

The VCCS recognizes and congratulates all recipients of our awards, grants, and services for 2008. Congratulations! Kudos also go to recipients of VCCS New Horizons 2009's Technology in Education and Recognition of Excellence Awards.

**Congratulations, all!**

### Technology in Education (TIE) Award Nominees for New Horizons 2009

**CJ Bracken**, J Sargeant Reynolds Community College, TOP - Teaching Online Project  
Team: Ken Fairbanks, Ruth Smith and Joan Trabant

**Joseph DiPietro**, Southwest Virginia Community College, Learner Research and the Technology of Human Machinery. Team: Mark Mustard

**Andrew Smith**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Using Macros in MS Word to Accelerate Instructor Feedback on Student Essays

**Debra Haines**, Germanna Community College, Blackboard as an Advising Tool  
Team: William "Bill" Fiege and Maggie Breeden

**Leslie Norris**, Rappahannock Community College, Images in Basic Writing Courses: Helping Students Create Effective Essays

**Jennifer Horton**, Northern Virginia Community College, Student Sign-In program

**Charles Errico**, Northern Virginia Community College, The Constitution: A Dialogue with James Madison and George Mason. Team: Richard Attix

**Cynthia Horen**, Tidewater Community College, TCC-VB OWL  
Team: Ron Key, Dale DeSarro, Christina Cancelli, Tina Lenhart, Gerry Liette, and Fred Valet

**Dan Trent**, New River Community College, A Statewide Delivery System for Training the Building Trades: Teaching Joe the Plumber. Team: Patty Ryan

### Recognition of Excellence Recipients for New Horizons 2009

#### Academic Achievement

**Donna Cluesman**, Mountain Empire Community College, Masters of Nursing Education, Walden University

**Nick Edwards**, Mountain Empire Community College, Master of Science degree in Computer Systems Management with an Information Assurance specialty, University of Maryland, December 2008

**Brandy McCarroll**, Mountain Empire Community College, MS in Nursing, King College

**Marilyn L. Peacock**, Tidewater Community College, Ph.D. in Community College Leadership, Old Dominion University, May 2008

#### Publication in a Peer-Reviewed Journal

**Miles McCrimmon**, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, *Across the Great Divide: Anxieties of Acculturation in College English*, College English, Volume 69, Number 2, November 2006, pp. 117-26

#### Honors and Awards

**Rebecca M. Evans**, Sam Walton Fellow of the Year by SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise), 2007

#### International/National Scholarship and Fellowship Awards

**Elizabeth A. Smith**, Southwest Virginia Community College, Invitation to present *Diversity and the National Interest*, 20th Anniversary Oxford Round Table, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, 2008

#### Other Notable Accomplishments

**Robert C. England**, Mountain Empire Community College, Development of the Professional Leadership Academy, a partnership between Mountain Empire Community College, the Department of Criminal Justice Services, and the Southwest Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy

**Kerin Hilker-Balkissoon**, Northern Virginia Community College, Invitation to present the Pathway to the Baccalaureate Program model to the Advisory Committee for Student Financial Assistance, a congressional advisory committee, December 2007

**Frances Moore**, Patrick Henry Community College, Certified Online Instructor status and Quality Matters approval for online instruction

**Chuks Ogonnaya**, Mountain Empire Community College, VaCIE- VCCS faculty exchange

to India for research on global warming and environmental issues

**Carolyn Byrd**, Patrick Henry Community College John Champaign Memorial Award for Outstanding Developmental Education Program, National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), 2008

### Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence

2008 – **Martin Zahn**, Associate Professor of Biology, Thomas Nelson Community College

2007 – **James O'Brien**, Professor of Psychology, Tidewater Community College

### Chancellor's Faculty Fellowship 2008-2009

**Kim Blosser**, Dean of Mathematics, Physical Sciences & Technology, Blue Ridge Community College, Ed.D., Higher Education Leadership, Nova Southeastern University

**Cristy Hawkins**, Assistant Professor of Health, Thomas Nelson Community College, Ph.D., Occupational and Technical Studies, Old Dominion University

