

# Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium Communications

*The samples below are from different years to demonstrate the variety of communications surrounding establishment of the annual symposium.*

## Combined Save the Date and Topics of Interest Survey 2017

SAVE THE DATE!

The Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium (VRAS) will hold its daylong event on November 15, 2017 on the VCU campus in Richmond, less than a mile from the Crowne-Plaza Richmond (where the event was held last year).

You are invited to participate in a short survey about the VRAS. The purpose of the survey is to determine topics of interest for the 2017 event. Please complete this brief survey by August 31 to co-create the agenda for our day. Share this email and survey link with any colleagues you think may be interested: [http://jmu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8udKiv8svgSPwwd](http://jmu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8udKiv8svgSPwwd)

***(NOTE to 2019 SACSCOC Presentation Attendees: The survey link above is still live; feel free to use it to get ideas and craft your own survey.)***

For those interested in attending both the VRAS and the Virginia Assessment Group's (VAG) annual conference, the VAG conference will be held at the Crowne-Plaza Richmond on November 15-17. Please see the VAG website for more information on the VAG conference: <http://virginiaassessment.org/>  
Please note: You must register separately for the VAG and the VRAS.

Look for a follow up email about VRAS registration details in the near future.

If you have questions or encounter problems with the survey, please contact me at [grovecg@jmu.edu](mailto:grovecg@jmu.edu).

Sincerely yours,

Cindy Chiarello

2017 VRAS Planning Board Chair

## Registration Open 2017

Dear Colleagues,

Registration for the 2017 Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium (VRAS) is now open!

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event>

Registration Cost \$95

Registration for the symposium covers lunch, all day beverage stations, parking on VCU campus, and symposium materials.

#### Lodging

Hotel accommodations are available at the Crowne Plaza Richmond. If you make your hotel reservations by October 31, the Crowne Plaza discounted rate is available with the registration code \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Evening Social

We are proud to co-host the evening social with Virginia Assessment Group (VAG). The social will be held evening of November 15 at the Crowne Plaza Richmond. This is a great networking opportunity for accreditation and assessment folks to meet, make connections, and establish a professional network...all in a relaxed social atmosphere.

#### Agenda

The agenda for the November 15 symposium, based on your suggestions from our previous survey, is below.

For more details on the agenda, hotel accommodations, and to register for the symposium, please use this link: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event>

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, November 15. Please share this information with others you think are interested in attending.

Best wishes,

Cindy Chiarello

## Registration Open 2018

**Registration for the 2018 VRAS is open!** Please feel free to pass this email to any members of your staff that might find this symposium helpful in their work.

VRAS is an active, purposeful network of higher education colleagues in Virginia, advances open discussion and dissemination of knowledge to support institutions' achieving and sustaining SACSCOC accreditation. The VRAS serves the higher education community in Virginia by facilitating inter-institutional relationships and providing accurate information and reliable interpretation of SACSCOC policy.

The 2018 VRAS Annual Symposium is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Charlottesville, 990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901. We are pleased to have SACSCOC Chief of Staff, Larry Earvin, joining us for this year's symposium. The Symposium kicks off with a networking lunch at 12:30 pm and concludes at 6:30 pm.

To view this information in a web browser, [click here](#).

## Registration

The \$90 registration fee includes lunch and mid-day refreshments, symposium materials, and directory of 2018 symposium participants. Registration is capped at 85 participants.

[Register for the 2018 VRAS Symposium Now!](#)

## Agenda

- Registration/Check In
- Lunch, Networking Groups
- Panels on Topics of Interest
- Refreshments
- Panels on Topics of Interest
- Q&A with Dr. Earvin, SACSCOC Chief of Staff
- Closing Comments

## Symposium Planning

**Please complete this brief [survey](#)** by August 31st to co-create the agenda and decide the topics of interest for our day.

Want to support VRAS and your colleagues in accreditation? Sit on a panel, facilitate a round table discussion or networking group, or volunteer for the VRAS 2018 Planning Board? Contact Geoffrey Klein ([geoffrey.klein@cnu.edu](mailto:geoffrey.klein@cnu.edu)) or provide your information when you complete the survey above.

## Virginia Assessment Group Conference

The VRAS is held in close proximity to the annual VAG Conference to make it easier for participants to attend both events.

