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Virginia CTE Hall of Fame Inducts Outstanding Leaders *College and Career Readiness Programs & Partners also Recognized*

R. Page Minter, Harvey L. Crone and Pablo Cuevas were inducted into the Virginia Career and Technical Education (CTE) Hall of Fame on June 11 during the Creating Excellence Awards Program 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:

- Minter, as a member of the York County School Board and the board chairman of New Horizons Regional Education Center (NHREC), has been an enthusiast for career and technical education for nearly two decades in York County, at the NHREC and in the community. Minter was influential in introducing several new CTE programs at NHREC, including one of the first automotive service excellence certified programs in Virginia.
- Crone, a long-time CTE educator and administrator, is known for his leadership in career and technical education with Henrico Public Schools and the Virginia Community College System. Upon his retirement from Henrico County in 2000, he continued his career by leading the Workforce Alliance Apprenticeship Program at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College and the Career Pathways initiative in partnership with John Tyler Community College.
- Cuevas was instrumental in forming the Massanutten Technical Center (MTC) Foundation to raise awareness about the importance of CTE for youth and adults in the community. Through his business connections, he helped raise more than \$200,000 for scholarships and equipment. He was a leading force in the MTC promotional campaign that increased enrollment from 200 to 850 secondary students and more than 1,500 adults.

The 2015 Governor's CTE Exemplary Standards Awards went to the Modeling and Simulation Program at the Governor's STEM Academy at Heritage High School in Newport News and the Veterinary Science Program at Hermitage Technical Center in Henrico County. Newport News teacher Chinnell Little and Henrico County teacher Karen Bowles accepted the \$5,000 awards from the Dominion Foundation to support continued program improvements. The awards, sponsored by the Virginia Career Education Foundation, recognize 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.

"These award recipients exemplify the significance of career and technical education in Virginia," Superintendent of Public Instruction Steven R. Staples said. "Because of them, and other advocates and partners like them, Virginia's students are better prepared to meet current and future work force needs."

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

- Advisory Committee Awards
 - State and Region 5 – Harrisonburg Public Schools, Massanutten Technical Center and Rockingham County Public Schools Joint Advisory Council
 - Region 1 – Hermitage Technical Center Automotive Technology Business and Education Advisory Committee, Henrico County Public Schools
- Business and Industry Partnership Awards
 - State and Region 2 – NASA-Langley Research Center, nominated by Newport News Public Schools
 - Region 1 – New Kent Sheriff’s Office, nominated by Bridging Communities Regional Career and Technical Center
 - Region 3 – Dan Wallace of Wallace Enterprises, nominated by Spotsylvania County Public Schools
 - Region 4 – Dominion Virginia Power, nominated by Prince William County Public Schools
 - Region 5 – The Center for Wind Energy at James Madison University, nominated by Massanutten Technical Center
- Program Awards
 - State and Region 3 – Spotsylvania County Public Schools’ Career and Technical Center Culinary Arts Program
 - Region 1 – Chesterfield County Public Schools’ Helping Hand Program
 - Region 2 – Virginia Beach Public Schools’ Dental Assisting Program
 - Region 4 – Arlington County Public Schools’ Technology and Innovation Exposition Program
 - Region 5 – Massanutten Technical Center’s Fire and Rescue Program
 - Region 7 – Giles County Public Schools’ A Blended Approach to Economics and Personal Finance Program

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

- Advisory Committee Award
 - Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, nominated by Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- Business and Industry Partnership Award
 - NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Wallops Island Flight Facility, nominated by Eastern Shore Community College
- Program Award
 - Virginia Appalachian Tricollege Nursing Program, Virginia Highlands Community College, Southwest Virginia Community College and Mountain Empire Community College

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