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VDOE & VCCS Recognize Exemplary CTE Programs

RICHMOND, Va. — The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) honored 15 exemplary career and technical education (CTE) programs and partnerships during the agencies' annual Creating Excellence Awards program in Richmond on June 13.

"Partnerships between public schools, community colleges and local employers provide students with transformative education opportunities and real-world experiences," Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane said. "I congratulate the educators and private and public sector partners who created these outstanding career and technical education partnerships and programs."

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

- **Advisory Committee Awards**
 - State and Region 4 — Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee, Fairfax County Public Schools
 - Region 2 — CTE Advisory Committee, Southampton County Public Schools
 - Region 5 — Agricultural Production Technology Advisory Committee, Rockingham County Public Schools
- **Business and Industry Partnership Awards**
 - State and Region 2 — Virginia Ship Repair Foundation, nominated by Hampton City Public Schools
 - Region 4 — George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, nominated by Alexandria City Public Schools
 - Region 5 — Terry Volkswagen-Subaru, nominated by Campbell County Public Schools
- **Program Awards**
 - State and Region 6 — Montgomery County Public Schools' Farmbot!
 - Region 1 — Chesterfield County Public Schools' Leadership Development Through Project Management
 - Region 2 — Suffolk City Public Schools' Industrial Welding
 - Region 3 — Stafford County Public Schools' Graphic Imaging
 - Region 4 — Fairfax County Public Schools' Fashion Careers
 - Region 8 — Appomattox County Public Schools' Hog Wild About Agriculture: STEM Meets Swine Production

"CTE programs provide relevant learning experiences and create deeper learning for students," Secretary of Education Atif Qarni said. "These award-winning programs and partnerships help students acquire and refine the knowledge, skills, experiences, and attributes that prepare them for college and career success."

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The VCCS Postsecondary CTE State Awards were presented in three categories, as follows:

- Business and Industry Partnership Award — Emerson Automation Solutions, nominated by Piedmont Virginia Community College
- Business and Industry Partnership Award — Hershey Chocolate of Virginia, Inc., nominated by Blue Ridge Community College
- Program Award — Internship Program for Electronics Technology; Electricity; Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning; and Welding, nominated by Eastern Shore Community College

Photographs of the winners are available for downloading from VDOE's [Flickr 2019 Secondary CTE Program Awards album](#).

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