Information and registration for the VAG 2018 Conference can be found on the [VAG website](#). Please note you will need to register separately for the VAG and the VRAS.

If you have any questions or encounter problems, please contact me at [geoffrey.klein@cnu.edu](mailto:geoffrey.klein@cnu.edu).

Sincerely yours,

Geoffrey Klein  
Chair, 2018 VRAS Planning Board

## Registration Confirmation 2018

### 2018 Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium

The VRAS is an active, purposeful network of higher education colleagues in Virginia that advances open discussion and dissemination of knowledge to support institutions' achieving and sustaining SACSCOC accreditation. We are pleased to have SACSCOC Chief of Staff, Larry Earvin, joining us for the November 6th VRAS 2018 Annual Symposium.

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 12:30 PM to 6:30 PM EST**

#### **DoubleTree by Hilton**

990 Hilton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Thank you again for registering for the 2018 Virginia Accreditation Symposium. This email is confirmation of your successful registration. If any of the information displayed below is incorrect, please contact us as soon as possible.

Also, please note the Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium Cancellation Policy. Cancellations must be received in writing ten (10) days prior to the scheduled event. Please send cancellation request to [Geoffrey.klein@cnu.edu](mailto:Geoffrey.klein@cnu.edu). Refunds will be processed after the scheduled event. Please note that refunds will not be issued for cancellations received after this time nor will they be given for no-shows. Substitutions may be made at any time.

View and print [my ticket\(s\)](#)

#### **Conference Registrant**

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### Contact

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[Go to event page](#)

## Confirming Panels and Agenda 2019

*Sent to colleagues leading panels for VRAS 2019.*

Hello VRAS Colleagues,

Thank you for sending me information about your panel. I have put together a tentative schedule (below). One leader informed me that she could not conduct her session, which worked out because we had more than enough sessions to fill the time.

Please give this a quick review and let me know if there should be any adjustments.

We will have a cozy symposium this year with 38 registrations so far.

Lastly, I need a couple of volunteers for check-in duty – any takers?

8:00 AM

Registration/Check-in, Breakfast Foods, Networking

8:45-9:00 AM

Opening Announcements

9:00-9:50 AM

~~Aligning SCHEV and SACS requirements~~ Sub Change Issues (Kristi)

10:00-10:50 AM

Hot Spots in the new standards (Tisha and Susan)

11:00-11:50 PM

Distance Education and Off Site Locations (Skip)

12:00-12:50 PM

Lunch (free time for all)

1:00-1:50 PM

Telling your story, how to write a good narrative (Tisha and Marty?)

2:00-2:50 PM

6.1 / 6.2b (Andrew)

3:00-3:50 PM

Q&A and Changes to the Standards, with Dr. Denise Young, SACSCOC VP (Tisha)

3:50-4:00 PM

Closing Comments

Thank you,  
Tisha

Post Symposium Participant Thank You 2013



Thank you once again for your participation in the 2013 Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium! Attendance this year far exceeded our expectations and comments from participants indicated that we are all interested in making the symposium an annual event. So, in September of 2014 please look for information on the next annual Virginia Regional Accreditation Symposium.

I want to take this opportunity to give special thanks to our panel facilitators, panelists, and Dr. Barry Goldstein for sharing your experiences and expertise with us. Our panelists this year were our colleagues who voluntarily answered the call to serve on panels and share their experiences with us. It is my hope that everyone in attendance was able to take away something valuable and establish a network that will connect you with your colleagues throughout the state.

Please note the following correction to the program and directory of participants: Sarah Pérez-Kriz, PhD, Associate Director Office of Institutional Assessment at George Mason University sat on the Institutional Effectiveness panel. Please note the corrected spelling of her last name above. Her email is correct in the directory: [skriz@gmu.edu](mailto:skriz@gmu.edu).

If you did not have the chance to leave comments with us at the symposium, please send comments, feedback, and suggestions to Cindy Chiarello at [grovecg@jmu.edu](mailto:grovecg@jmu.edu).

It was my pleasure to serve as the symposium coordinator this year, and again I would like to thank each of you for your support. I look forward to seeing you all next year,

**Cindy Grove Chiarello, VRAS 2013 Coordinator**

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