

## 2011 nTelos Teacher of the Year Awards

VAE sponsors special recognition for the educators who are named by their respective school division as the “Teacher of the Year.” Selected by their peers, these teachers are also nominated for state level recognition. VAE honors these teachers at our Annual Awards Reception each August where they receive a plaque and a \$1000 cash prize from the VAE through the generosity of *nTelos Inc.* These awards underscore the community’s appreciation for teaching excellence. This year’s honorees are:

**Martha S. Mikell** . . . . . **Augusta County Schools**  
**Michelle DeMarmels** . . . . . **Staunton City Schools**  
**Tammy Hipes** . . . . . **Waynesboro Public Schools**



*Swing Into the Rainforest*

*Jenna Frank*

*Berkeley Glenn  
Elementary,  
Waynesboro*

### Creative Classroom and Technology Grants Committee

Lee Ann Whitesell, Chair

At the May meeting of the VAE Board, members voted to approve the CCG committee recommendations of Creative Classroom Grants for 27 teachers, totaling about \$20,000. Teachers who are awarded these grants have great ideas and big plans for their students which will now be realized thanks to the generosity of our donors who make the CCG program possible. Although not reflected in the table of grant winners, many grants are true team efforts with teachers collaborating across curriculum areas, grade levels and even schools!

Donor funds are leveraged by the teachers into even larger sources of funds. Many of the successful grant proposals had received commitments from School Boards, Superintendents, Principals, PTAs and local businesses.

The equipment and materials purchased through these grants will benefit nearly 4,500 students in all grade levels in our public schools during the 2011-2012 year. CCG teachers are committed to creatively enriching their classrooms to reach and teach all of their students. Their projects are built around some of the most powerful educational strategies emerging from research about how kids learn, especially “brain-based learning” techniques and the use of instructional technology. Students’ experiences of core academic subjects will be enriched by integration with the arts, computer technology, games and exercise with significant emphasis placed on building their reading skills across the curriculum. And we all know, when students are engaged, they learn faster and more! Much will be accomplished with an average expenditure of less than \$5.00 per student.

Many thanks to the financial generosity of our donors and the time donated by committee members in reviewing the grants that make it possible for VAE to support classroom teachers in such an awesome fashion!!

# President's Remarks . . .

I can't believe the summer is over! I am writing this article in the midst of yet another economically difficult year with a rising Federal deficit and budget cuts looming, yet I am pleased to report that VAE is doing great! We raised over \$48,000 this year, which is 30% more than our conservatively budgeted income. Although we were slightly over budget on expenditures, we ended the year with almost \$58,000 cash in hand, which means that at the beginning of the 2011-2012 fiscal year, we have enough resources to cover our yearly expenditures and are working on fundraising for the following year! We also continue to support our endowment and contributed \$7,098 this year, bringing the total to approximately \$51,000 invested in our endowment account with the Community Foundation to secure VAE's future. I am so grateful for our loyal contributors and our dedicated Board of Directors and committee members who devote their time and energy to our endeavors.

I am proud to report that we contributed \$19,868 to fund 28 Creative Classroom Grants in the 2011 grant cycle. This brings the total amount awarded by the program to approximately \$473,600 since our inception. These grants have benefitted thousands of students and are particularly important to fund innovative or alternative educational programs.