**Cheryl Terry**, Director of Business and Industry Services, Danville Community College, Ph.D., Occupational and Technical Studies, Old Dominion University

### Chancellor's Faculty Professorship

2008-2010

**Richard Groover**, Assistant Professor of Biology, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

2007-2009

**Linda McCormick**, Assistant Professor of English, Germanna Community College  
**James O'Brien**, Professor of Psychology, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach Campus

### Classified Staff Leadership Academy Participants

**Linda Breeden**, Blue Ridge

**Dianne Sykes**, Central Virginia

**Doris Baker**, Dabney S. Lancaster

**Sandy Saunders**, Danville

**Wendy Marshall**, Eastern Shore

**Karen Calvert**, Germanna - Culpeper

**Ann Alizio**, Germanna - Fredericksburg

**Dianne Burrell**, J. Sargeant Reynolds - CCWA

**Teresa Rosbaugh**, J. Sargeant Reynolds - Henrico

**Jacqueline Manley**, J. Sargeant Reynolds - Richmond

**Denise Harrison**, John Tyler - Chester

**Mara Hilliar**, John Tyler - Midlothian

**Pam Giles**, Mountain Empire

**Carrie Hopkins**, New River

**Rina Soekotjo**, Northern Virginia - Alexandria

**Nichole McBeth**, Northern Virginia - Annandale

**Gerry Hoffer**, Northern Virginia - Annandale MEC

**Ed Mellon**, Northern Virginia - Annandale

**Angel Thomas**, Northern Virginia - Annandale

**Velderine Alvarez**, Northern Virginia - Loudon

**Tanya Kern**, Northern Virginia - Woodbridge

**Lori McCarty**, Patrick Henry

**Renee Brown**, Paul D. Camp - Franklin

**Lisa Moss**, Paul D. Camp - Suffolk

**Jennifer Patteson**, Piedmont Virginia

**Martha Rest**, Rappahannock - Glens

**Holly Dixon**, Rappahannock - Warsaw

**AnneGayle Cheely**, Southside Virginia - Alberta

**Anne Yancey**, Southside Virginia - Keysville

**Betty Sword**, Southwest Virginia

**Valerie Adkins**, System Office

**Kathy Rhea**, System Office

**Christina Harris**, Thomas Nelson - Hampton

**Kadisia Archer**, Thomas Nelson - Williamsburg

**Holly Estrada**, Tidewater - Chesapeake

**Emily Hartman**, Tidewater - Norfolk

**Kendra Hawkins**, Tidewater - Portsmouth

**Annette Nealy**, Tidewater - Virginia Beach

**Rachel Law**, Virginia Highlands

**Erik Williams**, Virginia Western

**Lisa Simmeman**, Wytheville

### Faculty and Administrative Leadership Academy Participants

**Hara Charlier**, Blue Ridge

**Donald Pippin**, Danville

**Ann Handy**, Eastern Shore

**Denise Guest**, Germanna - Fredericksburg

**Win Stevens**, Germanna - Locust Grove

**Kiesha Pope**, J. Sargeant Reynolds - Central Admin.

**Lawrence Schwendeman**, J. Sargeant Reynolds - Goochland

**Cara Dillard**, J. Sargeant Reynolds - CCWA

**Pascal Renault**, John Tyler - Chester

**Deborah Ulmer**, John Tyler - Midlothian

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**Judy Batson**, Lord Fairfax - Fauquier

**Joan Osborne**, Lord Fairfax - Middletown

**Vickie Ratliff**, Mountain Empire

**Carol Hurst**, New River

**Frances Villagran-Glover**, Northern Virginia - Alexandria

**Christine Holt**, Northern Virginia - Annandale

**Renee McLaurin**, Northern Virginia - Loudon

**Linda Pinkard**, Northern Virginia - Manassas

**Mark Bumgarner**, Northern Virginia - Woodbridge

**Greg Hodges**, Patrick Henry

**Randall Betz**, Paul D. Camp - Franklin

**Troy Handy**, Paul D. Camp - Suffolk

**Ann Smith**, Piedmont Virginia

**Cherie Carl**, Rappahannock - Glens

**Petie Norris**, Rappahannock - Warsaw

**Melissa Wood**, Southside Virginia - Keysville

**Shari Stacy**, Southwest Virginia

**Chad Smith**, Thomas Nelson - Hampton

**Pat Taylor**, Thomas Nelson - Hampton

**Kellie Sorey**, Tidewater - Norfolk

**Christopher Cartwright**, Tidewater - Virginia Beach

**Gloria Westerman**, VCCS System Office

**Robert May**, Virginia Highlands

**Elizabeth Wilmer**, Virginia Western

**Bruce Brown**, Wytheville

### Inquiry - Spring 2008

Authors:

