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Conservationist Suzanne Wescoat Receives Alumnae Achievement Award from Randolph College

September 17, 2010 – Randolph College has awarded Suzanne Savedge Wescoat of Machipongo, VA, its highest alumnae honor. Wescoat, a 1964 graduate of Randolph-Macon Woman’s College (now Randolph College), earned the 2010 Alumnae Achievement Award (www.randolphcollege.edu/achievementawards) in recognition of her activism to preserve and protect the Eastern Shore’s natural resources, fragile ecosystem, and rural economy over the last several decades.

In 1988, Wescoat co-founded the non-profit organization, **Citizens for a Better Eastern Shore**, and launched a cohesive group effort to promote balanced growth while preserving the natural resources. After 22 years, the organization is 800 members strong and advocates for conservation of the Eastern Shore.

Wescoat’s leadership continued with her election to the Northampton County Board of Supervisors—not once, but three times for 4-year terms each—and she was eventually named the chair of the Board. Always an advocate for responsible residential and commercial development, during her tenure the Board adopted a comprehensive long-range plan to preserve farms and forests while sustaining the tax base. Wescoat was instrumental in establishing a land trust in 2003 to include 12,000 acres of land and 70 miles of shoreline. She promoted the creation of conservation easements, including all of her own family property, to protect the wildlife habitats and the environmentally fragile shoreline from future development.

Each year since 1981, Randolph College recognizes remarkable alumnae, nominated by their peers, to receive this award. Randolph College President John E. Klein said, “The Alumnae Achievement Award is conferred on those who personify the value of a liberal arts education and who have brought distinction to themselves and the College. I am pleased to recognize Suzanne Wescoat, an exemplary member of the Class of 1964, with this year’s award.” Wescoat received an elegant Tiffany and Company crystal trapezoid on an ebony base engraved with the College seal.

[Randolph College](http://www.randolphcollege.edu) is a nationally-recognized, private, liberal arts and sciences institution known for its excellent academic program, diverse close-knit community, and global perspective. Located in Lynchburg, Virginia, the College was founded in 1891 as Randolph-Macon Woman’s College.

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