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Governor McDonnell and VDOE Recognize Excellence in Career & Technical Education

Governor Bob McDonnell and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) this month recognized three exemplary career and technical education (CTE) programs and outstanding work of the private sector and local educators in creating, improving and promoting CTE programs.

Programs in Arlington County, Carroll County and Lee County each received the 2011 Governor's CTE Exemplary Standards Award. The awards were presented by Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright on behalf of the governor at a June 16 ceremony in Richmond to the following programs:

- Animal Science Program, Arlington Career Center, Arlington County Public Schools, under the direction of Cynthia Schall and Scott Lockhart — program includes internships with zoos, shelters, an equine medical center, animal hospitals, National Park Service, US Department of Agriculture and pet daycare facilities. Many graduates pursue post-secondary education in the animal-science field, including some who aspire to become veterinarians.
- Building Trades Program, Carroll County High School, Carroll County Public Schools, under the direction of Rusty Warren and Vance Leggett — dual-credit program for students who plan to pursue careers in masonry, carpentry, plumbing and electrical trades. Students have the opportunity to earn several industry credentials and prepare for contractor, tradesman and journeyman exams.
- Computer Information Systems Program, Lee County Career and Technical Center, Lee County Public Schools, under the direction of Melissa Hines — students acquire work force readiness in multiple Microsoft Office Specialist credentialing areas.

“Governor McDonnell congratulates all of the educators associated with these programs for their outstanding work in preparing young Virginians for productive lives and rewarding careers,” Wright said. The winning programs received banners and \$5,000 from the Dominion Foundation to support continued program improvement.

Wright also presented state and regional VDOE “Creating Excellence” awards in the following categories:

Advisory Council/Committee Awards

- State and Region 2 — CTE Advisory Council, Suffolk Public Schools
- Region 1 — Chesterfield Technical Center's Cisco Networking Academy Advisory Board, Chesterfield County Public Schools
- Region 4 — Arlington Career Center's Automotive Youth Educational System Business and Education Council, Arlington County Public Schools

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- Region 5 — CTE General Advisory Council, Louisa County Public Schools

Business and Industry Awards

- State and Region 2 — Youth Career Expo: Gloucester County, Hampton, Newport News, Poquoson, Williamsburg-James City County and York County; Peninsula Council for Workforce Development and Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
- Region 3 — Stafford Workforce and Education Partnership: Stafford County Public Schools
- Region 4 — Success Through Service: Pentagon City Ritz-Carlton and Arlington County Public Schools
- Region 5 — Grow Your Own: Bedford One Partnership and Bedford County Public Schools
- Region 8 — Motorsports Academy: Wachovia and Halifax County Public Schools

Virginia Community College System Awards

- State Advisory Council/Committee Community College — Funeral Services Advisory Committee, Tidewater Community College
- Regional Business and Industry Partnership Community College — Luxottica Retail and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- State Group Educator — High Tech Express Academy, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and Capital Area Partners for Educational Reform
- State Individual Educator — Kerry M.S. Ragno, Tidewater Community College

Regional Group Awards

- State and Region 1 — Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow Annual Institute: Henrico County Public Schools
- Region 2 — Leadership Series: JROTC Department of Franklin High, Franklin Public Schools
- Region 4 — Career Exploration Assignment: Kettle Run High, Fauquier County Public Schools
- Region 5 — Don't Fear, Connect with your CTE Career: Family, Career and Community Leaders of America of Louisa County Middle, Louisa County Public Schools
- Region 7 — It's All about My Community and Me: Marion Senior High and Marion Primary, Smyth County Public Schools

Regional Individual Teacher Awards

- State and Region 4 — Vera Woodson, Tysons Corner Classroom on the Mall of Falls Church High, Fairfax County Public Schools, for Students Helping to Improve their Neighborhoods through Education (SHINE)
- Region 1 — Jeanne McIlavy, Bailey Bridge Middle and Chesterfield Technical Center, Chesterfield County Public Schools, for American Red Cross Babysitting
- Region 2 — Crystal Stokes, Norfolk Technical Center, Norfolk Public Schools, for Hampton University/Norfolk Technical Center Pharmacy Tech Partnership
- Region 5 — Kathleen A. Zeiler, Louisa County High, Louisa County Public Schools, for Nurses for Louisa County Scholarship
- Region 6 — Katrina Kish, Hidden Valley High, Roanoke County Public Schools, for History of Marketing Timeline
- Region 8 — Ed McCann Jr., Appomattox County High, Appomattox County Public Schools, for Project BarnCam: Bringing the Laboratory AgriScience Experience into the Classroom

Photographs of most of the recipients are available from the [VDOE flickr photostream](#).

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