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## Excellence in Virginia Government Awards

### Past Award Recipients

Community Enhancement Award	
2022	<b>Sacred Heart Center, Richmond</b> <i>Executive Director Tanya Gonzalez (M.P.A. '17/GPA)</i>
2020-21	<b>Health Brigade</b> <i>Karen Legato, Executive Director</i>
2019	<b>Goochland Central High School Committee</b> <b>The Virginia Home</b>
2016	<b>Sergeant Carol Adams</b> <i>Richmond Police Department</i>
2015	<b>Walter Segaloff</b> , Founder <i>An Achievable Dream Academy Newport News</i>
2014	<b>Skip Skinner, Pace Lochte, Marcia Quesenberry</b> , Co-Directors; <b>Suzanne Morse Moomaw</b> , Academic Lead <i>The Appalachian Prosperity Project</i>
2013	<b>Cathy Walker</b> , Special Education Teacher <i>The Thrifty Spot, Mathews County Public Schools</i>
2012	<b>Edward Welp</b> , President <i>The Up Center</i>
2011	<b>T.K. Somanath</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer <i>Better Housing Coalition – Lincoln Mews</i>
2010	<b>Paul Nichols</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer <i>Virginia Advanced Study Strategies</i>
2009	<b>Susan B. Horne</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer <i>LEAD Virginia</i>
2008	<b>Jesus Moreno</b> , Executive Director <i>The Hispanic Committee of Virginia</i>
2007	<b>Edith R. Jones</b> , President and Chief Executive Officer <i>The Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project, Inc.</i>
2006	<b>Dr. Nelda K. Pearson</b> , Executive Director <i>Beans and Rice, Inc.</i>
2005	<b>Barbara Fox Mason</b> , Executive Director <i>Child &amp; Family Network Centers, Alexandria</i>

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Hill-Robinson Expansion of Freedom Award	
2022	<b>Moton Museum of Farmville</b> <i>Cameron Patterson, Executive Director</i>
2020-21	<b>Professor A.E. Dick Howard</b> <i>UVA Law School</i>
2019	<b>Equality Virginia</b> <i>Richmond</i>
2016	<b>Jack W. Gravelly</b> , Former President ( <i>awarded posthumously</i> ) <i>Virginia State Conference of the NAACP</i>
2015	<b>Julian Bond, Ph.D.</b> , Professor Emeritus of History ( <i>awarded posthumously</i> ) <i>University of Virginia</i>
2014	<b>Raymond H. Boone, Sr.</b> , Editor and Publisher ( <i>awarded posthumously</i> ) <i>Richmond Free Press</i>
2013	<b>The Honorable Yvonne B. Miller</b> , Senator ( <i>awarded posthumously</i> ) <i>Senate of Virginia</i>
2011	<b>The Honorable Leroy R. Hassell, Sr.</b> , Chief Justice ( <i>awarded posthumously</i> ) <i>Supreme Court of Virginia</i>
2009	<b>The Honorable Henry L. Marsh III</b> , Senator <i>Senate of Virginia</i>
2008	<b>The Honorable A. Linwood Holton, Jr.</b> , Former Governor <i>Commonwealth of Virginia</i>
2007	<b>Frank Batten, Sr.</b> , Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Retired) <i>Landmark Communications, Inc.</i>
2006	<b>The Honorable Oliver W. Hill, The Honorable Spottswood W. Robinson III</b> <i>*Expansion of Freedom Award henceforth named for Hill and Robinson*</i>
2005	<b>Robert J. Grey, Jr.</b> Partner, <i>Hunton &amp; Williams</i> Past President, <i>American Bar Association</i>

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Innovation in Government Award	
2022	<b>Danville Police Department</b> <i>Scott Booth, Chief</i>
2020-21	<b>The Department of Juvenile Justice</b> <i>Valerie Boykin, Director</i>
2019	<b>The Virginia Treasury</b> , in partnership with Qlarion
2016	<b>Vital Records at DMV</b> <i>Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, and Virginia Department of Health Division of Vital Records</i>
2014	<b>Daniel Timberlake</b> , Director <i>Virginia Department of Planning and Budget</i>
2013	<b>"Virginia Values Veterans"</b> <b>Paul E. Galanti</b> , Commissioner <i>Virginia Department of Veterans Services</i>
2012	<b>"My Business Starts Here"</b> <i>Chesterfield County Public Library, and Chesterfield County Economic Development Department</i>
2011	<b>"The Virginia Education Wizard"</b> <i>Virginia Community College System</i>
2009	<b>"Council on Virginia's Future"</b> <i>Jane N. Kusiak, Executive Director John O. Wynne, Vice Chair</i>
2008	<b>Todd Christensen</b> , Deputy Director <i>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, and The Crooked Road</i>
2007	<b>The Honorable Viola O. Baskerville</b> , Secretary of Administration, eVA <b>The Honorable Sandra D. Bowen</b> , former Secretary of Administration, eVA <b>The Honorable G. Bryan Slater</b> , former Secretary of Administration, eVA <i>Virginia Department of General Services CGI</i>
2006	<b>Deborah D. Oswalt</b> , Executive Director <i>Virginia Health Care Foundation</i>
2005	<b>Dr. Richard P. Kern</b> , Director <i>Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission</i>

