



## **MEDIA ALERT**

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### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM HAMPTON ROADS GAIN AWARENESS OF DIVERSITY & PREJUDICE AT THE CONNECTIONS SUMMIT**

**Hampton, VA** – In preparation for the 2022-2023 school year, Hampton Roads high school students will spend three days at the Harold M. Marsh, Sr. Connections Summit exploring how to reduce bullying and prejudice. Conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, this program will help to prepare students to work toward creating more inclusive communities. Connections will take place from July 26 – July 28, 2022 at Fort Monroe.

“Through Connections, students are able to better demonstrate understanding and appreciation for their classmates and neighbors,” says Jonathan Zur, President & CEO of the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities. “Since 1993, this program has met a significant need across our Commonwealth, particularly as schools work to reduce bullying and develop safe and supportive learning environments.”

Students from the following communities will be in attendance: Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Virginia Beach, and Yorktown.

Funding support for the program is generously provided by Atlantic Union Bank. Participants can be made available for interviews from 2:15 – 3:15 on Thursday, July 28.

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