



AGENDA

IALR Board of Trustees PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 1, 2024 - 9:00-10:30 am – IALR Conference Room 203

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| I. Convening of Meeting | Dr. Greg Hodges |
| A. Welcome | |
| B. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum | |
| C. Call for Changes to Agenda | |
| II. Attendance of Committee Members by Electronic Communication Means (Vote Required) | Dr. Greg Hodges |
| III. Approval of Minutes | Dr. Greg Hodges |
| A. May 2, 2024 (Vote Required) | |
| IV. Programs & Services / Advanced Learning Report | Dr. Julie Brown |
| V. Open Discussion of Concerns, Issues, and Observations | Group |
| VI. Adjournment | Dr. Greg Hodges |

Reference material included: "Advanced Learning Updates"

Future Committee Meetings

October 31, 2024
January 30, 2025
May 1, 2025

Future Plenary Meetings

August 15, 2024
November 14, 2024
February 13, 2025
May 15, 2025

Programs & Services

Committee Members

Dr. Greg Hodges, *Chair*
Dr. Betty Jo Foster
Mr. Don Gibson
Mr. Mark Holland
Ms. Emma Kozlowski
Mr. Don Merricks, *Ex Officio*
Dr. Jerry Wallace

IALR Staff

Mr. Telly Tucker, President
Dr. John Hughes, EVP, Operations
Dr. Julie Brown, VP, Advanced Learning
Ms. Pam Patterson, BOT Secretary & Executive Assistant



IALR Board of Trustees (BOT)

PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes – May 2, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 203

<p><u>Board Members Present</u> Dr. Greg Hodges, <i>Chair</i> Dr. Betty Jo Foster Mr. Don Gibson Ms. Emma Kozlowski, <i>via Zoom</i> Mr. Don Merricks, <i>Ex Officio</i></p> <p><u>Unable to Attend</u> Mr. Mark Holland Dr. Jerry Wallace</p>	<p><u>IALR Staff Present</u> Mr. Telly Tucker, President, IALR Dr. John Hughes, Executive Vice President of Operations Ms. Pam Patterson, BOT Secretary & Executive Assistant Ms. Angela Rigney, GO TEC Director Mr. Brian Stanley, Adv. Learning Program Coordinator</p> <p><u>Staff Unable to Attend</u> Dr. Julie Brown, Vice-President, Advanced Learning</p> <p><u>Guests</u> None</p>
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Call to Order / Quorum / Changes to Agenda

Dr. Greg Hodges, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2024. A quorum was present. There were no changes to the agenda.

Attendance of Committee Members by Electronic Communications Mean

Dr. Greg Hodges announced that Ms. Emma Kozlowski would participate electronically. Due to the distance between her principal residence and the meeting location, Ms. Kozlowski attended via Zoom.

- **Motion:** Mr. Don Gibson made a motion to allow Ms. Kozlowski to attend the meeting via Zoom. Dr. Betty Jo Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The results of the vote are shown below.

Committee Members Absent	-	2
Committee Votes For	-	4

Committee Votes Against	-	0
Committee Abstentions	-	0

Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** Mr. Don Gibson made a motion to approve the February 1, 2024, meeting minutes. Dr. Betty Jo Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Advanced Learning Report

A. Advanced Learning Update

Ms. Angela Rigney, GO TEC Director, presented the Advanced Learning Report in lieu of Dr. Julie Brown’s absence. Pending grant applications and contracts included a GO Virginia per capita proposal for \$489,381 to expand the GO TEC® program and develop a regional apprenticeship hub. Another proposal, the Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Apprenticeship Building America Round 2 grant for \$2.2M, seeks to establish a regional apprenticeship hub and pre-apprenticeship programs. Additionally, grants for AmeriCorps programs and STEM scholarships are in progress.

Personnel updates include the hiring of several program coordinators and assistants for the GO TEC program and the resignation of the REACH manager position.

In AmeriCorps initiatives, recruitment, and community workshops continue, highlighting the ongoing impact on local communities. The GO TEC program reports on various activities across different regions, including advisory council meetings, equipment installations, and educational support.

EmPOWER activities focus on career exposure and work-based learning systems, including events like AspHIRE and internships. The Apprenticeship program has achieved notable milestones, such as registering Virginia's first paramedic apprenticeship.

