More than half a century after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the landmark ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, long after the official end to "separate but equal," deep racial injustice persists in our society. Unequal access to education still shapes our communities. ACLU Racial Justice Program director Dennis Parker will examine the extent of educational inequity and how our society pushes some children from the education system to the justice system. The 13th Annual Black History Month Lecture will be followed by a public reception. [Details and registration.](#)

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**Coach Smart poster helps VCU Libraries**

Basketball coach Shaka Smart is featured in a new READ poster that promotes libraries and literacy. The handsome poster is being offered as a token of appreciation to first-time VCU Libraries donors.

**Save the date for March 18 'Topping Off'**

VCU will mark a construction milestone after spring break. The last and tallest beam in the Cabell Library construction project will be signed and hoisted to the top of the building at 2 p.m. March 18.
at the $100 level or above.

Make a gift. You can elect to pass on the poster to a child or a local school.

outdoors on The Compass. To invite friends, contact the events office (804-828-0593; kimbrellgg@vcu.edu) so that we can add their names to the invitation list.

"VCU is distinct in its equal dedication to research and student learning success ... Rare among major public research universities, [this] aligns with my values and experiences."

Newly named Provost Gail Hackett

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- Feb. 10: [Annual Black History Month Lecture](#)
- Feb. 18: "Meet VCU's Author's" talk by Christopher A. Brooks
- March 4: "Meet VCU's Author's" talk by Karen A. Rader
- March 26: [Annual Brown-Lyons Lecture](#)
- Through May 31: [We Made Do: Caring for the Sick and Wounded in the Great War](#)
- Through Sept. 30: "Wild Things / Far and Near" exhibit
Rob Sabatini, D.D.S., M.S. (D.D.S.'81/D), applies the same pursuit of knowledge, attention to detail and excellence in technique to his profession of periodontics as he does to his avocation, wildlife photography. A boyhood love of the outdoors and an early interest in amateur photography have grown for him into a passion in his adulthood that has taken him around the globe. The exhibit at Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences will be on view throughout the semester and the summer. The images in this exhibit, Sabatini’s first, highlight some of his favorites over the past three years. Read more.