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Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Richmond, VA
Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications with a Expected 2014
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SKILLS

- Updating and Posting multimedia to Tumblr, Facebook, Twitter, Scribble Live, Youtube and Vimeo
- Composing multimedia reports for Storify and Sound Slides
- Editing and Compiling audio reports with Adobe Audition
- Shooting video and editing in Adobe Premiere Pro
- Laying out page design with Adobe InDesign

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Mass Communications 101 Teaching Assistant Richmond, VA
Spring 2012

- Grade online discussion questions
- Help distribute and collect tests

VCU Votes Richmond, VA
Fall 2012

- Created a get out the vote campaign with the Social Media & Presidential Race class
- Distributed candidate info and registered voters
- Ran social media sites for the campaign
- Won the Democracy Cup for “Best Communication Campaign”

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Commonwealth Times columnist Richmond, VA
Fall 2011-Feb 2013

- Write editorials 3-4 times/month

Hampton Roads Magazine Intern Virginia Beach, VA
Summer 2012

- Writing short-medium editorial pieces for *Hampton Roads Magazine* and *Hampton Roads Bride*
- Assisting with the launch of the new website and web exclusives
- Copy editing

Capital News Service Spring 2013

- Writing hard news and feature stories on the 2013 General Assembly session for distribution to over 70 news and online publications

AWARDS/HONORS

- VCU’S Honors College Spring 2012-present
- Member of Phi Eta Sigma Spring 2012
- Sophomore Year Scholarship Award Spring 2012
- Dean’s List Fall 2011-Fall 2012
- University Student Scholar September 2012
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Capitol offers tour with 'Lincoln' theme

BY RVANEWS STAFF

By Katherine Johnson | Capital News Service

For fans of the hit movie *Lincoln*, which won two Oscars this week, here's a chance to get a close-up of one of the film's stars: the location.

The state Capitol is offering "Looking for the Lincolns," a free guided tour with a behind-the-scenes view of Steven Spielberg's film.

The film was shot at the Capitol between October and December of 2011. At the Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday, *Lincoln* took home two Oscars: one for production design and the other for best actor to Daniel Day-Lewis and his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln.

Mark Greenough, a prominent history interpreter, is one of three Capitol guides who give the Lincoln tour. He said he had a "front-row seat during the several weeks of filming" and even had to sign a non-disclosure form, since Spielberg wanted to keep the movie under wraps until its public debut.

The tour's website describes it like this:

"Retrace the footsteps of the historical Lincolns in 1865, as well as the famous actor and actress portraying them in 2011, and other cast and crew associated with Steven Spielberg's new feature film 'Lincoln'...Explore Capitol interiors used during major motion picture production on Capitol Square. Hear how the northern and southern ends of the Virginia Capitol were modified to simulate both the White House and the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C."

"We do see among our visitors coming these questions about the movie and about Spielberg and the actors and the use of rooms," Greenough said.

On the tour Tuesday, Greenough explained how the crew used both the inside and outside of the Capitol during filming. To transform Virginia's Capitol into the White House and U.S. Capitol, Greenough said "pseudo architecture" was used: The crew attached Styrofoam and metal fixtures to the building to alter the appearance.

"You would never know," Greenough said. "It looks like actual architecture –

surprisingly, I think.”

He said the rotunda featuring the marble George Washington statue was also in the film. Greenough said the statue is visible in the background of a scene with actor Tommy Lee Jones.

Spielberg and the crew worried about “guarding against unwelcomed...chronological outliers,” Greenough said. Portraits, bust statues, and even light fixtures were removed or covered to accurately depict the 1860s.

Greenough said the current House of Delegates chamber was “used more than any other space.” It doubled as the U.S. House of Representatives.

Greenough said people who saw *Lincoln* will recall that this was where “intense debate scenes on the 13th amendment abolishing slavery” were filmed, with actors Sally Field and Jones.

Although the film crew covered the chamber’s modern electronic voting boards with portraits and the desks’ voting buttons with wooden panels, they forgot to hide one thing: Virginia’s state seal on the front wall where the speaker stands. You can see the seal if you look closely in the movie, Greenough said.

He’s curious to see whether the Oscars and the release of *Lincoln* on DVD will cause a “new bubble to rise up” when it comes to tourism at the state Capitol.



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Cuccinelli, McAuliffe dead even in fundraising

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The likely party candidates for governor Republican Ken Cuccinelli, left,... (Daily Press)

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RICHMOND – Less than \$150,000 separates Virginia's two major party candidates for governor, according to campaign finance reports filed by Republican candidate Ken Cuccinelli and his Democratic challenger, Terry McAuliffe.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, which tracks campaign finances, Cuccinelli ended the year with \$1.2 million in his campaign treasury, while McAuliffe had a little over \$1 million.

The numbers take into consideration all money raised and spent from July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012.

As of this point, numbers aren't revealing "much of anything," said Thomas Morris, president of the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges and the former secretary of education for then-Gov. Tim Kaine.

"It didn't tell us that much, except that ... both of them will be well financed and that the campaign or the election is not likely to be settled on the basis of one candidate outraising the other candidate," Morris said.