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Lifetime Achievement Award	
2022	<b>Florence Neal Cooper Smith</b> <i>Community Activist</i>
2020-21	<b>The Honorable Robert C. Scott</b> <i>U.S. Congressman, Virginia Third District</i>
2019	<b>Grace E. Harris, Ph.D. (posthumously)</b> <i>Virginia Commonwealth University</i>
2015	<b>William C. "Bill" Shelton, Director</b> <i>Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development</i>
2014	<b>John P. Thomas, Ph.D., Executive Director</b> <i>University of Virginia Weldon Cooper Center for Public Policy</i>
2013	<b>The Honorable Lacey E. Putney, Delegate, 19<sup>th</sup> District</b> <i>Virginia House of Delegates</i>
2012	<b>Virgil R. Hazelett, County Manager</b> <i>Henrico County</i>
2011	<b>Susan Clarke Schaar, Clerk</b> <i>Senate of Virginia</i>
2010	<b>Philip A. Leone, Director (Retired)</b> <i>Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission</i>
2009	<b>John T. Casteen III, Ph.D., President, University of Virginia</b> <b>Patricia P. Cormier, Ph.D., President, Longwood University</b> <b>Eddie N. Moore, Jr., President, Virginia State University</b> <b>Eugene P. Trani, Ph.D., President Emeritus, Virginia Commonwealth University</b>
2008	<b>Susan Aheron Magill, Former Chief of Staff to Senator John Warner</b> <i>Senate of Virginia</i>
2007	<b>Robert G. Templin, Jr., President</b> <i>Northern Virginia Community College</i>
2006	<b>Paul W. Timmreck, Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration (Retired)</b> <i>Virginia Commonwealth University</i>
2005	<b>Richard D. Brown, Director</b> <i>Virginia Department of Planning and Budget</i>



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Public-Private Partnership Award	
2022	<b>Grayson County with Appalachian Power and GigaBeam Networks</b>
2020-21	<b>Virginia Housing</b> <i>Susan Dewey, CEO</i>
2019	<b>Virginia Department of Corrections with Johnson Controls and the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (TRF) James River Chapter</b>
2016	<b>Virginia Capital Trail Foundation</b> <i>Virginia Department of Transportation</i>
2015	<b>Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute</b>
2014	<b>The Honorable Matthew James</b> , President and CEO <b>Shawn Avery</b> , Former Vice President <i>Peninsula Council for Workforce Development</i>
2013	<b>Tony Kinn</b> , Executive Director <i>Office of Transportation Public-Private Partnerships</i>
2012	<b>David Lohr</b> , President and Executive Director <i>Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing</i>
2011	<b>"Virginia's Region 2000 Partnership"</b> <b>Bryan David</b> , Executive Director <i>Economic Development Council</i>
2010	<b>Diana F. Cantor, Esq.</b> , Founding Executive Director <b>Mary G. Morris</b> , CEO <i>Virginia College Savings Plan</i>
2009	<b>Mark A. Crabtree, D.D.S.</b> , President, <i>Piedmont VA Dental Health Foundation</i> <b>Gordon Green, M.D.</b> , Director, West Piedmont Health District, <i>Virginia Department of Health</i> <b>Kim Isringhausen</b> , Director of Preceptorship Programs, <i>VCU School of Dentistry</i> <b>Kathy Lawson</b> , Mayor, <i>City of Martinsville</i> <b>Paul B. Toms, Jr.</b> President, <i>Harvest Foundation</i> ; Chairman and CEO, <i>Hooker Furniture</i>
2008	<b>Sarah Hopkins Finley</b> , Executive Director <i>The Virginia Council on Economic Education</i>
2007	<b>"Pocahontas Parkway Project"</b> <b>The Honorable Pierce R. Homer</b> , Secretary of Transportation <b>David S. Ekern</b> , Transportation Commissioner <b>Deborah Brown</b> , Director, Innovative Finance and Revenue Operations <i>Virginia Department of Transportation</i> <b>Michael Kulper</b> , Senior Vice President North America <b>Ken Daley</b> , Senior Vice President, International Development <b>Michael Whelan</b> , Vice President, Regional Operations Manager <i>Transurban LLC</i>
2006	<b>"Fredericksburg Public-Private Education Facilities &amp; Infrastructure Act Project"</b> <b>Beverly R. Cameron</b> , Assistant City Manager, <i>City of Fredericksburg</i> <b>Dale Sander</b> , Superintendent, <i>City of Fredericksburg School Board</i>



