Virginia Association of Counties

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VACo Recognizes the Class of 2025 of the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program



RICHMOND (November 12, 2025)—The Virginia Association of Counties (VACo) recognized the Class of 2025 – the third graduating class of the revamped Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program – during VACo's 91st Annual Conference.

The Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program consists of three core courses – budgeting; planning, land use, and infrastructure; and leadership. The program provides fundamental skills training as well as deep dive examinations and discussions of real scenarios that impact counties. Supervisors enrich the educational experience by sharing their journeys – the challenges and successes as an elected official serving a rural, or urban, or suburban community.

The 14 graduates (**group photo**) of the 12-month certification program are:

- Carolyn R. Billups | King and Queen County
- Greg Currin | Lunenburg County
- <u>David E. Durr</u> | Culpeper County
- Danielle Grieshaber Floyd | Hanover County
- Glenda Jackson Gilliam | Brunswick County
- Dr. Barbara Jarrett Harris | Brunswick County
- Victor Thomas "Bill" Jenkins | Prince Edward County
- <u>Drew Mullins</u> | Spotsylvania County
- <u>J. Bryan Nicol</u> | Orange County

- Marie H. Norman | King and Queen County
- Andrew Overby | Patrick County
- **Ryan Patterson** | Charles City County
- Dr. Alfonzo R. Seward | Brunswick County
- **<u>Timothy F. Taylor</u>** | Shenandoah County

"Congratulations to our 14 graduates of the Supervisors' Certification Program – the Class of 2025," VACo Executive Director **Dean Lynch** said. "Each year VACo learns a little bit on how to improve the program experience, the peer-to-peer learning, and the student engagement. We continue to bring in top-notch speakers and experts. The one prevailing constant is the depth of conversations our supervisors have about real-time issues that affect their communities today. These conversations are steps in developing solutions. This kind of learning helps solve challenges."

The program was enhanced by the stewardship of each course instructor.

- Budgeting <u>Jay A. Brown</u> | Hanover County Deputy County Administrator
- Planning, Land Use, and Infrastructure <u>Nick Rogers</u>, AICP, CZA; <u>Will Cockrell</u>, AICP; <u>Andrew Hopewell</u>, AICP, CZA; <u>Jeffrey Farner</u>, AICP
- Leadership <u>Jane Dittmar</u>

Each course instructor led in-person, all-day educational sessions as well as multiple virtual meetings. Students engaged with various leaders and experts in the three course areas. "Thank you to our incredible instructors for their work in leading each course," Lynch said. "Our instructors not only taught theory but also shared real skills and fundamental ways of tackling challenges that the students can take back home and apply immediately to their role as supervisor."

For more information about the Virginia Certified County Supervisors' Program, contact Karie Walker at kwalker@vaco.org or 804.343.2504.

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