

## Atlantic 10 Offices To Relocate To Newport News

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**NEWPORT NEWS, Va.** - Commissioner Bernadette V. McGlade today announced the Atlantic 10 Conference office will relocate from Philadelphia to Newport News, Va. The announcement was made at a press conference from the Rotunda of the Newport News Marriott at City Center.

The relocation process will be completed later this fall.

"Moving the office to a new region of the Atlantic 10 footprint is an opportunity to further brand the A-10. Newport News is a vibrant, growing city and Hampton Roads serves as an educational, business, cultural, and leisure hub of the Mid-Atlantic region," stated Commissioner McGlade. "The staff and I are looking forward to the relocation and becoming immersed in the community. Occupying new, built-to-suit offices will enhance our working environment to serve our membership."

"We are thrilled to welcome the Atlantic 10 into the Newport News family," says Newport News Mayor Joe S. Frank. "This community will embrace the league, its staff, coaches, athletic directors, university presidents and student-athletes. The quality of life, dynamic business community and generous citizen support in Newport News will make our city the perfect home for the Atlantic 10."

The newly-constructed, state-of-the-art office will be housed in the energetic City Center at Oyster Point, which combines modern office buildings with a wide variety of restaurants and food merchants, upscale retail shops, a four-star hotel and luxurious condominiums and apartments, all within an established 700-acre area that makes up the Virginia Peninsula's premier office park. Some of the prominent businesses that occupy the Class A office space, which is surrounded by the grand eight-acre Fountain Park, include RBC Centura Bank, the U.S. Attorney's Office, The Boeing Company, Langley Federal Credit Union, and Harvey Lindsay Commercial Real Estate.

"For the A-10 to move within the footprint of the conference into a state-of-the-art building in the Hampton Roads region is a great opportunity and an exciting time for the league," says Jack Kvancz, Director of Athletics at George Washington University and Chair of the Atlantic 10 Athletic Directors.

"I think it's a great day for the city," says Boo Williams, AAU Chairman of Boys Basketball and part of the USA/ABA Cadet Committee For Development of Future Olympians. Williams is also a member of the Saint Joseph's University Hall of

Fame. "We have a great sports tradition and the A-10 moving here will only help continue that tradition."

"It's exciting to have the conference office in close proximity to the University of Richmond," says UR head men's basketball coach Chris Mooney. "In my four years at Richmond, I have been very impressed with the A-10 staff and their commitment to serving the 14 institutions of the Atlantic 10. I know that level of commitment will continue wherever the offices are headquartered."

The conference office has been located in Philadelphia since 1995, when it moved from Cranbury, N.J. Prior to Cranbury, the offices were headquartered in Woodbridge, N.J., Rutherford, N.J., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Morgantown, W. Va.

For more information on City Center at Oyster Point, including a complete listing of shops, business tenants and events at City Center, [log on to www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com](http://www.citycenteratoysterpoint.com).

### **About Newport News**

Newport News is located at the Peninsula side of the historic Hampton Roads region of Virginia, bordering the James River. The Hampton Roads Metropolitan Statistical Area is the 33rd largest in the country with a total population of approximately 1.6 million. The seven cities that make up the Hampton Roads metropolitan area are Chesapeake, Hampton, Newport News, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk and Virginia Beach. The Hampton Roads designated market area (DMA) is the 42nd largest in the country with approximately 717,000 homes (0.64% of the total U.S.).

Newport News is conveniently located just one hour from Richmond via Interstate 64 and just 2.5 hours from Washington, D.C., via Interstates 64 & 95. The Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport, located in Newport News, and Norfolk International Airport both serve the region of Hampton Roads. The Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the country and is served by AirTran, Delta and US Airways. Amtrak also serves the region with three trains a day to its Williamsburg and Newport News stations and the line runs west along the Virginia Peninsula to Richmond, Washington, D.C., and the Northeast Corridor.

For the second time in three years, CNBC has named Virginia its "Top State for Business." The business channel cited the state's reasonable sales, personal income and corporate tax rates as key contributors for the ranking. CNBC also reported that Virginia has the seventh-best economy nationally in 2009, up from 17th a year ago. Virginia was also cited recently as the second "Best State to Start a Business" by U.S. News & World Report.

## **About The Atlantic 10**

The Atlantic 10 Conference was formed in 1975, is currently comprised of 14 member institutions and sponsors 21 championship sports. The mission and goal of the Atlantic 10 is to preserve, protect, and enhance the academic and athletic excellence of our members. The conference is committed to upholding the highest ethical standards and providing equitable championship experiences for more than 6,000 student-athletes, coaches, and support staff. Approaching the 35th anniversary of the league, as a Division I Conference, is a tribute to the outstanding members and leaders that have helped build the foundation of the Atlantic 10. The member institutions of the Atlantic 10 are the University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Fordham University, The George Washington University, La Salle University, University of Massachusetts, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, St. Bonaventure University, Saint Joseph's University, Saint Louis University, Temple University, and Xavier University.

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