

Valley of Newport News Visits Old Dominion University Right Care



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Members of the Newport News Scottish Rite and Ladies of the Newport News Scottish Rite attended an annual luncheon on June 13th at the Old Dominion University (ODU) Tidewater Scottish Rite Childhood Speech and Language Center. The Center is part of the RiteCare® Childhood Language Program sponsored by the Scottish Rite across the United States. Members from the Valleys of Norfolk and Portsmouth were also in attendance. Dr. Stacie Raymer, an ODU professor and Chair of Communication Disorders & Special Education under the Darden College of Education & Professional Studies, gave an informative presentation of the center's accomplishments, specifically noting the importance of our valley's financial contributions to the Center. The attendees took a guided tour of the facility and were introduced to some of the graduate students in the program. Dr. Raymer also spoke about two summer programs the Center will offer this year, both focused on students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The first program is an Interactive Group for high school students and was developed to support adolescents and young adults as they navigate transitions during high school, employment, or onto secondary education settings. The second program is a Social Skills Group for middle school students appropriate for teens with Autism Spectrum Disorder, depression, ADHD, anxiety or other social & behavioral disorders.