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Virginia Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall to speak at JSRCC Commencement Ceremony

Richmond, Virginia (April 21, 2008) - J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College will hold its 35th Annual Commencement ceremony on Saturday May 10 at 10 a.m. at the VCU Siegel Center/ Alltel Pavilion.

The commencement speaker will be Virginia Secretary of Public Safety John W. Marshall.

In 1994, President William J. Clinton appointed Marshall to serve as the United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia. Later in 1999, President Clinton nominated Marshall to serve as the Director of the United States Marshals Service.

On January 15, 2006, Governor Timothy M. Kaine appointed Marshall to the position of Secretary of Public Safety. As Secretary of Public Safety, Marshall has responsibility for the oversight of 14 agencies and over 22,000 employees, including the Department of Corrections, Virginia National Guard and the Virginia State Police.

He is the son of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and the brother of Thurgood Marshall, Jr., former Cabinet Secretary to President Clinton.

JSRCC expects to confer approximately 1,000 degrees and certificates to more than 900 students. The program will also recognize nearly 70 students who have earned the GED through the college's Middle College Program.

The Middle College is a Virginia Community College System initiative designed to offer a college opportunity to students between 18 and 24 who have not completed high school. This college recovery program is designed for those individuals who have had a desire to pursue college coursework, but need to attain a GED certificate first.

Serving over 17,000 students annually, JSRCC is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College consists of three campuses to serve residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

Free parking will be available in the parking decks located on the corner of Harrison and Broad and on the corner of Marshall and Bowe streets

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