

# Schaffner Wins Statewide Faculty Award

VIMS associate professor Dr. Linda Schaffner has been selected as 1 of 10 recipients of the 2003 Outstanding Faculty Awards, the Commonwealth's highest honor for faculty at Virginia's colleges and universities.

"I am pleased to recognize these distinguished faculty members and higher education leaders," Governor Warner said at a State Capitol ceremony in January. "Their accomplishments in advancing educational excellence contribute greatly to Virginia's educational, economic, civic, and cultural vitality. Each of this year's

award recipients brings pride to the profession and honor to the Commonwealth." Recipients received a \$2,200 award and a commemorative plaque from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), which administers the awards program.

Schaffner joined the VIMS faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences in 1988. According to Dean of Graduate Studies Dr. Iris Anderson, Schaffner's commitment to VIMS' graduate education program is unmatched. "Dr. Schaffner has exhibited a deep and lasting commitment to the School of Marine Science," says Anderson. "She has also exhibited an enthusiastic involvement with college undergraduates and others participating in the Summer Intern Program, as well as an unending effort to enhance the participation of under-represented groups in science." Schaffner has headed the Summer Intern Program at VIMS for the past 14 years.

Award recipients were selected from a list of peer-nominated candidates by a committee consisting of past Outstanding Faculty Awards Recipients, faculty, college administrators, and business and community leaders. There are nearly 10,000 full-time faculty members in Virginia eligible to be nominated.



Dr. Linda Schaffner lectures to a class of VIMS graduate students.

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