*Student Support Services for the Underprepared Student*

By **Elizabeth Wilmer**, Dean of Humanities, Virginia Western Community College

*Podcasting's Possibilities*

By **Mimi Leonard**, Instructor, Developmental English, Wytheville Community College

*Using Analogies to Assess Student Learning*

By **Callan Bentley**, Geology Instructor, Northern Virginia Community College

*Increasing the Success of Online Students*

By **Ivan L. Harrell II**, Assist. Prof. and Coordinator for Student Affairs, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College

*Germanna's Treasure Trove of History: A Journey of Discovery*

By **Rob Sherwood**, English Instructor, Germanna Community College

*What would Freud say to Voltaire? The Use of Dialogues in Survey Courses*

By **Linda Simmons**, Associate Professor, Northern Virginia Community College

*Po? Pow? What! A Class Project to Study Linguistic Variation in English*

**Bruce A. Sofinski**, (with **Dyan Hansford**, **Sue Matthews**, **Rochelle Taylor**, **Kathryn Wilson**, **Rachel Henry** and **Lydia Polonofsky**), Assistant professor and American Sign Language & Interpreter Education (ASL&IE) Coordinator, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

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**Rhonda Catron**, *Wytheville Community College*

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**Terry Whisnant**, *Southside Virginia Community College*

Manager:

**MaryGrace Paden**, Assistant Professor of English, John Tyler Community College

## Paul Lee Professional Development Grants and Workshop Mini-Grants 2008

### Spring 2008

**Patricia Parker**, Rappahannock Community College, Alternative Assessment in Developmental Mathematics

**Kate Simpson**, Lord Fairfax Community College, Art Appreciation: Emphasizing Authentic Writing and Collaboration in an Online Art History Course

**Maureen Cahill**, Tidewater Community college, Selecting and Creating High Quality iPod lessons, and integrating iPod technology into the Bb environment in Reading, Spanish & IT

**Fred Dyen**, Blue Ridge Community College, Blended Distance Education/On Site Course Development for Light Sport Aircraft Repairman with a Maintenance Rating

**Robert Chad Patton**, Southside Virginia Community College, Rural, Suburban and Urban Community College Perspectives

**Celia Fryer**, John Tyler Community College, Development of a new Humanities course, Introduction to Latin American Civilization and Culture

**Jane Rosecrans**, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Spirituality and the Writing Process

**David Barrish**, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Problem-based Collaboration and Best Practice Sharing for Hospitality Management & Culinary Arts Faculty

**Leslie Norris**, Rappahannock Community College, Technology Summit

**Rebecca Evans**, Blue Ridge Community College, Students in Free Enterprise Teams (SIFE): Offering VCCS Students Excellence in Classroom and Beyond

**Mia Copeland**, New River Community College, Dementia and Caregiving

**Cynthia French**, Thomas Nelson Community College, Successful Teaching Strategies for Developmental Math

**Dick Harrington**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, "We Teach Who We Are": A Faculty Colloquy on Who We Are as Professionals

**Kelly Snell**, Blue Ridge Community College, Staff Teambuilding Workshop

**Jennifer Koster**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, "Holding the Center: A Workshop for Learning Assistance Administrators"

**Sarah Shutt**, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Best Practices in College Success Skills

### Summer 2008

**Callan Bentley**, Northern Virginia Community College, Think Globally, Learn Locally: a physical geology lab manual tailored to our students, collections, and area

