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### **DENNIS G. MANNING NAMED CHAIR OF THE 56<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TIDEWATER HUMANITARIAN AWARDS DINNER**

VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA – Dennis G. Manning has been named chair of the 2020 Humanitarian Awards Dinner by the Tidewater Chapter of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VCIC). The awards celebration honors individuals and organizations who have made significant humanitarian contributions to the South Hampton Roads community. This 56<sup>th</sup> presentation of the VCIC awards will be held on March 25, 2020, at The Westin Virginia Beach Town Center.

Dennis G. Manning was appointed Headmaster of Norfolk Academy in 2001. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in English at Wake Forest University, and began his academic career in 1984 at Woodberry Forest School, a boarding school for boys, where he became Associate Headmaster and Director of College Counseling. In 1991, Mr. Manning was appointed Dean of Freshmen at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, where he also served as Instructor in English. During his years in Lexington, Mr. Manning also pursued further graduate work in English and higher education at the University of Virginia. In 1998, Mr. Manning was named headmaster of The American School in England, where he also taught senior English. He currently serves as a member of the TESIS Foundation Board, which oversees both The American School in Switzerland and The American School in England.

Mr. Manning has served on the Wake Forest University Board of Visitors and the Virginia Association of Independent Schools Board of Directors. He is currently serving on the Smithsonian Libraries Advisory Board, Westminster-Canterbury on the Bay Board, and the Slover Libraries Advisory Board. The Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) elected Mr. Manning President of the Board of Trustees, and he has completed serving a two-year term. He is past President of the Norfolk Forum, the longest-standing public speaking forum in the country.

The Humanitarian Awards are presented annually in communities across the Commonwealth by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. Begun in Tidewater in 1965, when the organization was part of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the Humanitarian Awards honor individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to the promotion of respect and understanding among people of diverse racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds.

For 84 years, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities has been addressing prejudices, in all forms, in order to improve academic achievement, increase workplace productivity, and enhance local trust. Today, through workshops, retreats, and customized programs, VCIC works with schools, businesses, and communities to achieve success through inclusion. The organization opened a Hampton Roads office on the campus of Virginia Wesleyan University in October 2018. For more information about VCIC or the Humanitarian Awards Dinner, go to [www.inclusiveVA.org](http://www.inclusiveVA.org).

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