

Dear PEC Supporters:

As some of you may already know, PEC has coordinated a strategic summit meeting for former trustees, faculty, and alumnae for next week (January 5) in Richmond, VA. Originally invitations to this summit were limited due to space considerations. Today we secured the donation of a large conference space from Troutman Sanders. The Sanders Room, a beautiful and well-equipped conference facility, has a capacity of more than 200. Accordingly, it appears that we will have ample room for all who wish to participate.

The meeting will be held on the 15th floor of Troutman Sanders' offices, 1001 Haxall Point, Richmond, VA 23219, Phone: 804.697.1200, Fax: 804.697.1339. Maps and directions to Troutman Sanders can be found on the firm's web site at the following address:

<http://www.troutmansanders.com/richmond/>

Parking will be available in Troutman Sanders' building, and will cost \$3.00/hour or a maximum of \$15/day.

The meeting will begin at noon with a luncheon, and the formal meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. We will arrange for lunch, drinks, and afternoon snack trays during the meeting, but ask that you be prepared to pay \$15-25 per person to cover the expense of catering the event, and that you let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending. If you have special dietary needs, please let us know and we will make every effort to meet your needs.

The nearest hotel to Troutman Sanders's office is the Omni Hotel Richmond, located about three blocks from Troutman Sanders, at 100 South 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Phone: (804) 344-7000, Fax: (804) 648-6704, <http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Richmond.aspx>. Please note that rooms at the Omni can be secured via Travelocity, Expedia, and other travel websites, even though the Omni website states that there are no vacancies.

Other hotels in the downtown Richmond area include the Jefferson Hotel, the Berkeley Hotel, the Crown Plaza Hotel, and the Marriott Downtown. Additional hotels are available near the Richmond airport (east of downtown), or in the Innsbrook area (west of downtown).

We will provide additional information to attendees, including a tentative agenda and reading material to prepare you for the meeting. We encourage each attendee to make herself familiar with the numerous documents on PEC's website, [www.PreserveEducationalChoice.org](http://www.PreserveEducationalChoice.org), and we will attempt to augment the information available there as the week progresses.

If you would like to attend after reading the invitation below, please be sure to RSVP by December 31 to:

Gail Ballou - [gail@preserveeducationalchoice.org](mailto:gail@preserveeducationalchoice.org)

We need an accurate count of people to ensure that appropriate arrangements can be made.

We look forward to seeing you on January 5th!

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Dear Friend of Randolph-Macon Woman's College:

We are writing to invite you to a summit meeting to bring together all those who oppose the Board of Trustees' Strategic Plan and the decision to make Randolph-Macon Woman's College coeducational. The meeting is planned for Friday, January 5, 2007, in Richmond, Virginia.

You are invited to this meeting because of the active leadership you have shown in the fight to preserve Randolph-Macon Woman's College as a Woman's College. While Preserve Educational Choice, Inc. (PEC), may be the most visible and identifiable opposition group, we know that there are many other groups and individuals who are taking roles in the opposition to the Strategic Plan and coeducation, and who have been just as active as PEC, perhaps just in a less public way. We also know that some of the summit participants have ideas that differ markedly from the path PEC has chosen. Nevertheless, it is clear that all of us have one common goal: to reverse the decision to adopt the Strategic Plan and coeducation made by the Board of Trustees on September 9, 2006.

It is in that spirit that we invite you to come to a strategic planning meeting on January 5th to discuss openly and constructively how our opposition to the Board's decision can best be united, focused and, most importantly, successful. The list of people invited to the summit includes representatives from various alumnae regions, classes, and interest groups as well as key donors, former trustees, and retired and current faculty.

We know that this is short notice, and that attending the summit may involve a significant effort on your behalf. However, PEC's lawsuits will be heard January 23 and we are planning this meeting in the hope that we can put a coordinated and unified opposition strategy in place in advance of those hearings. This is particularly important if any of the ideas generated at this meeting would cause the group to want to amend the pending lawsuits.

We have asked Claire Guthrie Gastanaga, a former Virginia Chief Deputy Attorney General, and former interim President of Chatham College to facilitate the meeting.

The suggested agenda for the summit meeting is as follows:

We propose to begin the meeting at 12:00 noon with an informal luncheon that will allow all of us to mingle and get to know each other. The formal meeting would begin at 1:00 p.m. with a presentation by PEC's lead counsel, Wyatt Durette, who will describe the two suits that have been filed and the overall litigation strategy. Once we have a common understanding of the current legal framework and prospects of PEC's lawsuits, we'll move on to a discussion of other initiatives that are underway or proposed, brainstorm other strategies that might be effective, and build consensus, if possible, on a unified approach.

Please give us your comments and input to this tentative agenda. We will incorporate your suggestions and circulate a formal agenda for the summit based on your responses.

We anticipate that this meeting could run late. Accordingly, we would encourage all participants to plan to stay in Richmond on Friday night, and to be available for continued meetings or active work on Saturday. We will make arrangements for a dinner on Friday night for those able to stay. Additionally, for anyone who wishes to arrive on Thursday evening or who would like to

arrive earlier on Friday morning, we will attempt to make arrangements for informal discussion groups at those times. Given the limited time to plan the meeting, we ask that everyone plan to make their own lodging arrangements if you plan to stay in Richmond on Friday evening. We encourage you to participate in this strategic summit meeting, even if you can only attend the Friday afternoon session.

We appreciate that all of the invitees have busy schedules and that a meeting such as this will be an enormous effort for many. Please consider giving this one day for the college that has meant so much to us all. We cannot win this fight against the Board of Trustees unless we all join forces.

We look forward to seeing you on the 5th and would appreciate your response as quickly as possible (no later than December 31), so that we can make arrangements appropriate to the size of the group.

Vita abundantior,

Gail Ballou (R-MWC '64)  
Board member, Preserve Educational Choice

Gene Mason  
R-MWC Trustee Emeritus

W. Denman Zirkle  
R-MWC Trustee Emeritus

Carol Curcio Lang (R-MWC '68)  
Board member, Preserve Educational Choice

Diane U. Montgomery (R-MWC '85)  
Secretary, Preserve Educational Choice

Anne Yastremski (R-MWC '05)  
Board member, Preserve Educational Choice

Martha Edwards Durnett (R-MWC '85)  
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