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### **UCEA Selects the University of Virginia as its New Headquarters**

*Austin, TX - October 12, 2010* – The University Council for Educational Administration has selected the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia as its new headquarters. After a competitive application process and thorough deliberations by the UCEA Executive Committee, the Curry School emerged as an excellent partner for UCEA as it works to advance the preparation and practice of educational leaders for the benefit of schools and children.

Founded in 1905 with two professorships, the Curry School has grown into one of the premiere education schools in the country, with several graduate programs ranked in *US News and World Report's* top ten. UCEA President Alan Shoho said, "A partnership with the Curry School represents an exciting opportunity to advance quality leadership preparation and practice nationwide."

The new Darden/Curry Partnership for Leaders in Education, a collaboration between the Curry School and the Darden Graduate School of Business, is one of a host of new initiatives underway at UVa. "The University of Virginia's focus on leadership and its deep commitment to quality research makes this an auspicious partnership that is certain to advance the leadership field," said UCEA's Executive Director, Michelle Young.

"We are delighted and honored to have been chosen to host the headquarters of UCEA, the pre-eminent national organization for scholarship and advancement of leadership in educational administration," said Curry School Dean Robert Pianta.

The Curry School's selection as the new host for UCEA will be mutually beneficial, enhancing both UCEA's work and the strength that currently exists at the Curry School and U.Va. in educational leadership. "As UCEA brings its resources to our nationally recognized faculty and programs in educational leadership, Curry and the University are poised to be the primary driver of evidence-based leadership preparation and practice in education," Pianta said.

The transition process began in 2009 when UCEA issued a request for proposals, followed by extensive deliberations and visits to some of the country's leading schools of education. UCEA will complete the transition in July of 2011, when UCEA's headquarters relocates to the Curry School.



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Pam Tucker, professor of education and coordinator of the administration and supervision program at Curry, said UCEA's move to U.Va. enhances opportunities for both institutions, and will directly benefit students studying educational leadership at Curry. "The timing of this venture is opportune for both the Curry School and UCEA and holds promise for numerous collaborative efforts, in terms of research, program development in leadership preparation and policy influence at the national level," Tucker said.

She continued, "The administration and supervision program area has recently re-envisioned the doctorate in education degree to reflect some of the best thinking on how best to prepare school leaders. The redesigned program will launch in the summer of 2011, when the hosting of UCEA happens to begin. UCEA's involvement in this leadership program during its redesign will provide a unique opportunity to share ideas and shape a model program."

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