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RE: Update on The Founders Studies Program at The College of William and Mary

Dear Supporter,

I want to share with you some significant progress in making The Founders Studies Program a reality at The College of William & Mary.

I have attached a draft preamble and mission statement that will be the basis for an expanded discussion about the program. The development of the mission statement has been a joint project of my advisory committee (see below) and the W&M Administration, including President Taylor Reveley, Provost Michael Halleran and James Golden, VP Strategic Initiatives.

The two most significant next steps include a “buy-in” by a faculty steering group (meeting set for August 2<sup>nd</sup>) and finding potential donors who can help fund the initial seed money necessary to start the program. Gifts, of course, would need to be coordinated carefully with the W&M Development Office.

At this stage, I would appreciate your thoughts on this project and any suggestions you might have to help us locate the initial funds.

Advisory Committee

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