

PRESS RELEASE



VACo Recognizes Graduates of the Supervisor Certification Program



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RICHMOND (November 12, 2014)—The Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) recognized the ninth class of the County Supervisor Certification Program on November 9 during the VACo Annual Conference in Bath County.

The County Supervisor Certification Program is a partnership between Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech and VACo that provides training to enhance the leadership and decision-making skills of county supervisors in the Commonwealth.

This year's five graduates of the 18-month certification program are:

- **Jason Daniel Bellows**, Lancaster County
- **Alexa Fritz**, Culpeper County
- **Roger T. Hayden**, Patrick County
- **H.A. "Andy" McCready**, Pulaski County
- **Charles A. Stacy**, Tazewell County

The County Supervisor Certification Program was created to provide VACo members more in-depth knowledge about government operations.

"Congratulations to our five newest graduates on completing this challenging and rewarding VACo Educational Program," said James D. Campbell, VACo Executive Director. "With five more graduates, we now have 50 who have completed the certification program since its first class in 2006. VACo has emphasized quality educational opportunities over the past few years, and the County Supervisor Certification Program continues to be one of our best offerings."

Virginia Cooperative Extension partners with Virginia Tech and VACo to develop and deliver the program. "This program is a great example of Virginia Cooperative Extension growing its partnership with an organization to strengthen the impact of our community viability efforts and to collaborate with other agencies to provide leadership education," said Dr. Michael

Chandler, Professor Emeritus at Virginia Tech and one the program's instructor along with Dr. Martha Walker, Extension Viability Specialist.

The County Supervisor Certification Program provides an overview of the basic issues, expectations, and practices associated with serving as a county supervisor as well as detailed information about local government. Each participant completes five core courses featuring both classroom instruction and self-directed learning on leadership development, duties and responsibilities of public officials, community planning, local government finance, and collaborative governance.

For more information about the County Supervisor Certification Program, contact [Phyllis Errico](mailto:PhyllisErrico), General Counsel, at perrico@vaco.org or 804.343.2509.

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Supervisor Certification Past Graduates

- **2013**
John Cataldo, Brunswick County; **Claire Anne Collins**, Bath County; **William F. "Bill" Gandel**, Prince George County; **Don C. Gantt, Jr.**, Prince Edward County; **John Haynes**, Richmond County; **Dana G. Kilgore**, Wise County; **Phil D. McCraw**, Carroll County; **Phillip "Bart" Perdue**, Bath County; **Cassandra L. Stish**, Buckingham County; **Robert "Bob" Thomas, Jr.**, Stafford County; **Kevin Wagner**, Highland County; **John R. Woodward**, Page County
- **2012**
Joseph C. Straten, Washington County
- **2011**
Larry K. Bartlett, Grayson County; **David W. Blanchard**, Highland County; **Brenda Sutherland**, Grayson County
- **2010**
Stephen W. Bowen, Nottoway County; **J.D. Cave**, Page County; **Donald W. Kidd**, Amherst County; **Dr. Thomas Littrell**, Carroll County; **Ernie McLeod**, Louisa County
- **2009**
Deborah B. Coats, Hanover County; **Robert H. Conner**, Brunswick County; **Willie L. Gentry, Jr.**, Louisa County; **Bernard L. Jones, Sr.**, Brunswick County; **Ann H. Mallek**, Albemarle County; **Carl Schmitt**, Greene County
- **2008**
Sharon Baroncelli, Shenandoah County; **Kate Berger**, Pittsylvania County; **Tony Carter**, Warren County; **David Hutchins**, Carroll County; **Paul Milde**, Stafford County
- **2007**
John Rust, Page County; **William Quarles, Jr.**, Goochland County; **Charles Allbaugh**, Fluvanna County
- **2006**
Wayne A. Acors, Caroline County; **Charles C. Ballard**, Page County; **Phillip A. Bradshaw**, Isle of Wight County; **Gerald M. Cabbage**, Page County; **Carol Lee Fischer-Strickler**, Page County; **Thomas W. Fore**, Amherst County; **R. Kenneth Hatcher**, Powhatan County; **Judy**

S. Lyttle, Surry County; **Ronnie L. Shortt**, Wise County; **Thomas J. Wright, III**, Isle of Wight County

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