The REACH partnership continues to serve the community through various workshops and initiatives, while the Wonder Community program offers seminars and workshops on technology and business skills.

Camps, outreach programs, and tours are also ongoing, providing educational experiences for students and community engagement opportunities.

The AL team was involved in various activities, including supporting ATDM interviews, conducting tours for stakeholders, and attending community events.

Upcoming events of interest include the virtual Virginia Volunteerism Summit, the Lead Virginia visit, and the Virginia Rural Leadership Institute.

B. Wonder Community & AmeriCorps Update

Mr. Brian Stanley reported that the Wonder Community hosted 76 workshops this fiscal year with 399 participants, covering diverse topics like computer training, cooking, fishing, and arts. Membership offers access to workshops and benefits such as free attendance and donations to selected nonprofits. Challenges include seeking outside presenters, while wins include growing membership and strong member connections. Upcoming events include presentations on ChatGPT, Cricut Open Lab, an American Sign Language (ASL) series, a tour of Imagination Lavender Farm, cooking classes, a fishing series, and a mechanic series to teach basic car maintenance skills.

C. GO TEC Update

Ms. Rigney reported that website updates for marketing and outreach are in progress. Asset Mapping is being used to determine the schedules for middle schools offering GO TEC. A Go TEC guide is being developed to clarify the program's expectations and protect the model.

Open Discussion of Concerns, Issues, and Observations

No concerns, issues, or observations were discussed.

Adjournment

Dr. Hodges adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

Ms. Pam Patterson
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Dr. Greg Hodges
Chair, Programs & Services Committee

Date

Date

Attachments Included as Official Part of These Minutes

Exhibit A - Advanced Learning Updates – May 2024

Exhibit B – Advanced Learning Quad Chart – May 2024

Advanced Learning (AL) Updates

August 2024

NEW GRANT AWARDS/CONTRACTS:

1. \$226,963 from AmeriCorps (state formula) for the Dan River Year (DRY) program to support improved STEM and literacy outcomes for elementary and middle school students.
2. \$218,678 from AmeriCorps to support up to 15 Public Health AmeriCorps members [final year; Covid recovery].
3. \$302,690 from GO Virginia, with support from Region 3 (Per Capita), for GO TEC expansion to install middle school labs in Brunswick and Henry counties.

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS/CONTRACTS:

Not applicable

PERSONNEL UPDATES:

1. Current Advanced Learning FTE: 18 employees. Interviewing to fill REACH Program Manager position.
2. Tori Neal graduated from Leadership Southside on May 30, 2024.
3. Promotions:
 - a. Dana Silicki promoted to Director of STEM, Service and Lifelong Learning
 - b. Jessie Vernon promoted to Director of Employer Engagement and Experiential Learning
 - c. Brian Stanley promoted to Program Coordinator II
4. Dr. Julie Brown has been selected and approved for membership by The Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship {ACES} and will be inducted on August 15, 2024.

AMERCORPS:

- Staff attended the Virtual VA Volunteerism Summit hosted by the Virginia Service Commission, May 15 – 16th.
- Participated in Serve 365 Resource Fair at Ballou Park on May 18, 2024, to recruit AmeriCorps members.

Dan River Year (DRY) AmeriCorps

Current: 19 Minimum-time members (4 successful exits)

- DRY AmeriCorps members assisted with three week-long camps (see Summer Camp section for details).
- Orientation for four new AmeriCorps summer members.

REACH Public Health AmeriCorps

Current: 5 members [3 three-quarter time and 2 half-time]; four members completed service

May Workshops:

UTI workshop @ Pelham Community Center	9 participants
UTI workshop @ Hilltop Village	8 participants
Dementia workshop @ Holiday Village	16 participants
Asthma/COPD workshop @ Heritage Towers	4 participants
Cognitive Thinking workshop @ Riverside Nursing Home	17 participants

June Workshops:

Benefits of Exercise workshop @ House of Hope	5 participants
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Mind Over Body workshop @ New Ephesus Church/Caswell	3 participants
Scams workshop @ DCC	12 participants
Dementia workshop @ New Ephesus Church/Caswell	5 participants
Elder Scams workshop @ High Rock Church	5 participants
Osteoporosis workshop @ Hilltop	4 participants
Dementia workshop @ Brookdale Senior Living	9 participants
Falls Risks workshop @ Holiday Village	4 participants
Aging Gracefully workshop @ Heritage Towers	5 participants
Diabetes workshop @ Riverside Nursing Home	43 participants

