



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **Lynchburg-Area High School Students to Stop Stereotypes in Schools at 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Dialogue Day**

**What:** Diversity Dialogue Day

**When:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** University of Lynchburg, Elliot & Rosel Schewel Hall, Lynchburg, VA 24501

**Who:** Over 100 high school students and educators from public schools in Appomattox, Bedford, Campbell, and the City of Lynchburg will come together in a hands-on workshop setting to learn lessons about diversity, discrimination, and respect. Diversity Dialogue Day is conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities with support from Dominion Energy.

**How:** This year's theme is "Exploring Class and Socioeconomic Status," with a curriculum that will take participants through a process of awareness-to-action. Students will 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 will guide the students through a series of small group learning activities that explore personal experiences. Students will leave the program with tools they can use to create school and community environments free from the distractions of prejudice, stereotypes, and bigotry.

**For More Information:** [https://inclusiveva.org/programs/schools/#link\\_acc-5-7-d](https://inclusiveva.org/programs/schools/#link_acc-5-7-d)

**Interview Opportunities:** Members of the press are invited to visit the Diversity Dialogue Day anytime during the program. Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Educators are also available for interview. *For interviews, the preferred visiting time is from 11:45am – 12:05pm. For programming, the preferred visiting times are from 8:55am - 10:15am or 1:05pm – 1:30pm.* Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by telephone at (804) 495-1580 or by e-mail at [jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org](mailto:jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org).

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