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**Oral Health Summit
October 26, 2012
Richmond, VA**



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Oral Health Access Spotlight

South Hampton Roads' "Day of Caring"

On Friday, September 14, the South Hampton Roads community received a healthy boost as several

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New Dental School in Southwest VA

Bluefield College, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the County Industrial Development Authority have partnered to bring a dental school to rural southwest Virginia, just outside of Bluefield.



As envisioned, the school will address the growing shortage of dental providers in the area by providing patient care and recruiting students from the surrounding localities who are more likely to remain in the area after graduation.

The College plans to recruit and enroll the school's first class in 2015, contingent on accreditation and additional funding. Initially, the school will offer a traditional dental degree, however county leaders are open to adding degrees in dental hygiene and dental therapy (a mid-level provider currently able to practice in Alaska and Minnesota).

[Read the complete press release from Bluefield College](#)

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Of Interest

Oral Health and Overall Health

[Oral health and overall health](#) are fundamentally intertwined. The following links present current information on how oral health affects other conditions in the body.



- [Oral health and pregnancy](#) (OHRC consensus statement)
- [Periodontal disease and chronic disease](#) (an interview with AAP president, Dr. Pamela McClain)

More Americans Turning to Pills than Dentists to Treat Pain

dental outreach services participated in the annual "Day of Caring," providing free or reduced dental services and education. A 2004 survey found that dental care was one of the biggest gaps in Hampton Roads' health system, leading to the formation of [Access Partnership](#) - an organizations that builds an affordable network of dental care in the region.

[Read more about the Day of Caring](#)

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A recent public opinion survey commissioned by Oral Health America found that Americans are more likely to take a pain killer than consult a dentist when suffering from a toothache.

[Read the entire article from DentistryIQ](#)

Phoenix & Portland Vote for Fluoride Despite Vocal Opposition



Recent public debates on community water fluoridation in major cities across the U.S. have garnered national attention on the subject - as well as vocal opponents.

[Read more about this issue from Dr. Bicuspid](#)

VaOHC Participates in CVC Charity Drive

The Virginia Oral Health Coalition is participating in the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, which allows state employees to directly donate a small portion of their paychecks to a specific charity. VaOHC is CVC #3931.



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