EduTutorVA Partners with VEDP through InternshipsVA
Virginia-based tutoring nonprofit expands workforce development through paid internships with *InternshipsVA,* the new Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP) initiative

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EduTutorVA, a Virginia-based tutoring nonprofit, will expand its workforce development program through paid internships with InternshipsVA, a new initiative from the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP).

Governor Abigail Spanberger launched InternshipsVA in February as one of her first major economic development announcements, demonstrating her commitment to expanding opportunity for students in every community and strengthening Virginia's business climate.

Workforce development is central to the mission of EduTutorVA. Since the fall of 2020 during the height of the pandemic school closures, the program has offered vulnerable students in grades 3-8, targeted, consistent, small-group instruction that strengthens their academic performance in reading and math – key "building block" subjects for future success in school and beyond.

At the same time, EduTutorVA pays hundreds of college undergraduates from Virginia colleges and universities to serve as virtual high-impact tutors each year. These paid college tutors receive training, mentoring, and a positive introduction to the teaching profession. Not all tutors become teachers, but they are able to take the professional skills they develop in planning, communication, technology, and leadership, into whatever career they choose to pursue.

"As a result, EduTutorVA has become a win-win for both Virginia's K12 as well as higher education students," says the program's executive director, Meredith Fortner. "Thanks to this partnership with InternshipsVA and VEDP, EduTutorVA will provide three robust internships in marketing and communications, technology support, and curriculum development. These specialized roles will help us expand on our mission of providing both high-impact tutoring to students in need along with job-aligned experiences for Virginia's future educators and other professionals."

This fall, EduTutorVA is poised to provide 36,000 hours of high-impact virtual math and reading tutoring to 1,200 students in grades 3-8 attending high-needs schools in Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun counties and the cities of Alexandria and Richmond.

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