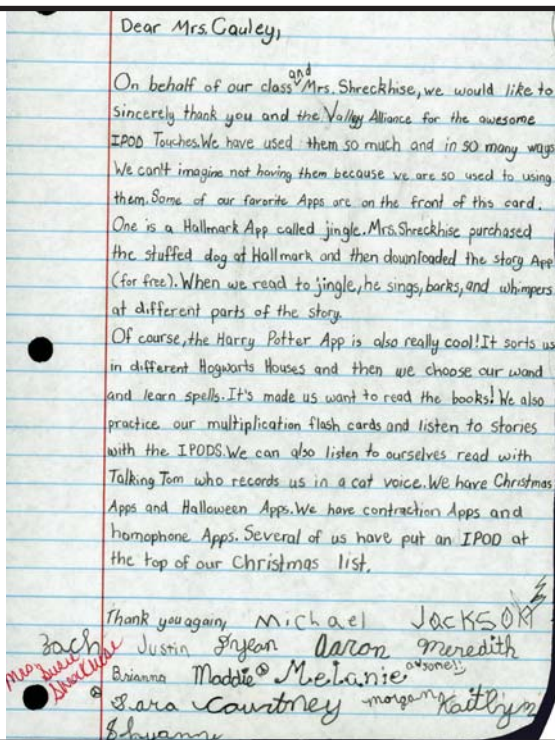
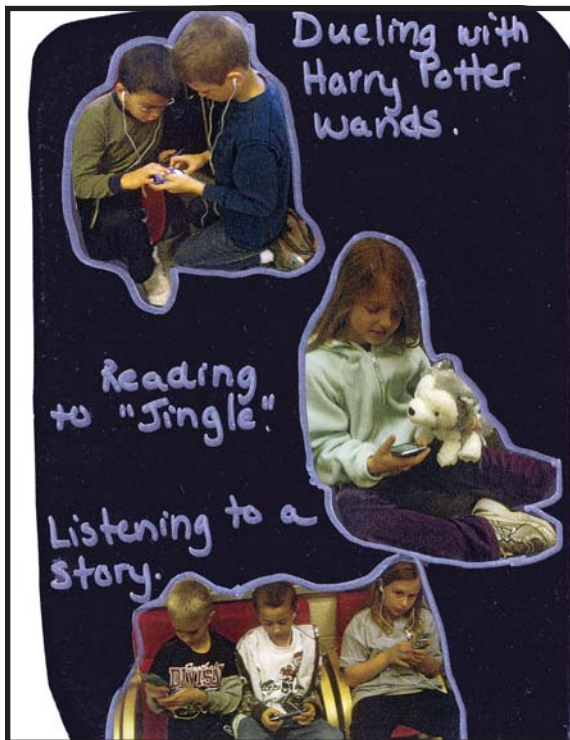
We are moving into a year of transition as we say goodbye to two ladies that have been integral to our organization for many years. Linda Cauley served at the helm of our Creative Classroom Grants Committee for many years. After 18 years serving as director of the Shenandoah Valley Governor's School, she retired and relocated at the end of this school year. Her insight and guidance will be sorely missed! We are blessed that her Governor's School successor, Lee Ann Whitesell, stepped into her shoes in time to recognize the grant winners at our annual reception in August.

We also bid farewell to Lisa Lovelady who has served as VAE's Administrative Assistant since 1999. Her efforts have kept the organization running smoothly and I have come to rely upon her friendly reminders. Her husband has accepted a position as pastor of a church in Jacksonville, Florida, and I wish Lisa and her family every happiness in their new adventure. We were blessed to find Susan Lendermon, who holds a part-time position with the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library helping manage a Department of Education's grant for teachers. She accepted VAE's offer and began training with Lisa in August. We immediately assigned to her the task of compiling this newsletter and are grateful for her efforts!

I am looking forward to VAE's continued success this coming year. I encourage you to visit us at [www.vaeva.org](http://www.vaeva.org) for more information about our programs / initiatives and to obtain our donor form. Please remember VAE if you are considering any planned giving through your estate and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you again for your support!

*Fran Gomez*



*iTouch the Future*

*Susie Shreckhise*

*Clymore Hills  
Elementary,  
Augusta County*

## Dawbarn Award Committee

Pam Huggins

The Dawbarn Education Awards celebrate and reward those who exemplify an ethic of educational excellence in the public schools in the communities of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County. Established through a substantial donation to the Community Foundation in 1992 by H. Dunlop "Buz" Dawbarn, this fund aims to improve public education by rewarding and recognizing the best classroom teachers and student advocates in the region.

At the time of the award program's inception, Mr. Dawbarn asked VAE to partner with the Community Foundation by taking responsibility for establishing a selection process and appointing a selection committee to make recommendations to the Foundation for the distribution of the awards. VAE is proud to assist the Community Foundation each year in the selection of the amazing educators and student advocates who receive these awards.

Each year, at a special awards event, ten educators or other individuals in the community receive this award, which includes a generous cash stipend. Those selected demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to inspiring belief in the importance of education and learning, encourage good citizenship and personal responsibility, and foster high standards of achievement in learning by demonstrating a strong record of success in improving the attitudes and academic achievement of students.

