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**Awards Given for Career and Technical Education  
*Business, Industry Partnerships & Others Recognized for Contributions***

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) with assistance from the Virginia Advisory Committee for Career and Technical Education (VACTEA), the Virginia Career Education Foundation (VCEF) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) this week recognized outstanding work of business and industry representatives in promoting career and technical education (CTE), as well as the efforts of educators in providing exceptional instruction and positive outcomes for students. Virginia Secretary of Education Thomas R. Morris was the featured speaker at the Monday awards presentation in Richmond.

The Virginia Parent Teacher Association was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding support of career and technical education.

VDOE presented the following 2008 state awards:

- State Individual Award
  - Trina Gravitt Vaughan of Halifax County High School for developing an equine studies program (Region 8)
- State Group Awards
  - Mac Beaton, Brad Beasley and Bruce Watson of Henrico County Public Schools for “Wheeling in the Careers: A Mobile, Technology-Equipped Classroom with Resources and Projects for Students of All Grade Levels” (Region 1)
  - Denise Wiggins of Norfolk Technical Center for “Faces of Success” (Region 2)
- State Advisory Council/Committee School Division or Joint Technical Center Award
  - Bridging Communities Regional CTE Advisory Council, which represents King and Queen, King William and Middlesex counties (Region 3)
- State Business and Industry Partnership School Division or Joint Technical Center Award
  - Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel and Waterfront Conference Center for its partnership with Portsmouth Public Schools (Region 2)

The following awards were also presented by VDOE:

- Regional Group Awards
  - Region 4: Ruth Bilodeau, Yvonne Pettiford, Juanita Winkler and Carol Show of Arlington Career Center for “Helping Students Help Children, Helps Our Students”
  - Region 5: Kevin J. Lipscomb Sr. and Mike Kimble of Wilbur S. Pence Middle School in Rockingham County for “Technology and Problem Solving — A Collegial Effort”
  - Region 6: Jill Morris and Joseph Kavanaugh of William Byrd High School in Roanoke County, WDBJ Television, Vinton Chamber of Commerce and members of the Economic Development Committee for “Marketing Research: How to Keep the Young Professionals in the Roanoke Valley”

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- Region 7: Dickenson County Career Center for “CTE Success”
- Region 8: Natalie Coronas, Sandra Jewell and James Massingil of Mecklenburg County Public Schools; Mona Rainey, Mark Eckler and Todd Muller of Bluestone Middle School; Chrystal Harris, Stephanie Carter and Joseph Kuhn of Park View High School; Lin Hite and Ann Redd of Bluestone High School; Billy Crowder, a retired Mecklenburg County Public Schools technology instructor; Carol Brown of Southside Marine; Ben Burchett of Sea Systems; Mike Denton of Buggs Island Dock Service; Jerry Glass of the American Power Boat Association; Bob McKay of Verizon Center; Rick McKinney of Sea Systems Inc.; American Power Boat Association; Clarksville Economic Development Association; Howerton Antique Reproductions; Lake Country Rotary Club; Mecklenburg County Business Education Partnership; and community volunteers: Franck Baumier, Bettie Duckworth, Frank Gump, Danny Pittard and retired racer Lou Zarrelli for “Mecklenburg County Public Schools Boat Building Community Collaboration Project”
- Regional Individual Awards
  - Region 1: David G. Dobbs of Chesterfield County Public Schools for “Implementing Children’s Engineering”
  - Region 2: F. Al Staggs of Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake for “Education for Employment Occupational Program for Special Education Students”
  - Region 3: Mohamed Barbarji of West Point High School for “Endless Opportunities”
  - Region 4: Sheila T. Napala of Arlington Career Center for “Partnering with the Disabled Community”
  - Region 5: Joe Mayes of Fluvanna County High School for “Building Uniquely Designed Devices for Human Advancement (BUDDHA)”
  - Region 6: R. Darryl Holland of Magna Vista High School in Henry County for “A Walk on the Wild Side: Warrior Tales of the Great Outdoors”
- Regional Advisory Council/Committee School Division or Joint Technical Center Awards
  - Region 1: Chesterfield County’s Cisco Networking Academy Advisory Council
  - Region 2: Virginia Beach’s General Advisory Council for Technical and Career Education
  - Region 4: Arlington County’s Career, Technical and Adult Education Advisory Committee
  - Region 6: Fairfax County’s CTE Advisory Committee
  - Region 8: Halifax County’s Education Foundation Agricultural Science Advisory Committee
- Regional Business and Industry Partnership School Division or Joint Technical Center Awards
  - Region 1: Henrico County Vocational/Technical Education Foundation Inc.
  - Region 3: Stafford County Vocational Education Foundation Inc.
  - Region 4: Arlington’s Dulles Aviation, Lockheed-Martin Washington Operation
  - Region 5: Fluvanna County’s Tenaska Virginia Partners LP
  - Region 6: Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce
  - Region 8: Halifax County’s Virginia Farm Bureau Insurance

VCCS presented the following awards:

- State Advisory Council/Committee Community College Award
  - Northampton County Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Advisory Committee for its partnership with Eastern Shore Community College
- State Individual Educator Award
  - Carlotta Eaton of New River Community College
- State Business and Industry Partnership Community College Award
  - President Jeff Ainslie for the Ainslie Group Inc.’s partnership with Tidewater Community College and Paul D. Camp Community College
- Regional Business and Industry Partnership Community College Awards
  - Areva NP Inc. for its partnership with Central Virginia Community College
  - Scholle Corporation for its partnership with Virginia Highlands Community College