



## MEDIA ALERT

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## **Richmond-Area Middle School Students Gather to “Break the Cycle” of Bullying & Prejudice**

*Nearly 100 students and educators to participate in  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prejudice Awareness Summit*

**What:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prejudice Awareness Summit

**When:** Friday, October 21, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Virginia Commonwealth University, Harris Hall, 1015 Floyd Avenue (Corner of Harrison and Floyd), Richmond, VA

**Who:** Nearly 100 middle school students and educators from Richmond-area public and private middle schools, including schools from Charlottesville, Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, and Powhatan counties, along with the City of Richmond will participate in discussions and activities around diversity, discrimination, and respect.

**How:** Students will participate in “Break the Cycle: Be the Change,” a fast-paced, interactive presentation that examines the concept of prejudice. Using concepts from the presentation, students will break into teams to develop achievable and concrete solutions to the tough challenges that they face at school each day. Students will identify resources, allies, and timelines to achieve change while also spreading the PAS message to their larger middle school body. Students will return empowered and skilled agents of change and unity, with the goal to reduce conflict and prejudice in their schools.

**Web Information:** [https://inclusiveva.org/programs/schools/#tabs\\_desc\\_21656\\_1](https://inclusiveva.org/programs/schools/#tabs_desc_21656_1)

**Supporters:** Founded by Jewish Women International, the 2022 Richmond Prejudice Awareness Summit (PAS) is conducted by the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities with sponsorship from Atlantic Union Bank. Coalition Partners for the 2022 Richmond PAS are Partnership for the Future, the YMCA of Greater Richmond, and YWCA Richmond.

**Interview Opportunities:** Members of the press are invited to visit the Prejudice Awareness Summit anytime between the hours of 8:30am-2:00pm. The preferred visiting time is from 8:45am - 9:45am. Parents/guardians have granted permission to photograph and interview students. Educators are also available for interviews. Please contact Jessica Hawthorne by email at [jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org](mailto:jhawthorne@inclusiveVA.org), office phone at (804) 515-7950, or cell phone at (804) 495-1580.