GO TEC® (Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers)

REGION 3 & Administrative [Angela Rigney, Jake Taylor, Chris Griffith, Abby Karavanic]

- Region 3 Advisory Council meeting on June 25th, hosted by Comfort Systems, USA.
- Offered a VEX robotics summer camp for eleven 9th & 10th graders in partnership with G-CAPS ay IALR.
- Hosted the Piedmont Summer Regional Governors School students at IALR: over four days, 64 5th – 8th grade students were introduced to Arduino Unos and the Structure tester.
- Executed a data-sharing agreement with UVA for GO TEC evaluation.
- Jake Taylor is working with Henry County Schools on the 9th and 10th grade pilot program to order equipment, supported through DMCSF funding.
- GO TEC Mobile Lab supported Central Elementary School in Eden, NC for a parent/student/teacher conference night.
- Iredell-Statesville School Division visited the GO TEC Training Lab & Mobile Lab to learn more about this regional model including a visit to the STEM Academy and Career and Technical Center in Pittsylvania County.
- GO TEC Mobile Lab provided activities to support Gear-Up student groups and 8th grade students in Lancaster County Schools. 137 students participated in the event.
- Angela Rigney and Jake Taylor met with Mount Rogers Regional Partnership and Virginia Tech Center for Economic and Community Engagement to discuss project plans for virtual reality integration and had a follow-up meeting to share the GO TEC model.
- Babylon Microfarms STEM Garden arrived at IALR and beta testing has started.
- Meeting with Hitachi – Halifax to discuss energy module.

REGION 1 [Tim Kilbourne / Bethany Meyers]

- Toured Hitachi Energy in Bland County. Hitachi is providing \$50,000 to support the middle school lab in Bland.
- Held Region 1 Advisory Council meeting on June 6th in partnership with EO (formerly UWSWVA).
- Received second expansion grant from GO Virginia (Region 1 per capita) at their June meeting to increase the number of middle school labs: Bland County and Tazewell County; Smyth County and Washington County will each receive a second lab; Wythe County will get their third and final lab.
- Meetings in July with various stakeholders to share GO TEC model: Southwest VA Workforce Development Board, Mount Rogers Workforce Development Board, Southwest Virginia Alliance for Manufacturers, AMR PEMCO and ERM, Wythe County Joint IDA, Scott County Public Schools, Wise County Public Schools, and Bristol VA Economic Development.

REGION 4 [Evan Jones / Drew Jackson]

- Supported classroom tech installation in Hopewell and Dinwiddie.
- Working with CCAM and Brightpoint on registered apprenticeships with support from IALR-based staff.

- Negotiating a contract modification with DHCD to add Sussex Central Middle School into a current Region 4 GO TEC grant.

REGION 5 [Alecia Stancil / Gwendolynn Malone]

- Hosted a robotics camp for 30 6th-9th grade students at Brooks Crossing.
- Provided an introduction to welding for 20 special needs adults at Brooks Crossing.
- Provided a tour of the Region 5 GO TEC lab to Christopher Newport University Faculty members.
- Supported visit from an Australian delegation in partnership with the Hampton Roads Workforce Council.
- GO TEC staff met with HRWC and StarBase Victory regarding the GO TEC program and how they can partner with GO TEC.
- Region 5 Advisory Council meeting held on July 26, 2024.
- Potential for eight new GO TEC Career Connections labs in partnership with Newport News, Norfolk, Suffolk, Isle of Wight, and Chesapeake.

EmPOWER: career exposure/engagement and Work-based Learning (WBL) system

- Close-out reporting for GO Virginia ExperienceWorks grant.
- Shared information on EmPOWER and V-TOP internships at the City of Danville’s Business Appreciation event on June 5, 2024.

EXCITE (Exploring Careers through Industry Teacher Externships)

- EXCITE Orientations were held on June 6th, 15th and 29th
- 6 Educators participated in the June and July cohorts:

Educator	School Division
Tammy Beckelheimer	Pittsylvania
Cody Rigney	Henry
Donna Kaczor	Henry
Marissa Wyatt	Henry
Daphne Bullock	Henry
Kevan Keane	Pittsylvania

- Business Hosts: IALR; Kaylyn McCluster (Pittsylvania County BOS); The Bee Hotel; Danville Fire Department; Kegerreis Digital Marketing; Rudy’s Girl Media; the Virginia Museum of Natural History; Blue Ridge Aquaculture; BTW21; Pathfinders Resources; Pittsylvania County Public Library
- Call with Deputy Secretary Nicole Overly and Dep. Sec. Lizbeth White on July 12, 2024 to share details on the EXCITE program and potential efforts to expand in Virginia.

