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VSBA Board of Directors Valley Region Regional Scholarship Recipient Announced



Charlottesville, VA – The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) proudly announces Noah Bolling, a senior at Bath County High School in Bath County Public Schools, as the 2026 VSBA Board of Directors Regional Scholarship recipient for the VSBA Valley Region. Bolling was recognized last night during the VSBA Valley Region Spring Network Forum and will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to support his post-secondary education.

A dedicated student-athlete, Noah has competed in cross country, wrestling, soccer, and football, embracing the value of teamwork and perseverance. He also gives back as a youth soccer coach, girls' basketball videographer, and band section leader, demonstrating a commitment to leadership, service, and supporting others.

Bolling has been accepted Early Decision to the University of Virginia School of Architecture, where he plans to pursue a Bachelor of Architecture. He aspires to design buildings that are visually compelling, sustainable, and accessible to all, creating spaces that serve and uplift diverse communities.

When asked how public education has shaped who he is today, and why he chose his career path, Bolling wrote, "Public education has given me all the opportunities that lie ahead. I am a product of Virginia's public school system. I have been challenged by a curriculum that requires innovation and critical thinking that has been delivered by compassionate educators. In addition, public education has given me the opportunity to see ideas through the lens of other students which leads to a more compassionate person. Public education brings people together from various backgrounds. We are more successful when we learn from one another."

"Noah reflects the strong work ethic, leadership, and commitment to community that we are proud to see in students throughout the Valley Region," said VSBA Valley Region Chair Megan Gordon. "Through athletics, mentorship, and the arts, he has demonstrated the importance of teamwork and service while pursuing academic excellence. We are excited to recognize Noah's achievements and look forward to seeing how his passion for architecture will shape spaces that benefit communities in the future."

VSBA Executive Director Gina Patterson stated, "Students like Noah embody the many opportunities that public education provides. His experiences in athletics, leadership, and the arts reflect the well-rounded education that prepares students to think creatively and serve their communities. VSBA is proud to support Noah as he pursues his studies in architecture and works to design spaces that are welcoming and accessible for all."

About the Virginia School Boards Association

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