A full explanation of the criteria and nomination process is available through the schools, public libraries, or can be requested from Christiana Shields at the Community Foundation office (540-213-2150) or accessed on the web at [www.communityfoundationcbr.org](http://www.communityfoundationcbr.org). Nomination forms are also available on VAE's website at [www.vaeva.org](http://www.vaeva.org). The deadline for the 2011 Dawbarn Award nominations was October 1st.

The 2010 Dawbarn Award winners were:

### *The 2010 Dawbarn Award Winners*

**Rodney Bowers**, P.E. Teacher and Football Coach, Stuarts Draft High School

**Deborah Hawkins**, Language Arts Teacher, Steward Middle School

**Deborah Winters**, Program Director, Ride with Pride, Inc.

**Russ Laub**, P.E. Teacher, Bessie Weller Elementary School

**Brian Lundstrom**, English Teacher, Kate Collins Middle School

**Elizabeth Williams**, Agriculture Education Teacher, Fort Defiance High School

**Vermell Grant**, Assistant Superintendent, Waynesboro City Schools

**Beverly Miller**, Art Teacher, Wilson Memorial High School

**Julie McCray Turner**, Fourth Grade Teacher, Hugh K. Cassell Elementary School

**Doug Lane**, Teacher and Band Director, Robert E. Lee High School



April 29, 2011  
Dear V.A.E.,  
Thank you for the measurement books and tools. We had so much fun with it. My favorite part was when we went around measuring stuff. Oh and we made out snacks. You have really great stuff!  
P.S. what are you delivering next? please write back  
Raylene

**Read It! Measure It! Apply It!**

Tessa Buchanan

Riverheads Elementary

## **Business-Education Exchange Committee**

Ann Leatherwood, Chair

VAE's Business-Education Exchange Committee operates through a series of work groups, combining resources with the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee. For more information — or to volunteer — please contact Ann Leatherwood at 540/453-2304, or by email at [leatherwooda@brcc.edu](mailto:leatherwooda@brcc.edu).

### **Areas of focus include:**

#### **Academic Achievers Recognition**

The Chamber's May 11, 2011 Academic Achievers Recognition Reception at Blue Ridge Community College's Plecker Workforce Center honored 30 high school seniors from 11 area public and private schools. The Chamber awarded 12 \$1,000 scholarships [four donated by Augusta Health Foundation; two by StellarOne; and one each by Hershey Chocolate, McClung, nTelos, Professional Women's Networking Luncheon (an affiliate of the Successful Women's Alliance Network), Valley Industrial Piping, and the Chamber Board of Directors]. Six VAE representatives served on the review team to determine scholarship winners.

#### **Community Resource Manual**

VAE's online Community Resource Manual lists individuals who are willing to visit classrooms to share their areas of expertise. Entries are organized by category, making it easy for teachers to find just the right speaker for a class visit. Teachers familiar with the resource manual report that it is a user-friendly, valuable tool, and have commented that volunteer presenters were interesting, and provided students with a "real life perspective." To boost awareness of this resource, area superintendents shared the link (<http://www.vaeva.org/resourcemanual.html>) with principals and teachers in September. Hits to that web page shot up dramatically as a result. In the planning stages is a major overhaul of the Community Resource Manual, designed to update contact information and expand the number of entries.

#### **Leadership Greater Augusta**

After a two-year hiatus due to the recession, the Chamber's Leadership Greater Augusta (LGA) program is making a comeback in 2011-12. The program provides leadership skills training and regional information for emerging and existing leaders. Improvements to the LGA curriculum incorporate a fact-finding scavenger hunt, use of the Strength Deployment Inventory, and a new session on social media in the workplace. Topics include public education, local government, diversity, presentation skills, time management, dealing with conflict...and much more! LGA participants also work in teams to complete service projects focused on community issues. For more information, call the Chamber at 540/324-1133.

#### **Mentorship Program**

Mentorship programs in Augusta County, Staunton and Waynesboro school systems this year offered 195 students a chance to experience what work is really like in their chosen fields. Experiences - in settings ranging from offices and schools to industries and hospitals – allow students to see firsthand how the work world differs from the classroom. For a list of participating businesses, please visit the Valley Alliance for Education website at <http://www.vaeva.org/mentorship.html>. To involve your business in mentoring high school students from Augusta County, Staunton and/or Waynesboro, please contact Jenny Groh, Augusta County Schools Mentorship Coordinator, at 245-5015 or at [mentorship@augusta.k12.va.us](mailto:mentorship@augusta.k12.va.us).

