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## **Virginia Educators Honored for Technology Leadership *Arlington County Technology Coordinator Receives State Award***

Ena Wood, the instructional technology coordinator for Arlington County Public Schools, was honored this week with the Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) 2011 State Educational Technology Leadership Award and the Region 4 Educational Technology Leadership Award. The awards were presented during Virginia Tech's Educational Technology Leadership Conference in Roanoke.

"Informed, forward-looking leadership is essential for school divisions to make wise decisions amid an ever-increasing array of choices in educational technology," Superintendent of Public Instruction Patricia I. Wright said. "Wood is committed to carrying out Arlington County's vision for using technology to provide engaging, relevant, and personalized learning experiences for all students."

The awards recognize individuals who demonstrate leadership by assisting school divisions in education technology planning and implementation. Division superintendents in each of VDOE's eight administrative regions select individuals for regional awards. A panel of judges coordinated by VDOE's Office of Educational Technology then selects one of the regional honorees for recognition as the state award winner.

In addition to Wood, the 2011 regional winners are:

- Region 1 — David Rankin, manager of online learning, Chesterfield County Public Schools
- Region 2 — Jillanne "GiGi" Badawi, e-learning coordinator, Chesapeake Public Schools
- Region 3 — Robert Young, director of technology, Fredericksburg Public Schools
- Region 5 — Tom Lundquist, supervisor of technology services, Staunton Public Schools
- Region 6 — Dayna Wells, instructional technology resource teacher, Salem Public Schools
- Region 7 — Jeff Shelton, director of technology, Bristol Public Schools
- Region 8 — Jane W. Lee, director of testing and technology, Greensville County Public Schools

The Virginia Educational Technology Advisory Committee (VETAC), which advises the state Board of Education on educational technology, also presented its 2011 VETAC Leadership Award at the Roanoke conference. The award went to Paul C. Nichols III of Virginia Advanced Study Strategies, the state affiliate of the National Math and Science Initiative. Virginia Advanced Study Strategies provides training, support and incentives to increase enrollment in Advanced Placement mathematics and science courses in high schools with traditionally low participation rates.

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