



## Virginia Commonwealth University

# Capital News Service

Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture

Richmond, VA

### Partnership

Capstone journalism class provides statehouse news coverage for more than 100 news outlets.

#### Lead faculty

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#### Website

[VCU Capital News Service](#)

### Collaborators

The Capital News Service partners with more than one hundred outlets across the state of Virginia.

The partners receive the fully completed stories from the students via email and have the option to post them.

### Impacts

Each year, the program produces between 50 and 100 stories and most stories receive between 3,000 and 5,000 views.

### Students

28,000 at Virginia Commonwealth University

10-15 in the partnership, per semester

### Student work

Students pitch, write and peer edit articles with editorial suggestions from Alix.

#### Course name

MASC 475: Capital News Service

### Faculty/staff

One faculty member is responsible for teaching the course that goes along with the program.

Journalism instructor Veronica Garabelli leads the CNS Copy Desk, a separate course that focuses on copy editing CNS articles. A budget and articles are sent to a list of partners. Student teams are assigned to a region and sometimes get input from partners on the types of stories they want to see.

### Funding sources

The program is funded by the university.