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Next Harrisonburg Summit to Bring Together Students and Community

Harrisonburg, VA: The Fairfield Center's Harrisonburg Summits series continues with an event designed to create stronger connections between residents, students, faculty, and school administrators in and around Harrisonburg. The Harrisonburg Student-Citizen Summit will take place from 3pm to 9pm on Thursday September 21 at Memorial Hall. The event is free to the public, and is intended to involve James Madison University, Eastern Mennonite University, Bridgewater College, Blue Ridge Community College, and residents from Harrisonburg. The event's lead sponsors include Kline May Realty, Cottonwood | Commercial and James Madison University. Media sponsors include WMRA/WEMC and Clear Channel Radio. Online registration is available www.HarrisonburgSummits.com.

Multiple Topics to Be Addressed

As with each Harrisonburg Summit hosted by Fairfield, attendees will have the opportunity to create a breakout session on a topic of their choice. Breakout sessions are anticipated to address issues ranging from service opportunities to plans for better integration to neighborhood relations, and more.

Broad Participation Expected

Upwards of 200 participants are anticipated to attend the event. "There is a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for and interest in this summit, from both the public and the universities," says Tim Ruebke, executive director at Fairfield. "The student-citizen summit will provide a forum for open dialogue about how Harrisonburg's student population relates to the broader community," says Andrea Wenger, EMU's Director of Marketing and Communications. "We want to be good citizens who contribute to the well-being of the community, so we welcome this opportunity."

NOTE: Names and organizations currently registered can be seen at <http://hburgstudentcitizens.eventbrite.com/>

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