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	<b>Bob Mills</b> , President, <i>Moseley Architects</i> <b>A. Douglas Dalton</b> , President, <i>English Construction Co., Inc.</i>
<b>2005</b>	<b>The Honorable Walter A. Stosch</b> , Senator <i>Senate of Virginia</i>

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Unsung Heroes Award	
2022	<b>Betty Mattice</b> <i>Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles</i>
2020-21	<b>Cristina Dominguez Ramirez</b> <i>Henrico County Libraries</i>
2019	<b>Joseph A. Vass</b> <i>Capitol Police</i>
2016	<b>Jon Hatfield</b> , Executive Director (Retired) <i>Virginia War Memorial</i>
2015	<b>Joyce Walton</b> , Special Assistant (Retired) <i>Office of the Governor</i>
2014	<b>Martin "Tutti" Townes</b> , Head Butler <i>Executive Mansion</i>
2013	<b>Steven H. "Steve" Falden</b> , Administrative & Program Specialist <i>Southern Virginia Mental Health Institute</i>
2012	<b>Stuart Blackwell</b> , Grounds Supervisor <i>Virginia State Capitol</i>
2011	<b>Tedd E. Povar</b> , Associate Director <i>Virginia Institute of Government</i>
2010	<b>Arthur N. Bowen III</b> , Managing Director of Finance & Administration <i>Virginia Housing and Development Authority</i>
2009	<b>Randall E. Arno</b> , Director <i>Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service</i>
2008	<b>Brenda Edwards</b> , Senior Research Associate <i>Virginia Division of Legislative Services</i>
2007	<b>William Hart Gillette</b> , Agriculture Business Manager <i>Virginia Department of Corrections</i>



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Grace E. Harris Award	
2022	<b>All Saints Catholic School, Richmond</b>
2020- 21	<b>John C. Purnell, Jr.</b> <i>Retired Executive Director, Friends Association</i>



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Public Information Award	
2015	<b>Virginia Department of General Services</b> <i>For a comprehensive plan to communicate essential information about the 2015 UCI Road World Championships</i>
2014	<b>William H. Chapman</b> , Executive Director and Producer <i>The Richmond Forum</i>
2012	<b>Bobbie G. Kilberg</b> , President and Chief Operations Officer <b>Josh Levi</b> , Vice President for Policy <i>Northern Virginia Technology Council</i>
2006	<b>David M. Poole</b> , Executive Director <i>Virginia Public Access Project</i>
2005	<b>"The Virginia School Report Card"</b> <b>The Honorable Peter A. Blake</b> , Secretary of Education <b>The Honorable Wilbert Bryant</b> , Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs <b>Dr. Jo Lynne DeMary</b> , Superintendent of Public Instruction <i>Virginia Department of Education</i>

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EVGA Honorary Student Scholarship	
2022	Sofia Simmons Kylie Stottlemeyer
2021	Gabrielle McGeachy Taylor Fletcher
2020	Nadya Syazsa Summer Morris
2018	Suparna Dutta Myles Robinson
2017	Jacqueline L. Mashburn Michael Handwerker
2016	Dhara M. Amin Axana Soltan Mohammad
2015	Steven T. Keener Kayla K. DeNapoli
2014	Mona H. Siddiqui Sean T. Bowles
2013	Grant E. Rissler Daniel B. Ku
2012	Paul Connet Mario Wells
2011	David "Jonathan" Kinsey Krina A. Patel
2010	Mark T. Klein Kierra L. Gambrell
2009	Megan Samford John Wilson
2008	Raymond D. Barefoot Susan Donovan Keith C. Rogers, Jr. Matthew J. Weaver
2007	Rebecca Imholt Kelly Kinahan Alicia Roberts Mitchell Smiley