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### **Community College Philanthropists Honored with 2022 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy**

**Richmond** – SHINE (Solar Hands-On Instructional Network of Excellence, has received the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. SHINE was nominated for the award by Southside Virginia Community College.

More than two dozen individuals, families, and businesses from around Virginia have earned the 2022 Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy. The awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony in Richmond on Thursday April 21st, 2022.

The annual event, hosted by the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE), honors leading philanthropists from each of Virginia's 23 community colleges as well as the statewide foundation. Recipients are nominated for their outstanding commitment to the growth and development of Virginia's community colleges and their respective foundations.

This year's class of distinguished philanthropy leaders has collectively contributed \$10 million dollars to Virginia's Community Colleges.

SHINE and its members have partnered with Southside Virginia Community College to develop a public-private partnership to build innovative solar career pathways in Virginia. They have provided guidance and boots on the ground assistance to develop curriculum, build a solar lab, assist with building mobile solar labs, and provided research necessary for planning of solar projects and therefore, employment information.

Among the numerous VIPs on-hand for the luncheon were Chancellor Glenn DuBois, State Senator Ghazala Hashmi, Anne Holton, former Virginia Secretary of Education, and professor of Education Policy at George Mason University, and Dr. Stewart Roberson, past chair of the VFCCE. Dr. Bill Hazel, Jr., former secretary of Health and Human Resources, was the event's keynote speaker.

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**Recipients of the 2022 *Chancellor's Award for Leadership in Philanthropy*:**

<b>BLUE RIDGE</b>	Lisa & Bill Moore
<b>CENTRAL VIRGINIA</b>	Fred Armstrong
<b>DABNEY S. LANCASTER</b>	Bank of Botetourt
<b>DANVILLE</b>	City of Danville & Pittsylvania County
<b>EASTERN SHORE</b>	David Landsberger
<b>GERMANNA</b>	Jackie & Ted Hontz
<b>J SARGEANT REYNOLDS</b>	The Lipman Foundation
<b>JOHN TYLER</b>	Sandra "Sandy" & Edwin "Ed" Via
<b>LORD FAIRFAX</b>	Claude Moore Charitable Foundation
<b>MOUNTAIN EMPIRE</b>	The Rapha Foundation
<b>NEW RIVER</b>	Mary Jean & John Brown
<b>NORTHERN VIRGINIA</b>	Rosalie Lesser
<b>PATRICK HENRY</b>	Sovah Health-Martinsville
<b>PAUL D CAMP</b>	Enviva Biomass
<b>PIEDMONT</b>	Albemarle County Rotary Club Foundation
<b>RAPPAHANNOCK</b>	Cammie & Stuart Flanagan
<b>REYNOLDS</b>	Patricia "Pat" Rooney
<b>SOUTHSIDE VA</b>	SHINE (Solar Hands-On Instructional Network of Excellence)
<b>SOUTHWEST VA</b>	Mary Sue Whitt & Sandy Whitt
<b>THOMAS NELSON</b>	Sandra McKenzie
<b>TIDEWATER</b>	Sentara Healthcare
<b>VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS</b>	Loyal Order of the Moose of Washington County
<b>VIRGINIA WESTERN</b>	Edwin C. Hall
<b>WYTHEVILLE</b>	Family of Matthew Todd Ridgaway
<b>VFCCE</b>	Jane & Dan Dixon

**About Virginia's Community Colleges:** Since 1966, Virginia's Community Colleges have given everyone the opportunity to learn and develop the right skills so lives and communities are strengthened. By making higher education and workforce training available in every part of Virginia, we elevate all of Virginia. Together, Virginia's Community Colleges serve more than 252,000 students each year. For more information, please visit [www.vccs.edu](http://www.vccs.edu).

**About the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education:** Working hand in hand with Virginia's 23 community colleges, the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education seeks to guarantee financial assistance to all students who dream of attending college. The foundation is building an endowment that is already generating interest to provide full scholarships to selected community college students; helping more Virginia foster youth pursue and complete higher education through the Great Expectations program; and leading a partnership to improve rural Virginia's education pipeline through the Rural Virginia Horseshoe Initiative. Learn how the Virginia Foundation for Community College is building the future of Virginia. Visit [VFCCE.org](http://VFCCE.org).