CBI NERR Dedicates New Catlett-Burruss Laboratory

The Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Virginia (CBNERRVA) dedicated the new Catlett-Burruss Research and Education Laboratory in a September 12th ceremony at VIMS. The new building is named in honor of the Catlett and Burruss families for their generous long-term support of CBNERR and VIMS. From L (top row): Mr. John Gerdelman, William and Mary Board of Visitors; Delegate Harvey Morgan; Ms. Laurie McGilvray, Chief, NOAA Estuarine Reserves Division; Dr. John Wells, VIMS Dean and Director; Dr. William Reay, Director, Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in VA. Bottom row: Robert Burruss, Alex Burrus, Mary Catlett Burruss, and John Catlett.

CBNERR Director Dr. William Reay addresses the crowd during the Catlett-Burruss dedication. From L: Tim Keeney (NOAA Deputy Asst. Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere), Laurie McGilvray (Chief, NOAA Estuarine Reserves Division), The Honorable Harvey B. Morgan, John Gerdelman (William and Mary Board of Visitors), VIMS Dean and Director John Wells, and Reay.

The Catlett-Burruss Laboratory will support monitoring of water quality in Chesapeake Bay coastal waters, studies of watersheds and shallow-water habitats, and education of students, teachers, and coastal decision-makers.