**FALL 2012 Board of Visitors Report (13SEP2012)**

**New Freshmen: 2,053**

\*Based on the historical records we were able to verify with Institutional Research, this is the largest new freshmen class in university history. The next largest new freshmen class in the 80s was 2,047.

This year’s new freshmen class represents a .9% increase over fall 2011.

Of the 2,053 new freshmen, 57% are female and 43% are male. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the new freshmen identify themselves as ethnic minorities(students of color). For fall 2012, the new freshmen class incudes 492 students of color compared to 405 in fall 2011: this represents a 22% increase in minority representation in the freshman class. The top 3 ethnic breakdown includes (Percentage increase from fall 2011):

African American:    9.5% (3.7%)

Hispanic:                     6.7% (69.5%)

Two or more races:       5.3% (68.8%)

Thirty-four percent (34.3%) of the new freshmen are first generation college students; this is a 5 percentage point increase over fall 2011. Our new freshmen come to RU from 42 states and 59 foreign countries. Ninety-three percent (93%) of the new freshmen reside in Virginia.

Among Virginian’s, our largest markets include: Northern Virginia Metro (639), Southwest (222), Valley (196), Tidewater (195), and Richmond (183). The entire state is well represented again in this year’s freshmen class. The out of state new freshmen increased 24% (149) as well

Traditional academic quality measures remain strong. The average combined SAT score (Critical Reading and Math) is 1006, and the middle fifty percent range from 920 to 1080. The average GPA is 3.15, and the middle fifty percent range from 2.82 to 3.44 with a median of 3.12. In 2011, the combined SAT was a 1018, and the average GPA was a 3.13.

**New Transfers: 818 (803 SCHEV Official)**

Male: 47%

Female: 53%

Minority: 17%

Top Five Feeder Institutions:

1. New River CC (137)
2. Virginia Western CC (130)
3. Wytheville CC (46)
4. Northern VA CC – Annandale (41)
5. Southwest VA CC (19)

New Student Enrollment:      2,856

Undergraduate (UG) Total:         8,610

Graduate (GR)Total:                      963

All-in (UG and GR):                 9,573 (Largest Overall Enrollment in RU History)