

THE BOB AND MARION WILSON TEACHER INSTITUTE OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG



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A NEW CENTER FOR

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The Bob and Marion Wilson Teacher Institute of Colonial Williamsburg is the Foundation's flagship program directed at improving the effectiveness of American history education in schools across the nation. For over three decades, the Teacher Institute has helped more than 10,000 teachers, both onsite here in Williamsburg and online, learn how to bring history to life in the classroom. Participants from all 50 states and Washington, D.C. gain new teaching strategies that revolutionize their approach to classroom instruction. Through the Teacher Institute, millions of students across the country have been impacted.

Above Right: Teachers learn first-hand just how hard it is to move a large timber as if it were 1776.

Below: Teacher Institute participants have immersive experiences that can be applied in their own classrooms.

The participants in the Teacher Institute are dedicated educators who care deeply about their students and are doing their utmost to make a positive impact in an increasingly challenging educational environment. Colonial Williamsburg is committed to supporting them by creating a fixed home for this invaluable program.

Currently, the offices of the Teacher Institute are housed in a challenging location removed from the spaces in which the staff interacts with the teachers. Our plan is to convert the original 1957



section of the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum into the new Bob and Marion Wilson Teacher Institute Center. With collocated offices, classrooms, learning laboratories and support facilities, all steps away from the Historic Area, we will create a purpose-designed space in which the Teacher Institute can operate most efficiently and effectively, while sending an important message to the teachers about the degree to which they and their work are respected. Additionally, with the prominent placement of this center in between the Williamsburg Inn and the Lodge, we will create valuable awareness among new audiences about the preeminence of education in Colonial Williamsburg's mission.

We are seeking funding for renovation costs and a maintenance endowment for the facility. With a leadership gift already in hand, we are raising additional required funds so this project can commence as soon as possible. Additional gifts will provide an important and impactful boost to our efforts and help us move forward that much more quickly.

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