Remote Sampling for TMDLs



Wetlands and SAV: Restoration, Climate Effects, Habitat Value



Coastal Wetlands: Mapping Change

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation: Critical Habitat

Sea Level Rise and Shoreline Response: Partnership with Communities



Recurrent Flooding in Norfolk



Barrier Island processes





Numerical Modeling of Storm Surge: Possibility for Street-Level Predictions





Impacts of Hurricanes









Tide Watch in Real Time

Estuarine Sedimentation & Benthic Ecology: Role of Biogeochemistry



Student Field Trip





Sampling Eastern Shore Mudflat

Box Core Sample of :"Benthos"



Public Outreach http://www.vims.edu/public/

- After Hours Lecture Series
- Discovery Labs
- Marine Science Day
- Summer Camps
- Science Under Sail
- Speakers Bureau. . and more









2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan Major Goals

- Goal 1: Transform our understanding of local and regional effects of human activity and global change
- Goal 2: Build on our existing robust and effective linkages between science experts, public policymakers, and education leaders to more effectively reduce risk and enhanced sustainability and resiliency in coastal marine systems
- Goal 3: Enhance the regional economy through scientific discovery and application of new knowledge



2015 – 2020 Strategic Plan Major Goals

- Goal 4: Train, inspire and empower the next generation of marine science leaders
- Goal 5: Develop and maintain a safe and attractive campus that promotes intellectual achievement and a sense of community
- Goal 6: Transform the public perception of and investment in VIMS in order to diversify revenue and advance Goals 1-5





PERSPECTIVE LOOKING SOUTHWEST





PERSPECTIVE LOOKING NORTHEAST







Any Questions?



