# Research, Service, & Education: The VIMS Coastal Geology Lab



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### THE VIMS MISSION: RESEARCH

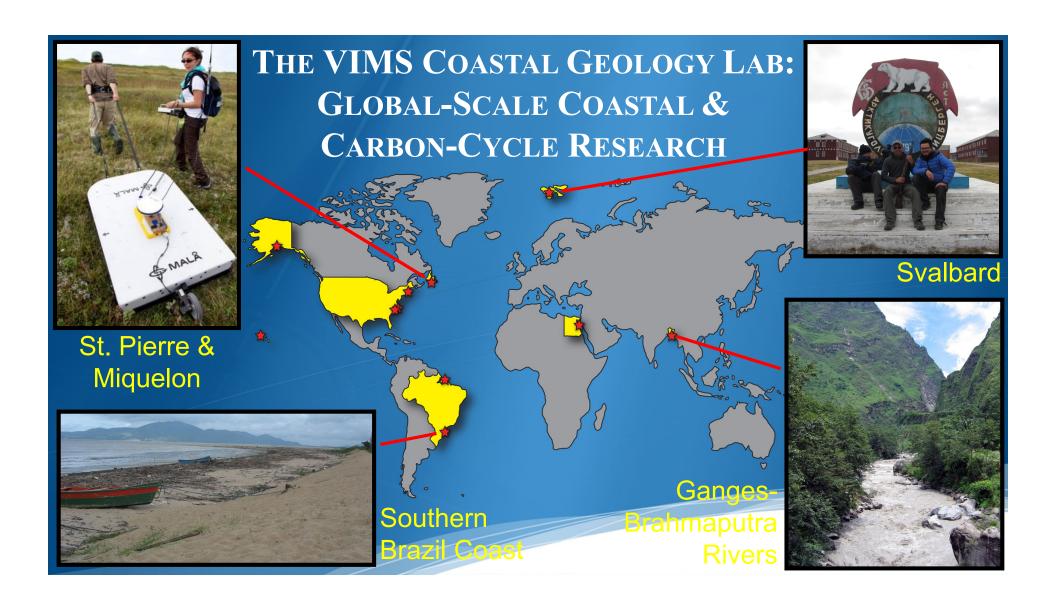
- Commonwealth & federally (grant) supported research in Chesapeake Bay, the Virginia Eastern Shore, & across the country and the world
- Funded by 300-350 active grants
- Last 10 yrs: >\$200M in grants











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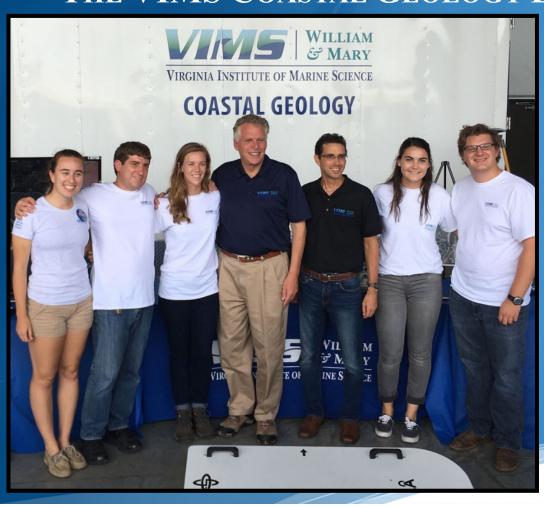
#### THE VIMS MISSION: ADVISORY SERVICE

- Commonwealth's scientific advisor on coastal natural resources
- 37 sections of VA Code require VIMS advisory service for natural resource management
- Advisor to General Assembly, state agencies, local governments, maritime industries, & the Public

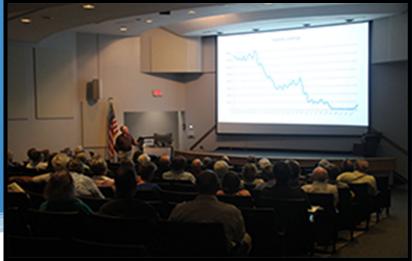
 Long-running fish, invertebrate, harmful algal bloom, seagrass, & sea-level surveys & mapping