## **Website and Communications Committee**

Fran Gomez

Thank you to McClung Companies for working with us to put together this newsletter! McClung has also re-vamped our outdated website and continues to work with us on updates. Please check out the Fall 2011 updates to find membership and contact information for the Board of Directors and Advisory Board and to see the upcoming Meeting Schedule.

Ann Leatherwood is gathering information for the new Community Resource Manual to be added to the website soon.

Please send any information to be updated or added to Susan Lendermon at [vae@ntelos.net](mailto:vae@ntelos.net).

## Grant Winners for 2011-2012

Division	School	Level	Lead Teacher	Title
Augusta	Churchville	Elementary	Erin Sheedy	<i>Creating Mathematical Minds</i>
Augusta	Churchville	Elementary	Erin Sheedy	<i>Action! Action! Read all about it!</i>
Augusta	Churchville	Elementary	Janine Thompson	<i>iCommunicate!</i>
Augusta	Fort Defiance	High	Linda Krause	<i>Shipwrecked students learn to survive using English skills</i>
Augusta	Fort Defiance	High	Elizabeth Williams	<i>Glove up!</i>
Augusta	Fort Defiance	High	Elizabeth Williams	<i>Value in vegetables</i>
Augusta	Fort Defiance	High	Elizabeth Williams	<i>Round em up!</i>
Augusta	Stuarts Draft	High	Martha Mikell	<i>Enhancing laboratory experiments with RED—Really Easy Data collectors</i>
Augusta	Stuarts Draft	High	Abe Mikell	<i>Bouncing 'round the room</i>
Augusta	Stewart	Elementary	Donetta Boothe	<i>All aboard the SSR</i>
Augusta	Verona	Elementary	Randi Baldwin	<i>Sailing upon the measurement seas</i>
Augusta	Wilson	Middle	Jan Melton	<i>Vital visual imagery—the reader's eye</i>
Augusta	Wilson	Middle	Kimbra Norman	<i>If the book fits</i>
Regional	Valley Vo Tech	High	Bobbie Sprouse	<i>We've gone to the dogs!</i>
Staunton	Bessie Weller	Elementary	Christine Paskvich	<i>Picture this!</i>
Staunton	McSwain	Elementary	Jessica Comisford	<i>iPop for iPads!</i>
Staunton	Shelburne	Middle	Jessica Kitta	<i>Listen to learn</i>
Waynesboro	Berkeley Glenn	Elementary	Troy Argenbright	<i>Clay: Please "pinch" me</i>
Waynesboro	Berkeley Glenn	Elementary	Jenna Frank	<i>Do you speak Shakespeare?</i>
Waynesboro	Berkeley Glenn	Elementary	Lauren Matyisin	<i>Flip over learning</i>
Waynesboro	Berkeley Glenn	Elementary	Suzanne Nesbit	<i>Center on me: students</i>
Waynesboro	Kate Collins	Middle	Jane Stopha	<i>Vegetable / herb garden</i>
Waynesboro	Westwood Hills	Elementary	Angela Eutsler	<i>Jumping the sight word hurdle</i>
Waynesboro	Westwood Hills	Elementary	Angela Eutsler	<i>I get the picture!</i>
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	High	Candace Donnelly	<i>Learning about food safety and sanitation</i>
Waynesboro	Waynesboro	High	Kathryn Ford	<i>Cameras for claymation</i>
Waynesboro	William Perry	Elementary	Jenna Frank	<i>This is my country</i>
Waynesboro	William Perry	Elementary	Angela Marie Rutherford	<i>I read, you read, we ALL read with iPads</i>



### Picturing History

Desirae Diehl

Westwood Hills  
Elementary,  
Waynesboro

## Fundraising/Treasurer's Report

Greg Godsey, Treasurer

Thank you for your continued support of VAE!