Geoffrey Skelley, a political analyst at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, said the money race reflects the opinion polls: "Any polling that's been done so far has shown the two candidates to be neck and neck, so I'd say that the race is very close."

According to Skelley, money won't be the only important factor in the race for governor. "I think a lot of what will affect this race is how national politics plays out," he said.

"Virginia has a long history of electing a governor of the opposite party of the party that controls the White House," Skelley said.

Morris said he would be surprised if one gubernatorial candidate pulled far ahead of the other in fundraising.

"McAuliffe obviously has the better known reputation.... He has been a fundraiser and head of the Democratic National Committee, so he's had a lot of experience raising funds," Morris said.

However, Morris believes that the same goes for Cuccinelli, Virginia's attorney general.

"The Virginia Republican Party has no difficulty raising sufficient funds to support its nominee as well. I expect both of them are going to be well financed by the time we get into the summer months when major expenditures begin to take place," Morris said.

He sees one possible wildcard in the race — the possibility of Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling

running as an independent.

"That would be a major area of concern for Ken Cuccinelli," Morris said. "If he [Bolling] were to run as an independent, that would change the dynamics, both in terms of the election and in terms of fundraising."

Bolling raised about \$750,000 toward a gubernatorial bid, but then decided not to seek the Republican nomination.

If Bolling runs as an independent, he could take support away from Cuccinelli. "He would clearly be attracting many of the same donors that Ken Cuccinelli would," Morris said.

He also could attract enough votes to have a significant impact on the race.

"I don't know if Bolling could win, but he would certainly change the nature of the race," Skelley said. "I think he would probably hurt Cuccinelli more."

If Bolling opts not to run, he could give his money to legislative candidates he supports, Skelley said. "I doubt he'd give it to Cuccinnelli. He's not a fan."

Finance reports

Here's a look at how the main candidates for governor compare financially:

Democrat Terry McAuliffe

Starting balance on July 1, 2012: 0

Receipts July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012: \$1,158,089

Expenses July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012:\$118,348

Ending balance on Dec. 31, 2012: \$1,039,740

Republican Ken Cuccinelli

Starting balance on July 1, 2012: \$627,337

Receipts July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012: \$1,074,149

Expenses July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012: \$522,862

Ending balance on Dec. 31, 2012: \$1,178,624

Source: Virginia Public Access Project

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Rally Marks 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

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RICHMOND – Abortion rights supporters made their way to the state Capitol grounds on Tuesday to mark the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s

Roe v. Wade decision and to look to the future of women's rights in Virginia.

The landmark case decided that women's right to privacy includes the right to have an abortion. A crowd of a few hundred gathered to listen to Virginia legislators in support of women's rights, including Democratic Sens. Barbara Favola of Arlington, Mark Herring of Leesburg and Ralph Northam of Painter.

The rally served as a reminder to women's rights and reproductive rights advocates to continue their efforts, especially after last year's turbulent General Assembly session, when legislators introduced and passed bills that received national attention and controversy.

Last year's House Bill 1, sponsored by Delegate Bob Marshall, R-Manassas, would have redefined "personhood" to include unborn children. The bill was tabled until this year.

Last session's HB 462 originally required women to submit to a transvaginal ultrasound before an abortion. At the request of Gov. Bob McDonnell, the bill was amended to require an external ultrasound and was signed into law in March.

Dr. Karen Remley, the former state health commissioner, was on hand for the rally. Remley resigned from her position in October after the state implemented new abortion clinic regulations. She said she never dreamed she'd have to attend a rally to defend Roe v. Wade.

"How we choose what we do and when we do it is something we should be able to do on our own, collaborating with our family, our friends and our physician," she said in her speech.

"Roe v. Wade is a very ... essential and important element, but it is a much bigger issue than pro-choice. It is, 'Where are women in our society, and how do we stand as equals next to every man there is in the world?'" Remley said.

Sandee Delano has attended every women's rights protest at the Capitol since last February. "It's disgusting – it's absolutely disgusting and deplorable – that they're even talking like that," Delano said about last session's legislation regarding women's rights and reproductive rights.

For this session, Delano would like to see Virginia legislators "get back to their

senses” and work on important things.

“We need jobs. We need other things. This needs to stop, because it’s a settled issue,” she said.

Favola said the rally has important implications for the future.

“You are paving the way for our daughters and our sisters and for the generations that come behind us,” she told the crowd.

Favola also offered her thoughts how one of Virginia’s Founding Fathers would respond to the debate: “Thomas Jefferson would say, ‘My goodness. What the heck has happened to the Commonwealth?’ ”

Northam noted that he has introduced Senate Bill 1332, which would make ultrasounds optional for women seeking abortions. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Education and Health.



emotional for the mothers of these children.”

The Virginia Society for Human Life, an anti-abortion organization, issued its own statement regarding the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

Since 1973, there have been more than 55 million abortions in the United States, including more than 500,000 in Virginia, the group said. “Abortion has become a tragic response to the needs of too many women facing a complex pregnancy,” the statement added.

Olivia Gans Turner, the society’s president, said abortion “has risks both physical and

“VSHL remains committed to protecting the lives of the unborn, those with disabilities and the elderly under the law,” Gans Turner said. She said the society wants to ensure that women “obtain all the facts before making this life and death decision.”

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