## THE VIMS COASTAL GEOLOGY LAB: ADVISORY SERVICE



- Shoreline change studies
- Norfolk Sand Mgmt. Board
- Advising local coastal managers
- Public outreach



#### THE VIMS MISSION: EDUCATION

#### **Teaching**

- Graduate program in interdisciplinary marine sci
- NEW Marine Science professional masters
- Marine Science Minor: faculty
   & grad student instructors



### **Graduate Student Mentoring**



- 90 MSc/PhD students
- Field-based research from Arctic to Antarctic
- Lab-based & computational science

### Undergraduate Research

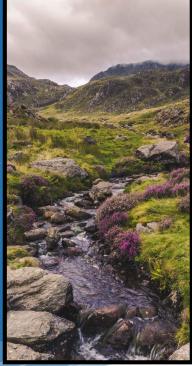
>50% of VIMS faculty engaged in ugrad teaching / research



# THE VIMS COASTAL GEOLOGY LAB: EDUCATION Field-Based Teaching

<u>Undergraduate: Wales & the VA</u> <u>Eastern Shore: Summer 2020</u> Graduate: California Rivers:
Spring 2020

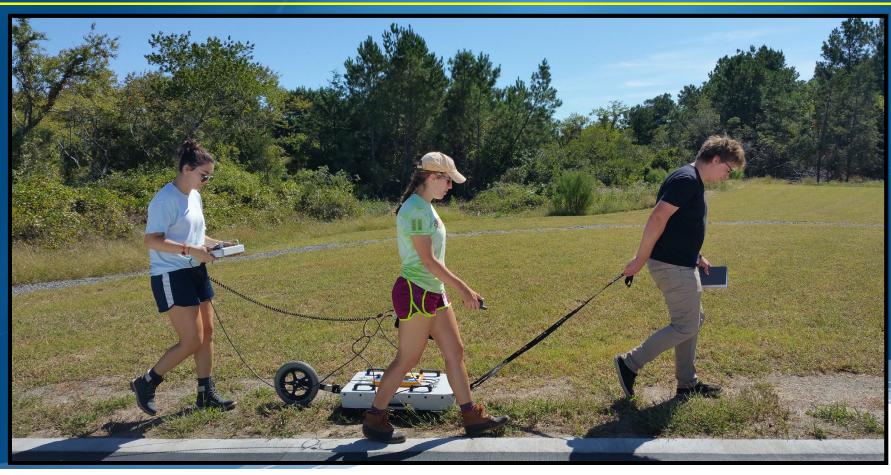








# THE VIMS COASTAL GEOLOGY LAB: EDUCATION Field-Based Student Research: Senior/Honors and MSc/PhD Students



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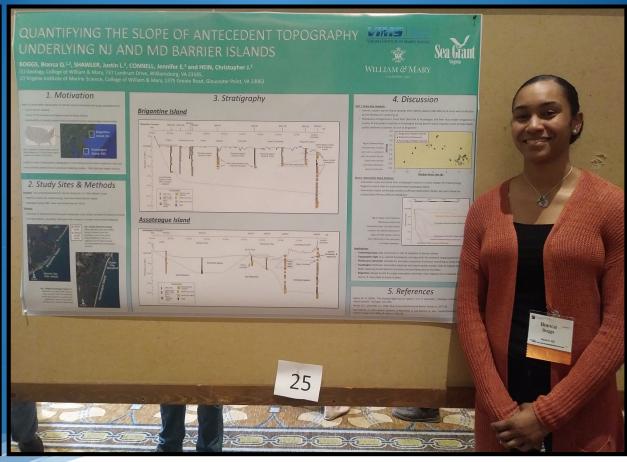
Field-Based Student Research: In Virginia . . .





# THE VIMS COASTAL GEOLOGY LAB: EDUCATION Field-Based Student Research: In Virginia . . .





# THE VIMS COASTAL GEOLOGY LAB: EDUCATION Field-Based Student Research: In Virginia . . . And Beyond





### THE COASTAL GEOLOGY LAB: FULFILLING THE VIMS MISSION

- World-class & world-wide research, with a focus along the Virginia coast
- Studying the past to improve predictions for the future
- Advising Virginia on coastal change & sediment resources
- Educating the next generation of scientists & policymakers