The 2011 fiscal year from 7/1/2010 to 6/30/11 resulted in another solid fundraising year for the VAE, despite the current economic climate - this year we raised \$39,259 and spent \$43,797 on programs, with Interest income and the Dawbarn fund grant income paying most of our operating expenses for overhead. Donors contributed \$39,259 to support the mission of promoting educational programs in the public schools of Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. This year we received an estate gift for \$7,098 that was passed on to our VAE Endowment Fund, which is our reserve fund that we would like to grow over time to the point the interest on the account supports the annual operating costs of the organization. If you take that one time gift out of fundraising total we were \$1,051 above our total fundraising last year. Our expenses were higher this year due to several factors: Purchase of new computer and printer, cost of website upgrade and cost of financial review. The board has made a commitment to getting our financials reviewed every 3 years by an outside independent accounting firm. Didawick & Knopp reviewed our 6/30/10 financials and gave us a clean report.

We can now accept stock gifts. VAE is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization and all gifts are tax-deductible. Please consider making a gift or increasing your gift in 2011-2012. If you have any questions regarding VAE's finances or giving to VAE, please call me at 540-820-1940.

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

<i>Financial Report</i>	<i>7/1/09-6/30/10</i>	<i>7/01/10-6/30/11</i>
Beginning Cash	\$68,419	\$61,991
Total receipts	\$39,159	\$48,110
Total disbursements	\$45,587	\$52,176
Ending Cash	\$61,999	\$57,925



The Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge VAE Endowment Fund: \$51,000.48 as of 6/30/11.

## 2010-2011 Honor Roll of Donors

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September 28, 2011

Valley Alliance for Education Meeting at Riverheads Elementary School  
Mentorship Report:

# Thank you Mentors!

Each year, the Mentorship Program continues to provide students with professional experiences in their chosen fields. Professional environments provide valuable insights to students as they perform necessary work for their mentors. Regular evaluations by mentors guide students in meeting professional expectations and enable students to determine their suitability for a particular field. Mentors have an opportunity to share their enthusiasm and expertise with some of the most talented students in the area, while influencing and making contributions to the direction of public education in the Valley. This year 195 students from Augusta County, Staunton City, and Waynesboro City Schools are in mentorship positions. The list below shows the outstanding support by our community businesses and industries as they mentor our students.

## Waynesboro City

### David Hannel, Coordinator

Animal Health Care Center  
Augusta Medical Center  
Augusta Pediatrics  
Barren Ridge PT  
Berkeley Glenn Elementary  
City of Waynesboro  
Commonwealth Attorney's Office  
Fishburne & Son Pharmacy  
Dr. Farley  
Dr. William Faulkenberry  
First Baptist Church  
Edward D. Jones  
Kate Collins Middle School  
McClung Companies  
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Poindexter Law Firm  
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Smooth Athletics  
Waynesboro Public Works  
Waynesboro High School  
Waynesboro Parks and Recreation  
Waynesboro Schools-Central Office  
Wenonah Elementary  
Westwood Hills Elementary  
Wildlife Center of VA  
William Perry Elementary  
Wintergreen Resort  
Waynesboro Pediatrics  
Waynesboro Animal Hospital  
Woodworth Animal Hospital

## Staunton City Schools

### Jackie Kurtz- Mentorship Coordinator

Westwood Animal Hospital  
Augusta Regional Free Clinic  
Staunton Augusta Rescue Squad  
Staunton Fire Dept.  
Staunton Police Dept.  
Polyface Farms  
Augusta Orthopedic Surgery  
Blue Ridge Dermatology  
Augusta Pediatrics  
Cedar Crest Animal Hospital  
Baldwin Park/Brightview  
Stonewall Jackson Hotel and Conference Center  
Dixon Preschool  
Jeff Bang DDS  
Augusta Health Care--Pharmacy  
Comfort Care Women's Health  
Carded Graphics  
Staunton Augusta YMCA  
Staunton Parks and Rec  
Frontier Culture Museum  
Pampered Palette

