

## **FAX – MEDIA ALERT**

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**University of Nebraska, Virginia Commonwealth form unique partnership with black colleges and universities in Virginia to increase health career opportunities for minorities**

WHEN: **11:40 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8**

WHERE: Jefferson Hotel, 101 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va.

WHAT: A news conference and signing ceremony will be held to announce a unique partnership between the University of Nebraska and Virginia Commonwealth University with five historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and a community college in Virginia. The partnership will provide a multitude of academic and research opportunities for minority undergraduate students as well as for faculty of the participating institutions.

WHO: Participants at the news conference will include:

- \* Louis Sullivan, M.D., chairman of the President's Advisory Council on HBCUs and former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- \* Harold M. Maurer, M.D., chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
- \* Eugene P. Trani, Ph.D., president, Virginia Commonwealth University
- \* Virginia State Sen. Benjamin Lambert III
- \* Jay Noren, M.D., executive vice president and provost, University of Nebraska
- \* Rubens Pamies, M.D., vice chancellor for academic affairs, UNMC
- \* Administrators from the five HBCUs and community college in Virginia

VIDEO/PHOTO

OPPS: B-roll will be provided to electronic media depicting minority students participating in summer workshops at UNMC. In addition, the tape includes several sound bites from Dr. Pamies describing the partnership and its significance.