



**2012 VAIS Heads of Schools Conference**  
Saturday, January 21 – Monday, January 23  
The Williamsburg Lodge, 310 England St., Williamsburg, VA 23185

**“Navigating the New Normal”**

**Preliminary Schedule**

2:00 P.M.	Conference Desk Open
<b>3:00 P.M. – 3:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Program Opens</b> <b>Welcome &amp; Overview</b> <i>Margaret Broad</i> <i>Head of School, St. Margaret’s School &amp;</i> <i>President, VAIS Board of Directors</i> <i>Simon Owen-Williams</i> <i>Head of School, Carlisle School &amp;</i> <i>2012 Program Planning Chair</i>
3:15 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Heads of VAIS Schools Exchange (ice breaker)
<b>4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Paul Tribble, President, Christopher Newport University</i>
6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	Opening Reception ( <i>Cash Bar/Coat &amp; Tie</i> )
7:00 P.M.	Williamsburg Lodge Dinner- Sit-Down ( <i>Coat &amp; Tie</i> )
<b><u>Sunday, January 22*</u></b>	
<b>10:30 A.M. - 12:15 A.M.</b>	<b>General Session</b> <b>“Leading Learning Forward: 20 Steps toward Becoming a School of the Future”</b> <i>Speaker: Jonathan Martin, Head of School, St. Gregory’s, AZ</i>
<b>12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Buffet Luncheon</b>
<b>1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.</b>	<b>General Session</b> <b>“Care and Wellness of the Head”</b> <i>Speaker: Ron Sykes, Head of School, Middleburg Academy</i>
2:30 P.M.	Rest & Relaxation Dinner On Your Own*

**\*Please make your own dinner reservations. Some suggestions include:** The Trellis; The Blue Talon; Season’s; Berret’s Seafood Restaurant and Taphouse Grill; Bonefish Grill; Opus 9

**3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Accreditation Leader Training (All are Welcome)**

*Betsy Hunroe, Associate Director and Director of Accreditation, VAIS*

**Monday, January 23**

*Breakfast on your own*

**9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.**

**General Session**

**“Financial Sustainability”**

*Speaker: Marc Levinson, Principal, Independent School Solutions*

11:00 A.M.

Break

**11:15 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**VAIS Business Meeting**

**12:30 P.M.**

**Program Concludes**

***A Special Note to Spouses of School Heads:***

*Spouses are welcome to attend all sessions listed in the program as part of their conference registration package.*



## 2012 VAIS HEADS OF SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

### Speaker Bios (preliminary)

**President Paul Tribble** represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in the U.S. Senate from 1983 to 1989 and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1977 to 1983. Following his term in the Senate, Tribble was a Teaching Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Under Tribble's leadership, Christopher Newport University has become a university of choice for high ability students from throughout Virginia and beyond. Applications have exploded by more than 700 percent, the average SAT of entering freshmen has increased by 240 points and the campus has been transformed by more than \$500 million in capital construction. Tribble has overseen significant improvements in the academic programs offered at CNU and is committed to providing a high-quality liberal arts education that stimulates intellectual inquiry and fosters social and civic engagement. His visionary leadership has moved CNU into the ranks of the finest preeminent liberal arts colleges in the nation.

President Tribble was a leader in winning approval by Virginia's voters of the \$1 billion bond referendum for capital construction. He also was instrumental in obtaining legislative approval for the restructuring of higher education to give colleges and universities expanded power to pursue excellence. Tribble earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Hampden-Sydney College and his law degree from Washington & Lee University. He served as Commonwealth's Attorney of Essex County from 1974 to 1976, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1977 and to the U.S. Senate in 1983. He was a member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations in 1988 and a Teaching Fellow at the Institute of Politics, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1989.

He is married to Rosemary Dunaway Tribble and has two children, Mary Katherine Tribble Peters and Paul S. Tribble, III.

**Jonathan Martin** is the Head of St. Gregory College Preparatory School in Tucson, Arizona, and has been an independent school head since 1996. He holds degrees from Harvard University (BA); Starr King School for the Ministry (M.Div., Unitarian ministry); and the University of San Francisco School of Education (MA, Private School Administration). Jonathan is a graduate of Sidwell Friends School (DC).

He is a member of the board, and Program & Professional Development Chair of the Independent School Association of the Southwest (ISAS). In 2008, Jonathan was a Klingenstein Visiting Fellow at Columbia University Teachers College, where he researched and presented on the topic of how school-leaders can better facilitate curricular innovation by teachers.

Jonathan has been an active blogger since 2008, primarily at his blog, 21k12: celebrating and reflecting upon 21<sup>st</sup> century learning in K-12 education, and also for ConnectedPrincipals.com and edSocialmedia.com. During 2008-2009, Jonathan conducted what he called the "good high school project," and visited 21 21<sup>st</sup> century high schools, shadowing students for a full school day at each and live-blogging throughout each visit.

He is a contributor to the recent NAIS publication, *A Strategic Imperative: Becoming a School of the Future*, and has spoken on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and school leadership frequently at conferences since 2009, including NAIS (Annual Conference 2011), the US Department of Education Private School Leadership Conference (2010), ISAS Southwest (Annual Heads Meeting, 2009), CAIS Canada (Annual Heads and Chairs meeting, 2011), and keynoted at three recent state independent school association technology conferences (New York, 2010, North Carolina 2011, Virginia 2011). Follow Jonathan on Twitter: @JonathanEMartin and on his blog at [www.21k12blog.net](http://www.21k12blog.net).

**Ronald Sykes** is the Head of School at Middleburg Academy with more than forty years experience in independent schools (twenty-four of those as Head). Most recently he served as Headmaster of the K-12 Covenant School in Charlottesville, VA (1999 to 2010) where under his leadership, enrollment grew from 400 to 700 students and a fabulous new campus/educational facility was built. He has a doctorate in Education from the University of Virginia and has chaired over twenty-five school accreditations for the Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). He currently serves as Finance Chair for VAIS and is on its Strategic Planning Committee and Executive Board. He is also on the State Committee for SACS.

**Mark Levinson** is a principal with Independent School Solutions. Mark's most recent former role was Senior Director, Professional Development, of the National Business Officers Association (NBOA). He joined NBOA as Associate Director in 2007 after six years as Business Manager at Alexander Dawson School in Lafayette, Colorado. Prior to entering the independent school world, Mr. Levinson spent three years as Director of Operations and Finance at Sounds True, a Spoken Word Audio Publishing company and three years in a similar position at Community Food Share, Boulder County's Food Bank. Much of his career has been in the food service industry, owning and operating a number of very successful restaurants in Boulder and Denver, Colorado, as well as providing executive direction for a natural foods grocery store. Mr. Levinson currently is the Chair of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of Watershed School. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a MBA (Organizational Development) from the University of Colorado at Boulder.