Internships:

- 27 interns from Danville Public Schools
- 5 interns from Pittsylvania County Public Schools
- Hosted both the PCS and DPS Internship bootcamps
- Partnered with Goodwill of the Valleys to process intern stipends (new in 2024)

High School Internship Employer Sponsors:

Fastech- 2	IALR (Research) - 1
Danville Police Dept. (PEACE Center) – 2	Pittsylvania Co. Government - 1
Danville Public Schools – 20	Danville Parks & Rec - 2
Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber – 1	Danville Historical Society – 4

Apprenticeship (ExTRA)

- Two new program registrations: DMA Floors, Richmond, VA: Terrazzo Finisher (Caesars Contractor) and Rockwood Specialties, Bassett, VA: Manufacturing Technician (also Caesars contractor, located in Bassett)
- 13 apprentices signed: Presto: 9 Owens-Illinois: 2 Tekabyte: 1
- One apprenticeship completer: O-I
- Two private training providers approved: ATDM and Not Built 2 Break
- For the Dept. of Labor’s first Youth Apprenticeship Week, supported “Spark Your Future” event for Pittsylvania Career & Technical Center students with Spitzer Electric.
- Provided technical assistance to City of Greensboro and Pittsburgh, PA Fire Commissioner on apprenticeship.
- Attended Southern Virginia Higher Education Center’s Career Tech Academy (CTE) Completion Ceremony, recognizing six youth apprentices.
- Tori Neal met with the Governor’s EMS Workforce Council Chair to share information on EMT and Paramedic apprenticeships.
- New website went “live”: <https://goextra.org/>
- Provided apprenticeship SME and support to: Salem County EMS, Serenity Cabinets & Millwork, Spitzer, Inc., DCC, Area 2 Farms, Hammer Hill Computers, and Flipp, Inc.

Teamship:

Supported the 757 Regional Internship Collaborative's Teamship Cycle by coaching seven students through a one-week intensive virtual cohort. The students were from Norfolk State and Virginia Wesleyan.

MajorClarity [online academic planning, career exposure, and WBL platform]

- For the 20-24-2025 School Year (SY), 11 school divisions are keeping MajorClarity; five of those opting for 3-year contracts.
 - Did not keep MajorClarity: Buckingham, Charlotte, Halifax, and Prince Edward (transitioned to *School Links*). *Virginia Wizard* is free and some divisions are using this as a tool for career exposure.
 - 1 Year Contract: Amelia; Brunswick; Henry; Martinsville; Mecklenburg; and Nottoway
 - 3 Year Contract: Cumberland; Danville; Lunenburg; Patrick; and Pittsylvania
- 47% platform usage as a region for the school year. Three school divisions with over 65% usage: Lunenburg (72%), Martinsville (84%), and Danville (65%).

District name	Current enrolled students	Current year activations by students	Percent students activated	ACPs started	Pathway selection student total
Lunenburg County School District	1032	744	72.09%	81	579
Martinsville City Public Schools	1183	1004	84.87%	461	775
Henry County Schools	3735	2281	61.07%	745	2257
Nottoway County School District	1063	550	51.74%	22	131
Brunswick County VA	726	327	45.04%	114	363
Mecklenburg County Public Schools	1946	794	40.80%	42	364
Pittsylvania County Schools	4299	2136	49.69%	310	1502
Amelia County Public Schools	839	506	60.31%	364	558
Buckingham County Public Schools	1355	488	36.01%	21	67

Patrick County Public Schools	1111	529	47.61%	198	653
Danville Public Schools	2754	1805	65.54%	38	828
Prince Edward County	1215	353	29.05%	6	325
Charlotte County Public Schools	851	212	24.91%	1	34
Cumberland County Public Schools VA	626	254	40.58%	68	428
Halifax County Public Schools	2475	44	1.78%	2	472

Camps, STEM Outreach, Fieldtrips:

Camps:

