

July 9, 2010

RE: Update on The Founders Studies Program at The College of William and Mary

Dear Supporter,

I want to share with you some significant progress in making The Founders Studies Program a reality at The College of William & Mary.

I have attached a draft preamble and mission statement that will be the basis for an expanded discussion about the program. The development of the mission statement has been a joint project of my advisory committee (see below) and the W&M Administration, including President Taylor Reveley, Provost Michael Halleran and James Golden, VP Strategic Initiatives.

The two most significant next steps include a “buy-in” by a faculty steering group (meeting set for August 2nd) and finding potential donors who can help fund the initial seed money necessary to start the program. Gifts, of course, would need to be coordinated carefully with the W&M Development Office.

At this stage, I would appreciate your thoughts on this project and any suggestions you might have to help us locate the initial funds.

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