



## MEDIA ALERT

**Contact:**

**Jessica Hawthorne**

Director of Programs

Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities

Office: (804) 515-7950; [jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org](mailto:jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org)

On-Site Cell Phone: (804) 495-1580

### **Tidewater Middle School Students Gather Virtually to “Break the Cycle” of Bullying & Prejudice**

*Students, educators, and volunteers to participate in  
the inaugural Prejudice Awareness Summit*

**What:** Inaugural Tidewater Prejudice Awareness Summit

**When:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 & Thursday, October 29 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Online

**Who:** Nearly 75 students and educators from Tidewater public and independent middle schools, including schools from Norfolk, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach will participate in discussions and activities around diversity, discrimination, and respect.

**How:** Students will view “Break the Cycle: Be the Change,” a presentation that examines the concept of prejudice. They will then meet in random breakout groups to build connections, learn from peers their age, and develop strategies to stand up to bullying within their schools.

**Web Information:** [http://inclusiveVA.org/programs/schools/#link\\_tab-Middle](http://inclusiveVA.org/programs/schools/#link_tab-Middle)

**Supporters:** The Summit is conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, with financial support from Buckingham Strategic Wealth. Coalition partners from Communities In Schools of Hampton Roads; Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast; Jewish Community Relations Council, United Jewish Federation of Tidewater; and Old Dominion University Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity help to create this opportunity for Tidewater middle school students. The Summit was founded by Jewish Women International.