- June 3-6: GCAPS and GO TEC: 11 students (Rising 9 -10th grade)
- June 10-14: Racing Games with Unity/Discover your Inner Scientist: 20 students (Rising 3 -8th grade)
- June 17-21 Beats and Jams: Digital Music Creators/STEM: From and Artist’s View: 20 students (Rising 3 -8th grade)
- June 24-28 Escape Room/Challenge Accepted: 25 students (Rising 3 -8th grade)
- July 1-3 STEM in the Movies: 12 students (Rising K -4th grade)
- July 8-12 STEM in Space/Around the World: 17 students (Rising 3 -8th grade)
- July 15-19 Young Authors Unite/STEM Studios: 13 students (Rising 3 -8th grade)
- July 22-26 AI Adventures – Intro to Machine Learning/CodeQuest: 20 students (Rising 3 -8th grade)

STEM Field Trips & Outreach

- Hosted field trips for Halifax County Gifted (68 students) and Franklin County Middle (28 students), providing Dash Bot activities, DNA extraction, and Engineering challenges.
- AL Team supported the City of Danville’s Children’s Festival; 60 students engaged with the GO TEC mobile lab and display table to recruit for camps and AmeriCorps.

IALR Internships

- IALR is supporting 13 interns.

Intern Name	Division
Reno McNeal	Facilities Maintenance
Amaiya Griffin	Human Resources
Ethan Wilkerson	Information Technology
Finn Holbrook	Public Relations & Communications
Aryan Kulkarni	SVRA- Research & Data Analysis
Addyson Hunsicker	SVRA- Research & Data Analysis
Savannah Overby	GOTEC
Alex Pearson	AL- Marketing & Program Development
Gabrielle Griffin	EmPOWER
Elizabeth McAdams	Applied Research
Evelyn Larking	Applied Research
Lance Mitchell	Biotechnology
Nicholas Breen	AgTech Research

+ 1 Intern through the PCS program (AET student)

- End-of-summer presentations and luncheon will be held on Aug. 1, 2024 for interns and invited guests.

IALR Scholarships

District	Student Name	College
Halifax	Emily Crews	Longwood University
Halifax	Nora Lewis Bohanon	Clemson University
Halifax	Dontrell Stephens	Stanford University
Mecklenburg	Isabella Beatty	University of Virginia
Mecklenburg	Xzaevion Carrington	Christopher Newport University
Pittsylvania	Eli Goins	Virginia Tech
Pittsylvania	Mia Davis	Radford University Carilion
Pittsylvania	Abigail Lent	University of Virginia
Pittsylvania	Carlie Marshall	North Carolina State University
Franklin	Abraham Gherman	West Virginia University
Franklin	Easton John Sawyers	Virginia Western Community College
Danville	Sara Al-Azzam	Northwestern University
Danville	Neil Shroff	University of Virginia
Henry	Jordan Caldwell-McGhee	James Madison University
Henry	Heaven Garten	University of Virginia
Henry	Eva "Camille" Underwood	University of Virginia

REACH Partnership

- Community Paramedics (CP) conducted BP/BS screening @ Holiday Village and Heritage Towers on May 14, 2024
- Community Paramedics conducted BP/BS screening @ Danville House on May 23, 2024
- Cancer Task Force Meeting to discuss new initiatives in the area on June 11, 2024
- Staff attended the Danville Chapter of the Health Collaborative meeting on June 13, 2024.
- CP conducted BP/BS checks during Outreach Clinics at Holiday Village and Heritage Towers on June 11, 2024
- Dr. Brown attended the SOVA Partnership for Health Sciences Careers Summit on June 20, 2024; mtg with Deloitte to discuss healthcare data research findings.
- Staff are attending the SOVA Partnership for Health Sciences Career Convening on August 1, 2024 at IALR.
- CP conducted BP/BS checks during Outreach Clinic at Danville House on June 27, 2024.
- Dr. Brown is meeting with Danville stakeholders to discuss Day Center option to address homeless population needs.
- REACH/IALR serving as a clinical practicum site for Vilma Ferrell who is pursuing a DNP through UNC-Pembroke. Ferrell will complete an organizational culture assessment of the REACH Partnership.

Wonder Community

86 active members

May events:

- Provided six workshops with 20 participants on Canva, Intro to Excel, Cricut, and American Sign Language.

