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Outstanding honor. Thomas Jefferson Foundation President Daniel P. Jordan was named the 2006 Outstanding Virginian. The announcement was made Feb. 15 in both houses of the Virginia General Assembly. The criteria for the award, first presented in 1983, are distinctive contributions to the commonwealth, outstanding achievements, inspiring leadership, and civic service. Jordan, Monticello’s chief executive since 1985, will be honored May 13 during the Outstanding Virginian Day event at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal.

Distinctive badges. Albemarle County Police Department badges now bear an image of a local landmark – Monticello. “We wanted to have the most visible representation of authority in the community represent the community,” said police Lt. Crystal Limerick. The new badges, which were in development for nearly 18 months, were issued to county officers by Chief John F. Miller in a Nov. 1 ceremony on Monticello’s West Lawn.

New trustee. Howard P. Milstein of New York began a four-year term on the Thomas Jefferson Foundation’s Board of Trustees on Jan. 1. He is co-chairman, president, and chief executive officer of Emigrant Savings Bank and its holding company, New York Private Bank & Trust. The holder of degrees from Cornell and Harvard universities,
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Milstein is a member of the National Board of the Smithsonian Institution and is active in numerous other civic and philanthropic organizations.

**Medal winners.** Peter Zumthor, a Swiss architect known for his extreme attention to craft and detail, and Ronald M. Dworkin, Frank Henry Sommer Professor of Law at New York University, are the recipients of the 2006 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medals. The architecture medal, which dates to 1966, and its counterpart in law, first presented in 1977, are sponsored by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation and the University of Virginia to recognize lasting contributions in fields that deeply interested Jefferson. They are the highest outside awards bestowed by UVa, which grants no honorary degrees.

**Visitation figures.** Monticello’s visitation total in 2005 was 450,112, a decrease of 8,464, or 1.85 percent, from 2004. Through the end of February, the 2006 attendance total was 22,035, an increase of 1,148, or 5.5 percent, over the same period in 2005.