



## 2016 Curriculum Overview

### **Week 1: January 26, 2016**

### **Program Orientation**

Program kick-off hosted at Williamsburg Landing with an orientation of what's to come and the opportunity to get to know other members of the class. Guest speakers include Digby Solomon, President and Publisher of the Virginia Gazette and Daily Press and Karen Riordan, President of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance. Conclude the day with a tour of Williamsburg Landing and a Class Reception.

### **Week 2: February 2, 2016**

### **Area History**

Learn about the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and its role bringing to life history at these two sites. Tour of Historic Jamestown with world-renowned archaeologist Dr. William Kelso, head of the Jamestown Rediscovery Project. Partake in a presentation and tour of the battlefields at Yorktown National Park. Tour the beautiful new Victory Center in Yorktown.

### **Week 3: February 9, 2016**

### **Williamsburg Destinations-Tourism**

Explore tourism in Williamsburg with presentations by Bob Harris, Senior Vice President of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance and Carl Lum, President of Bush Gardens and Water Country with a behind-the-scenes tour at Busch Gardens. Travel to Colonial Williamsburg for a working lunch with Mitchell Reiss, President of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Take a behind the scenes tour of the Education and Special Collections facilities. Longtime resident Mac White will take you on a special presentation of the evolution and restoration of Colonial Williamsburg.

### **Week 4: February 16, 2016**

### **Health Care**

Examine the numerous health care services provided in Greater Williamsburg, featuring the Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center and the Riverside Doctors' Hospital Williamsburg. Learn about the work, special services and organizations within our community dedicated to helping seniors. Examine health care issues from "cradle to

grave", focusing on government provided assistance, emergency care, residential and non-residential care, and hospice care.

**Week 5: February 23, 2016**

**Courts and Public Safety**

Meet at the Williamsburg-James City County Courthouse for a tour hosted by the Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy, highlighting several innovative features of the Courthouse. Meet the Head Magistrate, the Commonwealth attorney and one of the sitting judges of the Circuit Court. Visit the James City County Police Department Law Enforcement Center for a brief tour, presentation on security in our schools, and panel discussion with the Police and Fire Chiefs on public safety issues. Participate in a discussion of the Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA) program.

**Week 6: March 1, 2016**

**Education**

Gain an understanding of the educational philosophy, priorities, and teaching methods within the WJCC schools, and issues facing both the leadership of the WJCC school system and the local residents. To examine the role of the Community College systems within the Commonwealth of Virginia and to gain an understanding of the workforce training available at the Thomas Nelson Community College Williamsburg campus.

**Week 7: March 8, 2016**

**Sustaining the Community**

Visit the Historic Triangle Messmer Community Services Building to hear about the "Economic Realities of Williamsburg," followed by an overview of the United Way and the many organizations with whom they partner. Meet directors of a few of the key organizations that support the neediest of our community, like Meals on Wheels and Faith in Action. Then hear from some agencies and from William and Mary on what is being done to sustain our environment.

**Week 8: March 15, 2016**

**Arts and Culture**

Take a mini-tour of the Muscarelle Museum and participate in a presentation by Director Dr. Aaron DeGroft. Learn from Janna Hymes, Music Director and Conductor of the Williamsburg Symphonia, of its musical contribution to our rich cultural environment. Learn about the vast array of music, drama and fine arts opportunities supported in the Greater Williamsburg.

**Week 9: March 22, 2016****Military**

Visit the Coast Guard Training Center, Yorktown and meet senior commanders from the Coast Guard Training Center, the Naval Weapons Station, Langley AFB and the Marine Corps Security Forces, who will provide an update on the roles, capabilities and missions of their organizations. See a demonstration of the USCG Boat Forces and tour the vessels. Visit Fort Eustis to lunch with soldiers in the dining hall. Meet the TRADOC Deputy Commanding General and receive a briefing on the mission of this Major Command. Participate in "hands-on" training in various simulators used for training our military men and women. Visit the UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Maintenance Training Facility used to train enlisted maintainers on the actual aircraft they will maintain during their careers. Interact with enlisted members of our Armed Forces to gain an appreciation of their talents, training and motivations as they serve; and gain an appreciation of the military's economic impact and community involvement in the Greater Williamsburg/Hampton Roads area.

**Week 10: March 29, 2016****Government**

Learn about the challenges facing the three local governments that comprise the Historic Triangle. Join panel discussions including the Williamsburg Mayor and Chairs of the James City County and York County Boards of Supervisors; and the Williamsburg City Manager and the Administrators of James City County and York County. Lunch with Delegate, Monty Mason. Hear the Economic Development Directors from the three localities talk about new business opportunities and efforts to create a Williamsburg "brand" for sporting, arts and other events. Chat with the Majority Leader of the Virginia Senate, Senator Tommy Norment.

**Week 11: April 5, 2016****Debriefing and Graduation**

Class summarizes its experiences and participates in a debriefing session giving feedback on the CLS program and suggestions for improvements in future CLS classes. Later in the afternoon Class will graduate and enjoy a reception at Windsor Meade with family and CLS alumni.