

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

# VIRGINIA

## FAST FACTS

International students contributed an estimated **\$387.2 million** to the Virginia economy in the 2010–11 academic year.

**650** citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Virginia.

**326** Virginians participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

## Higher Learning

Virginia is ranked **#14** in the U.S. for the number of international students in its colleges and universities.

- 1. Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
- 2. George Mason University
- 3. UVA-Main Campus
- 4. Northern Virginia Community College
- 5. Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia colleges and universities with the most foreign students.

- 1. China
- 2. India
- 3. South Korea
- 4. Canada
- 5. Saudi Arabia

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Virginia during 2010–11.

## Notable ECA Alumni

**Charles Penzel Wright**

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1998 (*Fulbright U.S. Student Program* 1963; *Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program* 1968)

**Peter H. Taylor**

Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1987; PEN/Faulkner Award, 1985 (*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program* 1955)

**Rita Dove**

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1987; U.S. Poet Laureate, 1993–95 (*Fulbright/Hays Fellow* 1974)

**Virginius Dabney**

Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Writing, 1948 (*Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program* 1954)

**Bob McDonnell**

71st Governor of Virginia, 2010–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders*)

**Marcia Angell**

Former Editor-in-Chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine* (*Fulbright Scholarship*)

**Morgan Griffith**

U.S. Representative for Virginia’s 9th Congressional District, 2011–Present (*American Council of Young Political Leaders* 1997)



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