## Augusta County

### Jenny Groh, Mentorship Coordinator

ABC Children's Health Center  
Advantage Physical Therapy  
Ashby Herd Health Service  
Augusta Health Physical Therapy  
Augusta Health Radiology  
Augusta Health Nursing Rotation  
Augusta Health Birthing Suite  
Augusta Health Emergency Department  
Augusta Health Lifetime Fitness Center  
Augusta Health Pharmacy  
Animal Health Care Center  
Augusta County Commonwealth Attorney  
Augusta County Fire/Rescue  
Augusta Co. Sheriff's Department  
Augusta Valley Animal Hospital  
Barren Ridge Physical Therapy  
Bethesda Physical Therapy  
Body Essence Salon and Spa  
Bowman, DDS, Dr. Kenneth  
Cassell Elementary School  
Churchville Elementary  
Classic Aviation  
Clymore Elementary

Comfort Care Women's Health  
Commonwealth Veterinary Clinic  
Complete Family and Cosmetic Dentistry  
Conceptual Marketing and Design  
Cunningham, DDS Dr. Michael  
Dunaway, DDS Dr.  
DuPont Community Credit Union  
First Witness Security  
Fort Defiance High School  
Frontier Culture Museum  
Game & Inland Fisheries  
Historic Staunton Foundation  
Hutchens DDS Dr.  
Ladd Elementary School  
Malone DDS Dr.  
Mansfield, DDS, Dr.  
Maple Lane Veterinary Clinic  
Medical Supply Company  
Middle River Veterinary Hospital  
Moseley Architects  
Dr. Richard Miller, DDS  
NBC 29  
Office on Youth  
Ride With Pride  
Riverheads Elementary School  
Rockingham Memorial Hospital-Radiation  
Shenandoah Valley Regional Program  
Shenandoah Valley Surgical Association  
Staunton News Leader  
Stonewall Jackson Hotel  
Staunton Police Dept.  
Stuarts Draft Animal Hospital  
Stewart Middle School  
Dr. Michael Stout, DDS  
Staunton City Commonwealth Attorney  
Stuarts Draft Elementary  
Stuarts Draft High School  
Stump Elementary School  
Valley Vocational Technical Center  
Vellines, Cobb, Goodwin and Glass  
Verona Elementary School  
Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind  
Waynesboro Police Dept.  
Westwood Animal Hospital  
White DDS, Dr. Alan  
Wildlife Center of Virginia  
Wilson Elementary School  
Wilson Middle School

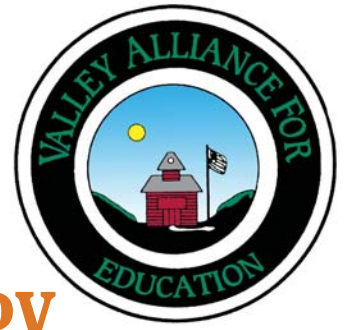
Area business leaders and citizens established the *Valley Alliance for Education* (VAE) in 1990.

*Our mission:*

*Valley Alliance for Education is a regional partnership of employers, educators and community volunteers established to promote excellence in the public schools, which will result in an improved quality of life and economic prosperity in the region.*

*We realize our mission by:*

- Encouraging creative and innovative instructional programs in K-12 classrooms
- Creating opportunities for effective dialogue and partnerships between employers and educators in the region
- Inspiring teaching excellence and supporting workforce development



## The 2011-2012 ALLIANCE ADVISORY

Valley Alliance For Education  
P. O. Box 515  
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The Valley Alliance for Education (VAE) is a non-profit organization that depends on its Board members and donors for financial support and for the volunteering of time and talent. We have been blessed on both fronts. The Board of Directors meets at 7:00 am in September, November, March and May at one of the area public schools or local businesses. Guests and visitors are always welcome.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, VAE received nearly \$40,000 from community-based contributions to support its operating budget. A framed "Honor Roll of Donors" is posted in every public school and in the offices of the local governments. VAE is also supported by the *Buz Dabarn Endowment Fund* managed through the Community Foundation of the Central Blue Ridge.

For information about specific meeting dates and locations, or to support VAE financially, log onto [www.vaeva.org](http://www.vaeva.org) or contact Susan Lendermon, Executive Secretary at 540/943-0029 or [vae@ntelos.net](mailto:vae@ntelos.net).

### VAE Funding and Support



Valley Alliance for Education is an all-volunteer Virginia non-profit organization, qualified as a 501 (c) (3) under the Internal Revenue Code. As such, VAE is directed by a Board of Directors and its programs are supported through committees and individual activities.

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