- Provided a Cyber Safety workshop for DCC – TARE students.
- Teams Training for the City of Danville IT Department.
- Intro to ChatGPT for Martinsville-Henry County Chamber members.
- Overview of Wonder Community for the Lions Club on May 23, 2024.

June events:

- Three one-on-one computer sessions.
- Intro to Excel (5 participants), Canva (2 participants) and Word (Wednesday Club – 9 participants).
- Lavendar Farm tour with 19 participants
- Cricut HTV at NCI (3 participants).

** July events will be adding in advance of the August Board meeting.*

AET (Academy for Engineering and Technology)

- ❖ 14 AET students earned a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC).
- ❖ Meeting with Dr. Jones (PCS), Dr. Stone (DPS), Dr. Wallace and Dr. Johnson (DCC) on July 22, 2024 to discuss options for the AET program moving forward. AL Team will asset map engineering education resources.
- ❖ AET Open House Aug. 6th at IALR
- ❖ Finalizing contract with DCC for AET instructor for the 2024-25 school year.
- ❖ 2024-2025 Enrollment: 16 PCS and 9 DPS Juniors [FULL COHORT]; 13 PCS and 7 DPS Seniors

2024 AET Graduate Post-HS plans:

Melanie Barber – McNeese State University – Accounting
 Shaffer Boles – Auburn University – Building Science
 Jacob Boswell – Danville Community College – Engineering
 Mason Bradley – Old Dominion University – Mechanical Engineering
 Devyn Connor – Danville Community College – Undecided
 Matteo Costagliola – George Mason University – Computer Science
 Andrew Cruz-Herrera – Virginia Tech - Architecture
 Mia Davis – Radford University Carilion – Nursing
 Zach Harris – University of Alabama – Computer Science
 Corban Holley – Sylvain Melloul International Hair Academy – Cosmetology
 Kyle Kirby – Virginia Tech – Biology
 Brooke Lopez-Mahaley – William & Mary – Forensic Psychology
 Dylan McFalls – Averett University – Marketing Management
 Andrew Mitchell – Danville Community College – Engineering
 Sarah Parsons – Danville Community College – Nursing
 Caleb Pearson – Virginia Tech – Mechanical Engineering
 Maycie Petrushak – University of Virginia – Architecture
 Hannah Simpson – Longwood University – Nursing
 Spence Thomas – Old Dominion University – Computer Engineering
 Brandon Thompson – Old Dominion University – Computer Science
 Kenley Turner – Radford University Carilion – Nursing
 Sarah Williams – North Carolina State University – Nuclear Engineering

AL TEAM DEVELOPMENT/PD/Community Engagement & Stakeholder Meetings/Personnel

- Hosted an IALR Advanced Learning Overview and tour of GO TEC for:
 - Delegate Eric Phillips on May 9, 2024.
 - Lead Virginia participants on May 17, 2024
 - Virginia Rural Leadership Institute (VRLI) on May 23, 2024
 - Sorensen Institute on June 21, 2024

- Dep. Secretary of Labor Nicole Overley and Andrew Reedy (VirginiaWorks) on June 10, 2024
- Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney on June 11, 2024
- Deloitte researchers on June 20, 2024
- SVRA prospect on June 24, 2024 and July 23, 2024
- State Senator Aaron Rouse (Virginia Beach area) on July 15, 2024
- AL Team members attended the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Session luncheon on May 9, 2024.
- Dr. Brown attended the Richmond Federal Reserve’s Inverting in Rural America conference on May 21 – 22, 2024
- AL team members attended the DPC Chamber Annual Awards event on May 30, 2024.
- Jessie Vernon & Audia Harris organized the “Breaking Barriers: Women Leading in Nontraditional Careers” panel for DPC Chamber’s WE Lead program (40 participants).
- Dr. Brown served as a judge for the SOVA RISE Small Business pitch competition at SVHEC.
- Jake Taylor participated in Fanuc *Roboguide* Training.
- Alecia Stancil and Gwyn Malone participated in a Fanuc *Aligning Skills Between Industry and Education* professional development opportunity.
- Angela Rigney attended the HTEC Conference July 22 – 26, 2024

UPCOMING of INTEREST:

1. GO Virginia State Board Retreat & Board meeting at IALR on Sept. 9 – 10, 2024
2. Career Expo (West event at the Old Dominion Ag Center) is September 25-26, 2024.