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## **Virginia Career & Technical Education Hall of Fame Inducts Three *College and Career Readiness Programs & Partners also Recognized***

Senator Timothy M. Kaine, Robert A. Almond and Jane G. Watkins were inducted into the Virginia Career and Technical (CTE) Education Hall of Fame on June 13 during the annual Creating Excellence Awards Program ceremony in Richmond. Outstanding CTE programs and partnerships were also recognized. The awards program is a partnership of the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the Virginia Career Education Foundation (VCEF) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

The three hall of fame inductees were selected in recognition of their leadership and involvement in CTE:

- Kaine, while governor from 2006 to 2010, established the Governor's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Academies to expand CTE and its role in career preparation. He also initiated the Academic and Career Plan for students and supported the launch of Virginia Career Week, Commonwealth Scholars and the Governor's Award for CTE Exemplary Standards.
- Almond, a longtime business educator with Richmond Public Schools and the Virginia Department of Education, helped launch Governor Mark Warner's Path to Industry Certification program, as well as the Kuder Career Planning and Inventory Program.
- Watkins, president and chief executive officer of the Virginia Credit Union, is an active member of the Virginia CTE Advisory Committee, a board director with the Virginia Council on Economic Education and is instrumental in providing financial literacy instructional resources for teachers, financial education events for students and scholarships for students.

The 2013 Governor's CTE Exemplary Standards Award went to the agricultural program at Magna Vista High School in Henry County. Magna Vista High teacher Darryl Holland accepted the \$5,000 award from the Dominion Foundation to support continued improvement on behalf of the school's agriculture program. The award, sponsored by the Virginia Career Education Foundation, recognizes programs that meet rigorous criteria for program excellence; alignment with professional, industry and academic standards; implementation of best practices; relevance to community, industry and individual needs; and accountability for student outcomes.

"High student demand for agricultural courses at Magna Vista High has led to Henry County Public Schools hiring a third agriculture teacher," Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said in presenting the award. "Agricultural courses at the school go beyond the prescribed curriculum to provide students with an interdisciplinary approach to learning. As a result, Magna Vista's agricultural program has previously been recognized and its FFA students have earned numerous local, state and national awards."

The VDOE Secondary CTE awards were given in three categories as follows:

- Advisory Committee Awards
  - State and Region 1 — Goochland County Public Schools' STEM Advisory Committee  
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- Region 8 — Appomattox County Public Schools' CTE Advisory Committee
- Business and Industry Partnership Awards
  - State and Region 2 — Newport News Shipbuilding, nominated by Newport News Public Schools' Heritage High
  - Region 1 — Future Leaders in Project Management, nominated by Henrico County Public Schools
  - Region 4 — Mercedes-Benz of Arlington, nominated by Arlington Public Schools' Office of Career, Technical and Adult Education
  - Region 5 — Participating Career Internship Business Partners, nominated by Bedford County Public Schools
- CTE Program Awards
  - State and Region 5 — Manufacturing and Engineering Technology, Stuarts Draft High School, Augusta County Public Schools
  - Region 1 — Drafting and Design, Cosby High School, Chesterfield County Public Schools
  - Region 2 — Early Childhood Education Program, Norfolk Technical Center, Norfolk Public Schools
  - Region 4 — Husky Chef Competition, Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, Falls Church Public Schools
  - Region 6 — Knight N' Day Café, Cave Spring High School, Roanoke County Public Schools
  - Region 7 — PHTV/Digital Input Technologies, Patrick Henry High School, Washington County Public Schools
  - Region 8 — Veterinary Medicine Program, Appomattox County High School, Appomattox County Public Schools

The VCCS Postsecondary CTE State Awards were presented in two categories to the following:

- Business and Industry Partnerships
  - Eastman Chemical Company, nominated by Mountain Empire Community College
  - Rolls-Royce Crosspointe LLC, nominated by John Tyler Community College
- CTE Program
  - Find Your Path: Health and Medical Sciences Careers, Lord Fairfax Community College

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

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