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Catlett-Burruss  
Research and Education Laboratory

**Dedication Ceremony**



The College of William and Mary  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia

Gloucester Point, VA

**Monday, September 12, 2005**  
**2pm**

## Program

### Catlett-Burruss Research and Education Laboratory

The Catlett-Burruss Research and Education Laboratory at the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will support water quality monitoring of Chesapeake Bay coastal waters, watershed and shallow water habitat research, and targeted student, teacher, and coastal decision-maker education. In recognition of John W. Catlett, Charles Catlett, Mary Armistead Catlett Burruss and Alex Burruss of Gloucester, Virginia, the building is dedicated to the Catlett and Burruss families for their generous support over the years to the Reserve and to the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

### NOAA Environmental Hero Award

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will present Dr. William Reay, Director of the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, with an Environmental Hero Award. Dr. Reay has been recognized by NOAA as a local and national leader in the effort to improve water quality, weather, and habitat monitoring in estuarine environments.

Exhibits and demonstrations are on display to highlight the role of the Reserve in the implementation of the Ocean and Coastal Observing Systems, current physical and biological research and its application to resource management in the Chesapeake Bay, and efforts to promote scientific understanding and stewardship through education and outreach programs.

Welcome and Opening Remarks  
Dr. John T. Wells, Director  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Institute and College Accolades  
John Gerdelman  
Member of the Board of Visitors of the  
College of William and Mary in Virginia

Dedication of the Building  
The Honorable Harvey B. Morgan  
Representative to the Virginia House of Delegates

Introduction to the National Estuarine Research Reserve  
Laurie McGilvray, Chief  
NOAA Estuarine Reserves Division

Presentation of the NOAA Environmental Hero Award  
Timothy R. E. Keeney  
NOAA Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Oceans and Atmosphere

Closing Remarks  
Dr. John T. Wells, Director  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Reception immediately following.  
Exhibits will be on display during reception.



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National Estuarine  
Research Reserve  
in Virginia



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