



# VCU Office of Sustainability

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Erin Stanforth and I am the Director of Sustainability for Virginia Commonwealth University, and am writing this letter to endorse the UCI Road World Championship Bike Race classes as an innovative program.

Richmond is hosting the UCI Road World Championship Bike Races this fall and VCU has created courses to engage students in the surrounding community during the races. VCU is offering 31 one-credit special topic courses during the bike race geared specifically toward the UCI Worlds. VCU faculty have focused their energy, enthusiasm, and unique expertise on this event to create an array of energizing learning opportunities. The resultant themes address films and cycling, cross-cultural issues, cycling safety, biking in Richmond, and more. These are opportunities for students to learn by doing and a chance to become "authors." Within the theme of the class sections, students will be producing content that will be curated into a "book." The Great Bike Book will be a collection of student projects from the 2015 UCI Road World Championships.

Aside from the book, hundreds of community service hours will be logged by students during the race events.

Thank you,

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