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**GOVERNOR KAINE ANNOUNCES AWARDS FOR
CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

*~ Business, Industry Partnerships, and Educators Recognized for
Contributions ~*

RICHMOND – Governor Timothy M. Kaine joined the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) this afternoon to announce the winners of the Governor’s CTE Exemplary Standards Awards. The awards recognize business and industry representatives for their work promoting career and technical education (CTE) and highlight the efforts of educators in providing exceptional instruction and positive outcomes for students.

“The educators, business partners, and programs honored with these awards are setting a standard of excellence for career and technical education in the Commonwealth,” Governor Kaine said. “They are helping young people reach their goals while developing the crucial skills needed for success in the 21st-century workplace.

The Governor’s CTE Exemplary Standards Awards, established through Virginia’s National Governors Association (NGA) grant and presented by Governor Kaine, recognized exemplary CTE programs. Winners of this award — given for the first time — received \$5,000 and a display banner. This year’s winners are as follows:

- Automotive Technology Program at the Virginia Beach Technical and Career Education Center under the direction of Virginia Beach Public Schools teachers Mark Maund and Wayne Champigny.
- Cosmetology Program at the Edison High School Academy of Fairfax County Public Schools and led by Soussan Bayati.
- Early Childhood Education Program of the Arlington Career Center under the direction of Arlington County Public Schools teachers Ruth Bilodeau and Carol Show.

“These awards recognize excellence and provide inspiration for career and technical educators across the state,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright.

VDOE presented Creating Excellence Awards in the following categories:

- Advisory Committee School Division or Joint Technical Center
 - State and Region 5 award — Massanutten Technical Center Foundation for a marketing campaign to increase the visibility of CTE programs
 - Business and Industry Partnership School Division or Joint Technical Center
 - State and Region 2 award — Sentara Obici Hospital for partnering with health occupations students from Suffolk Public Schools to provide clinical hands-on experiences
 - Region 1 award — Almost Angels, Friends Association of Children, Learning Tree and Kid Kampus for partnering with early childhood education program students at Highland Springs Technical Center in Henrico County
 - Region 3 award — Project Lead the Way and Northrop Grumman Pilot Mentoring Program for partnering with Gloucester County Public Schools
 - Region 4 award — Career Partners Inc. for partnering with Culpeper County Public Schools
 - Region 5 award — University of Virginia Community Credit Union for partnering with Louisa County Public Schools
 - Region 6 award — Carilion Clinic Roanoke Memorial Hospital for partnering with Roanoke Public Schools
 - Region 7 award — Ritter Lumber Co., Carl Rose and Darrel “Hoppy” Ringley for partnering with the Dickenson County Career Center
 - Region 8 award — J.E. Burton Construction Co. Inc. for partnering with Halifax County Public Schools
- Group Awards
 - State and Region 1 award — Dental Occupations Department at Chesterfield Technical Center for its “Dental Service Project.” Students assisted in providing a range of dental treatments including teeth cleaning, administering fluoride treatments and providing oral hygiene instructions to 1,300 Richmond-area children. The program was under the direction of Chesterfield County Public Schools’ Melinda Gullotti and Regena Spurlock.
 - Region 2 award — Teen Biz Reading Skills Improvement Pilot Program in partnership with Norfolk Technical Center for its “Reading Skills Improvement through CTE Classes” program, directed by Norfolk Public Schools’ Denise Wiggins, senior director of CTE and implemented by teachers at the technical center
 - Region 4 award — Supported Work and Transition Program (SWAT) in partnership with Arlington County Public Schools’ Arlington Career Center for its “SWAT Brown Lunch Project”
 - Region 5 award — Rockingham County Public Schools’ Spotswood High in partnership with the Future Farmers of America and SkillsUSA students for the “Seatbelt

Safety Week,” directed by Rockingham County teachers Mike Davis and Rebecca Holloway

- Region 6 award — Roanoke County Public Schools’ Central Middle School for the “Positive/Possible Selves” program, directed by Roanoke County teachers Sandy Beyers, Bonnie Pollock and Bud McWhorter

- Region 7 award — Faculty and staff of Smyth County Public Schools’ Smyth Career and Technology Center for its “Community Day and Car Show”

- Region 8 award — Mecklenburg County Public Schools’ Parkview High and Bluestone High for the “Google It! Connecting and Collaborating with Google Docs in CTE,” directed by teachers Chrystal Harris, Karen Osborne, Shelia Beck, Remona Tomka and Stephanie Carter

- Individual Awards

- State and Region 6 award— Melany Stowe of Henry County High for implementing the “Career Hub,” located at the local mall which provided career development services to more than 1,000 students and parents in the community

- Region 1 award — Daniel Stooks and Bruce Watson of Varina High School in Henrico County for the “Using Technology for Recruiting Teachers in Technology Education” project

- Region 2 award — Karen P. Jewett of Chesapeake Public Schools’ Deep Creek High for the “Support Fashions for People with Disabilities” program

- Region 4 award — Mike McGhee of Arlington County Public Schools’ Arlington Career Center for the “Dual Enrollment with the Automotive Technology Program” through the Governor’s Career and Technical Academy of Arlington

- Region 5 award — Julie Cassetta of Spotswood High in Rockingham County Public Schools for the “Preventing Bullying and Sexual Harassment” program

- Region 7 award — Sandra L. Kelly of Giles County Public Schools’ Giles County Technology Center for the “Governor’s Cup Real World Design Challenge” project

- Region 8 award — Christopher Clarke of Mecklenburg County Public Schools’ Park View High for the “Collaborating, Team Building and Competition in a Global Economy: The Marketing Championship Series” project

- Virginia Community College System Individual Educator

- State award — Thomas Stout, head of the electromechanical program at Tidewater Community College.

- Virginia Community College System State Advisory Council/Committee Community College

- State award — Automotive Program Advisory Committee at Tidewater Community College.

- Virginia Community College System Business and Industry Partnership

- State award — Canon ITS for partnering with Tidewater Community College

The celebration of Virginia’s progress on Career and Technical Education at today’s annual Creating Excellence Awards presentation was part of the CTE Summer Professional Development Institute being held through August 7 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in cooperation with the Virginia Association for Career and Technical Education (VACTE).

