

# *Our Schools, Our Vision*

A Shared Commitment





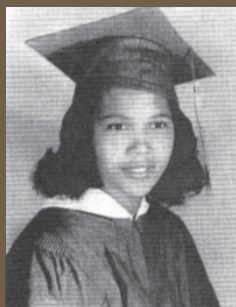
## Robert Russa Moton Museum

In 1951, Barbara Johns, a sixteen-year-old R. R. Moton High School junior, presented an argument for equality in America's public schools which the United States Supreme Court came to embrace in its landmark 1954 *Brown v. Board* decision.

Johns and her fellow students set in motion a series of events that overturned "separate but equal," sparked Virginia's "Massive Resistance," led to the closing of the Prince Edward County Public Schools, and marshaled national resources for the opening of the Prince Edward "Free Schools" and the return of public education.

Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1998, the former high school is now the Robert Russa Moton Museum: A Center for the Study of Civil Rights in Education. The museum preserves and interprets the role Prince Edward County's citizens played in America's struggle to move from a segregated to an integrated society.

Lacy Ward, Jr. is Director of the Robert Russa Moton Museum. The museum is a non-profit organization and is governed by a board of directors.



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## *Our Schools, Our Vision*

Prince Edward County, Virginia is home to the four educational systems highlighted on the following pages: Hampden-Sydney College, Longwood University, the Prince Edward County Public Schools, and Fuqua School.

*Our Schools* include two institutions of higher education—one public, one private; and two K–12 systems—one public, one private. Each began as a segregated institution. Each is today an integrated institution.

*Our Vision* is for A Shared Commitment to educating the students of our community.



## Hampden-Sydney College

Hampden-Sydney College is a private, four-year liberal arts college for men, enrolling approximately 1,100 students. Founded in 1775, it is one of the nation's oldest institutions of higher learning and one of few remaining all-male colleges. Known for its strict Honor Code, the school's mission is to form good men and good citizens in an atmosphere of sound learning. The college hosts multiple intercultural events and speakers throughout the year to prepare its students to live and work in a diverse world. Many students also choose to study abroad for a semester, adding new perspectives to their educational experience. Nearly half of Hampden-Sydney graduates go on to professional or graduate school. Part of the beautiful 1,330-acre campus near Farmville is a National Historic Preservation Zone.

Dr. Christopher B. Howard is President of Hampden-Sydney College. The college is governed by a board of trustees.

*“One of my friends from high school, a freshman at Hampden-Sydney, told me that once you have signed the Hampden-Sydney Honor Code you are a friend for life to any other Hampden-Sydney man, past or present. That promise gave me incentive to join the brotherhood.”*

Michael R. Kotchish '08



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## Longwood University

Longwood University's mission is to develop citizen leaders who are prepared to make positive contributions to the common good of society. Founded in 1839, Longwood was Virginia's first institution of higher learning for women. Today, Longwood is a coeducational, comprehensive public institution enrolling over 4,700 students and offering 100 majors, minors, and concentrations through three colleges and a graduate division. Longwood is the only public institution in Virginia—and one of only a few in the nation—requiring each student to complete an internship or research project, so that all students graduate with real-world experience.

Dr. Patricia P. Cormier is President of Longwood University. The University's Board of Visitors is appointed by the Governor of Virginia and confirmed by the Virginia General Assembly.

*"Diversity at Longwood University is part of everyday life. The university's commitment to the development of citizen leaders who are prepared to make positive contributions to the common good of society solidify our commitment to each other."*

Ashley Nichole Miller '09



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## Prince Edward County Public Schools

It is the mission of the Prince Edward County Public Schools (PECPS) to meet the intellectual, personal, social, and vocational needs of all the students of Prince Edward County. Enrollment for the 2008–2009 academic year is 2,551 students.

Facilities include the elementary school, completed in 1970 and remodeled in 1995; the middle school, completed in 1982 and expanded four times; a career and technical center, built in 1978 and expanded in 2007; and the high school, originally built as the county's segregated school for black students in 1953, reopened as the county's integrated public high school in 1964, and heavily remodeled in 1998.

Although only a handful of white students attended when the schools reopened in 1964, today's enrollment closely mirrors the racial and ethnic makeup of the county. About 59 percent of the students list themselves as African American and about 39 percent as white, with other ethnic groups totaling about 2 percent.

As a school division, PECPS wishes to remember its history, but looks to the future in the education of its students. Under the leadership of its present superintendent, Dr. Patricia Watkins, the division has achieved full state accreditation for all schools, has achieved No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress, has earned a Virginia Advanced Study Strategies grant for the implementation of a comprehensive Advanced Placement curriculum, has instituted the Advancement Via Individual Determination college preparatory program for the middle and high schools, and has expanded algebra and foreign language offerings at the middle school.

*“Prince Edward has closed the door on discrimination and opened the door of equality for students of all races.”*

Morgan Dixon '09

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## Fuqua School

Fuqua School is an independent, nonsectarian day school, enrolling approximately 500 students in pre-kindergarten through grade twelve from 13 surrounding counties. Founded as Prince Edward Academy in 1959, the mission of the school was changed in 1993 to reflect J. B. Fuqua's vision of a quality education for all people. Mr. Fuqua, for whom the school is named, was an internationally known philanthropist who also endowed the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.

The school's mission is "to create a safe and supportive learning environment which fosters the development of boundless individual potential." The school offers a balance of academics, visual and performing arts, athletics, and technology, while placing emphasis on character development. Its rigorous curriculum includes advanced placement and honors courses. Ninety-eight percent of all graduates go on to colleges and universities.

Ruth S. Murphy is President of Fuqua School. The school is governed by the Rural Education Foundation Board of Directors.

*"Fuqua School provides a healthy environment. We all care about and support each other. Fuqua holds its students to a very high standard."*

Cody Lloyd '11



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