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## Civic Education Forum Tomorrow Night

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Christopher Newport University's Judy Ford Wason Center for Public Policy will present a community forum, [Virginia's Civic Health - The Role of Education](#), on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at 7p.m. The forum will be held at the Ferguson Center for the Arts Music & Theatre Hall and is free. No reservation is required.

The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and James Madison's Montpelier - working with the National Conference on Citizenship - have produced the first-ever assessment of Virginia's civic health. The panel will discuss the results of this report with a particular emphasis on the role of education in the commonwealth's civic health.

Distinguished panelists include Richard L. McCluney, the Royce R. and Kathryn M. Baker vice president for productions, publications, and learning ventures at The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; Sean T. O'Brien, executive director of the Center for the Constitution at James Madison's Montpelier; Erin Porter, honors government teacher at Menchville High School in Newport News; Shane Zavala, MAT-history and social science teacher candidate at Christopher Newport University; and Dr. Quentin Kidd, director of the Wason Center for Public Policy.

The [Wason Center for Public Policy](#) at Christopher Newport University was established in 2007 to provide unbiased and nonpartisan information both about important public policy issues facing Virginia and about citizen's views on those issues. Without such information, Virginia's elected leaders face difficult decisions with little guidance from the citizens they represent. Dialogue between citizens and policymakers on important public policy issues is lacking in Virginia, and the result is that Virginia has an increasingly difficult time solving its public policy challenges.