DONALD W. DAVIS HALL

Dedication
April 12, 2018

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Virginia Institute of Marine Science
ABOUT DAVIS HALL

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science was founded as the Virginia Fisheries Laboratory in 1940 through the efforts of Dr. Donald W. Davis, Virginia's first champion of marine science. He joined the William & Mary Biology Department in 1916, and as early as 1925 he was advocating for the establishment of a state-supported marine laboratory for Virginia. Dr. Davis retired in 1950, but his legacy continues here at VIMS through world-class research, education, and advisory services.

Davis Hall is the first LEED Gold certified building on the VIMS campus, showing a commitment to healthy, highly efficient, and cost-saving green building. Davis Hall is 32,000 gross square feet and home to VIMS' Marine Advisory Program, Virginia Sea Grant, the Center for Coastal Resources Management, and Information Technology and News & Media Services departments. Total project cost was $14.4 million.

PROGRAM

Welcome
Dr. John T. Wells
Dean & Director
Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Remarks
W. Taylor Reveley, III
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GREETINGS FROM SEN. TIM KAINE

Tim Kaine
Virginia

April 12, 2018

Dr. John Wells
Dean & Director
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Dear Dr. Wells:

I am pleased to congratulate you and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), as you dedicate your new consolidated research facility, The Donald W. Davis Hall.

Since 1940, VIMS has dedicated itself to providing research, education and advisory services across the Commonwealth and around the world. Your work ensures that we remain vigilant in protecting our resources for future generations to enjoy.

Virginia is blessed with an unequaled natural resources. I believe public policy functions best when it treats this planet and its resources not just as a trove of resources to tap until they are exhausted, but as a sacred responsibility whose long-term health is up to every generation to preserve for the next.

Best wishes as you continue this important work.

Sincerely,

Tim Kaine

GREETINGS FROM SEN. MARK WARNER

UNITED STATES SENATOR
WASHINGTON D.C.
April 12, 2018

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to all who are gathered for the dedication ceremony of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science's (VIMS) Davis Hall.

This ceremony provides an opportunity to celebrate VIMS' significant contributions to the Commonwealth and the field of marine science. The students who attend the institute graduate with the skills they need to have successful careers in academia, government, and the private sector. Davis Hall will support this training and serve as a new consolidated research facility that will further the institute's work of advising policy makers, industry, and the public. With all that Davis Hall will offer to the Commonwealth, it is truly a fitting tribute to Donald W. Davis. I congratulate you on the opening of this facility and wish VIMS continued progress in the years to come.

Enjoy the event!

Sincerely,

MARK R. WARNER
United States Senator
Dear Dr. John Wells and VIMS community and friends:

I write today to recognize the dedication of Donald W. Davis Hall on the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) campus at Gloucester Point, Virginia.

I commend VIMS on their continued efforts in marine science research and education on behalf of Virginia and the Nation. It is fitting that this building is dedicated to Donald Davis because as the founder of VIMS, his vision shaped how the organization would develop into the 21st century. The Donald W. Davis Hall will further the education and study of marine science in the Commonwealth.

Congratulations on the dedication of Donald W. Davis Hall. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any assistance in the future.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Robert Wittman
Member of Congress