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VSBA Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award Winners Announced *Winners Recognized at the VSBA Conference on Education*

July 20, 2021 – Ten school divisions received honors in the Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Excellence in Workforce Readiness Awards. Winning divisions were recognized at the VSBA Conference on Education, which took place in Richmond earlier today. The awards program was created in 2018 by the VSBA Task Force on Workforce Readiness to highlight exemplary programs in Virginia’s Public Schools focused on preparing the state’s future workforce. The sponsor of the awards was Johnson Controls.

The winning school divisions are as follows:

Student Population Below 5,000 Students

First Place- Louisa County Public Schools, The Little Lions Learning Lab
Second Place- Goochland County Public Schools, Utility and Heavy Equipment Operators: Building the Foundation for a Career
Third Place- Dinwiddie County Public Schools, Workforce Ready Diploma Seal Initiative

Student Population Between 5,001 – 10,000 Students

First Place- Culpeper County Public Schools, Teachers for Tomorrow, Esquared, Mock Interviews and Health Care Day
Second Place- Henry County Public Schools, Oh Henry! Internships for the Future
Third Place- Shenandoah County Public Schools, Biomedical Capstone Projects: Department of Motor Vehicles Automated Perimetry by Eli Dellinger

Student Population Above 10,001 Students

First Place- Williamsburg-James City County Public Schools, WJCC Schools Healthcare Programs Initiative
Second Place- Roanoke County Public Schools, Roanoke County Public Schools’ Registered Apprenticeship Program
Third Place- Portsmouth City Public Schools, Health Sciences Career Development Program

Regional Category

First Place- New Horizons Regional Education Center, BUILD Hampton Roads: Good Life Solution Program

About the Virginia School Boards Association

The Virginia School Boards Association, a voluntary, nonpartisan organization of Virginia school boards, promotes excellence in public education through advocacy, training, and services. The Association offers conferences, information, training, and counseling designed to meet the needs of the Commonwealth’s educational leaders.

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