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Patrick & Henry Community College

Patrick & Henry Community College, a comprehensive two-year institution, services Martinsville city as well as Patrick, Henry, and Franklin counties. P&HCC is a leader among community colleges in athletics, healthcare, technology, and innovative curricula such as motorsports, entrepreneurship, and mechatronics. As a gold-certified Caring Campus, P&HCC changes lives and enriches the community. P&HCC is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Virginia Foundation for Community College Education Honors Philanthropists at 20th Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy Luncheon

MARTINSVILLE, VA – National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) has received the 20th Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. The organization was nominated for the award by Patrick & Henry Community College (P&HCC) and honored at Virginia Foundation for Community College Education's (VFCCE) 20th Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy Luncheon.

The event honored more than two dozen individuals, families, and businesses from all 23 of Virginia's Community Colleges, as well as the VFCCE itself. Award recipients were nominated in recognition of their exceptional commitment to the growth and development of Virginia's community colleges and their respective foundations.

In his welcoming remarks, Chancellor David Doré saluted and thanked the donors for their unwavering commitment to students whose potential might otherwise go unrealized. "The individuals and organizations we honor in this room represent an extraordinary \$27 million in lifetime giving to Virginia's community colleges," he said.

The sentiment was echoed by Secretary of Education, Jeffery Smith, who underscored the importance of philanthropy and its ability to remove barriers that could impede or even block the way forward for students short on resources. "Every Virginian deserves a pathway to economic opportunity," he said.

In addition to Secretary Smith, distinguished guests in attendance included State Board members as well as members of the VFCCE Board of Directors. Author, philanthropist, and educator Brent L. Kendrick, Ph.D., whose career reflects a lifelong commitment to teaching and community college education, delivered the keynote address.

2026 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy Recipients

College

Blue Ridge Community College

Recipient

Dr. James R. Perkins

Brightpoint Community College	Community Foundation for a Greater Richmond
Central Virginia Community College	Framatome, Inc.
Danville Community College	John A. and Iris P. Bostian Revocable Trust
Eastern Shore Community College	Peter Bale and Sentinel Robotic Solutions
Germanna Community College	The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region
Laurel Ridge Community College	Margaret and Foss Smith
Mountain Empire Community College	Dr. Terrance Suarez
Mountain Gateway Community College	Mildred Miller McCabe
New River Community College	Dr. H. Randall Edwards and Dr. Florine Graham
Northern Virginia Community College	Dr. Bonnie Lefbom and Mr. William Lefbom
Patrick & Henry Community College	National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship
Paul D. Camp Community College	Obici Healthcare Foundation
Piedmont Virginia Community College	UVA Community Credit Union
Rappahannock Community College	Carolyn and David Scarbrough
Reynolds Community College	Executive Women International – Richmond Chapter
Southside Virginia Community College	Jessie Ruff & The Ruff Family

Southwest Virginia Community College	Charlotte and Lynn Keene
Tidewater Community College	Beazley Foundation, Inc.
Virginia Highlands Community College	Dr. John Lentz, DDS
Virginia Peninsula Community College	City of Newport News and Newport News Development Authority
Virginia Western Community College	Diane and William Elliot and Davis H. Elliot Company, Inc.
Wytheville Community College	Rebecca and Stephen Dorshorst
VFCCE	Dr. Linda Daniel and Mr. Joe Daniel

The Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE) is a supporting arm of Virginia's 23 community colleges. It works to broaden educational access, promote student success, and provide innovative solutions to workforce needs. To ensure access to high quality, affordable education, the VFCCE provides statewide leadership in raising funds for community college education, supplementing the activities of the 23 individual colleges, and advocating for major system-wide initiatives that could not be undertaken by any single college. For more information, please visit <https://vfce.org/>.

About Virginia's Community Colleges

Since 1966, Virginia's Community Colleges have given everyone the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills, so lives and communities are strengthened. By making higher education and workforce training available in every part of Virginia, we elevate all of Virginia. In academic year 2024, Virginia's Community Colleges served more than 232,000 students across 23 colleges throughout the Commonwealth. Learn more at www.vccs.edu.

In the photo: David Ford (Strada Educational Foundation), Tonya Hall (InsideTrack), Kevin Logan (NACCE), Rebecca Corbin (NACCE), Chancellor David Dore, Dr. Greg Hodges, Mrs. Renee Hodges, and Tiffani Underwood celebrate NACCE's award.