**Jane Rosecrans**, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, American Transcendentalism Project

**David Golden**, John Tyler Community College, A Study of Students' Experiences and Perspectives in Online Composition

**Christine Schull** and **Kathleen Ludlow**, Northern Virginia Community College, and **Teresa Frazier**, Thomas Nelson Community College, Building Blocks for a Common Degree

**Alison Bisson**, Northern Virginia Community College, Improving Math 004 (Algebra 11): A Learner-Centered Environment

**Charles Stinson**, Southside Virginia Community College, Avian images in the early Franciscan art of Orte (Lazio) and Assisi (Umbria) Italy

**Glenda Potts**, John Tyler Community College, Contract Grading: A Study of the Accuracy and Acceptance of an Alternative System for Writing Evaluation

**Anne Megibow**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Expanding Dance Opportunities with Liz Lerman Dance Exchange

**Fred Dyen**, Blue Ridge Community College, Career Studies Certificate Development for LSA Pilot/Mechanic and Flight Instructor

**Kerrigan Sullivan**, John Tyler Community College, Research into the effects and application of the SCHEV funding ration for SPD in the VCCS system

**Roger John Brenner**, Southside Virginia Community College, Intercultural Coaching and Research Project

**Menuna Silah**, Northern Virginia Community College, Develop new course in African Literature

**Jack Lechelt**, Northern Virginia Community College, Faculty Development Seminar: Social Welfare and Public Health in Scandinavia

**Reva Savkar**, Northern Virginia Community College, Global Climate Change and Effect on Waterways International Faculty Seminar

**Benjamin Sloan**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Creating a Comprehensive Information Guide for New, Dual Enrollment/Credit, and Adjunct English Department Faculty

**Sharon Burnham**, John Tyler Community College, Creating Support for Teaching World History

**Martha Roberson**, Virginia Western Community College, Management of Dental Pain and Anxiety

**Elsie Mangano**, Rappahannock Community College, Technology for Nursing Education Workshop

### Fall 2008

**Fred Dyen**, Blue Ridge Community College, Designated Mechanic Examiner Training and Test Development

**Andrew Smith**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Student Newspaper Mentoring Project

**David Moyer**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Gross Anatomy Collaboration to Establish Clinically Relevant Content...to Pioneer a Cadaver-based Lab in Anatomy & Physiology

**Andrew Smith**, Piedmont Virginia Community College, Using Macros in MS Word Accelerate Instructor Feedback on Student Essays

**M.J. Bumb**, Thomas Nelson Community College, Advertisements for Themselves: Authorship in Postwar America

**Jeffrey Scott**, Virginia Western Community College, Curriculum Development of User Support/Help Desk Program

**Margaret Buse**, Blue Ridge Community College, National Park Research and Writing Project for Composition 112

**Angela Mattia**, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Social Networking: the Application of Interconnected Internet Communities as a Way to Enhance Curriculum

## 2008 VaCIE-VCCS International Exchange Delegates/Partners

### Delegates:

**Leonda Keniston**, Sociology, John Tyler Community College in Richmond, is paired with Ipshita Chanda, Professor of Comparative Literature (with special interest in the African Diaspora), Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

**Valerie Palamountain**, Dean of Workforce Services at Piedmont Virginia Community College, Charlottesville, is paired with Saswati Mazumdar, Professor of Engineering, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

**Robert Loser**, Instructional Designer at NVCC, Annandale, is paired with Ajitava Raychaudhuri, Professor of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

**Deborah George Wright**, Vice President for Workforce Development at Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, is paired with Heather Miller, Head of Quality Improvement and Development, South Eastern Regional College, Bangor County Down, Northern Ireland.

### Manager:

**Mary Beth Wentworth**, Associate Professor of English and Humanities, John Tyler Community College

**For more information about VCCS professional development opportunities, go to: [www.vccs.edu/vccsprodev](http://www.vccs.edu/vccsprodev).**

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*We take this time to recognize our colleagues who have succeeded in achieving outstanding professional milestones in the past year.*

*Congratulations to you all!*

**VCCS New Horizons 2009:  
Access, Excellence, Enlightenment**

**Thursday, April 2, 2009**

**12:00 noon**

**The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center**