

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

VIRGINIA

FAST FACTS

International students at colleges and universities contributed an estimated **\$405.5 million** to the Virginia economy in the 2011–12 academic year.

10,724 citizens of foreign countries participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in Virginia.

1,381 Virginians and foreign visitors participated in ECA’s academic, youth, professional, and cultural exchange programs in foreign countries.

Notable ECA Alumni

Higher Learning

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

Virginia universities with the most foreign students

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

Leading places of origin for foreign students in Virginia during 2011–12

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

Charles Penzel Wright

Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, 1998
(*Fulbright Student*, 1963;
Fulbright Scholar, 1968)

Peter H. Taylor

PEN/Faulkner Award, 1985;
Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, 1987
(*Fulbright Scholar*, 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
Scholar*, 1954)

Bob McDonnell

71st Governor of Virginia, 2010–
Present (*American Council of
Young Political Leaders*, 1994)

Marcia Angell

Former Editor-in-Chief of
the New England Journal
of Medicine (*Fulbright
Scholar*, 1960)

Morgan Griffith

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



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