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Alumni dinner honors Dr. DeMary

Since 1997, the Henrico Education Foundation (HEF) has annually honored a Henrico County Public Schools graduate, someone who distinguishes themselves in their chosen fields of endeavor. This year's HEF distinguished alumni is Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary, Virginia Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A reception and dinner recognizing DeMary is set for Thursday, December 8, at Virginia Crossings Resort in Glen Allen. All proceeds from the benefit dinner will establish a scholarship for Henrico graduates in DeMary's name. The Brink's Company is the event's corporate sponsor and will allow 100 percent of the money raised to go into the scholarship fund.

DeMary graduated from Highland Springs High School in 1964. She served as a teacher in Richmond, Fairfax County, and Henrico County, and as an assistant principal, principal, elementary school supervisor, director of special education, and assistant superintendent of instruction in Henrico County. Governor James Gilmore appointed Dr. DeMary as superintendent of public instruction on June 1, 2000. Governor Mark Warner reappointed her to a full, four-year term on April 2, 2002.

Henrico graduates who are past distinguished alumni recipients include novelist David Baldacci, former Governor James Gilmore, NBC correspondent Sara James, Virginia Senator Benjamin Lambert III, Virginia Tech president Dr. Charles Steger and General Motors president Richard Wagoner Jr.

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