



## AGENDA

### IALR Board of Trustees PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 7, 2026 - 9:00-10:30 am – IALR Conference Room 203

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| I. <b>Convening of Meeting</b>   | Mr. Mark Holland  |
| A. Welcome   |                   |
| B. Call to Order and Confirmation of Quorum  |                   |
| C. Call for Changes to Agenda  |                   |
| II. <b>Attendance of Committee Members by Electronic Communication Means (Vote Required)</b> | Mr. Mark Holland  |
| III. <b>Approval of Minutes (Vote Required)</b>  | Mr. Mark Holland  |
| A. August 7, 2025  |                   |
| B. October 30, 2025  |                   |
| C. January 29, 2026  |                   |
| IV. <b>Programs &amp; Services / Advanced Learning Report</b>                                | Dr. Melanie Lewis |
| V. <b>Open Discussion of Concerns, Issues, and Observations</b>                              | Group             |
| VI. <b>Adjournment</b>   | Mr. Mark Holland  |

Reference material included: “Advanced Learning Updates”

#### Future Committee Meetings

#### Future Plenary Meetings

May 14, 2026

#### **Programs & Services**

##### **Committee Members**

Dr. Greg Hodges, *Chair*  
Mr. Don Gibson, *Ex Officio*  
Mr. Mark Holland  
Dr. Cornelius Johnson  
Ms. Emma Kozlowski  
Ms. Connie Nyholm

##### **IALR Staff**

Mr. Telly Tucker, President  
Dr. John Hughes, EVP, Operations  
Dr. Melanie Lewis, VP, Advanced Learning  
Ms. Pam Patterson, BOT Secretary



**IALR Board of Trustees (BOT)  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes – August 7, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 203**

<p><b><u>Board Members Present</u></b> Dr. Greg Hodges, <i>Chair, via Zoom</i> Mr. Don Gibson Mr. Mark Holland Ms. Emma Kozlowski, <i>via Zoom</i> Mr. Charles Majors Ms. Connie Nyholm</p> <p><b><u>Unable to Attend</u></b> Dr. Cornelius Johnson</p>	<p><b><u>IALR Staff Present</u></b> Dr. John Hughes, Executive Vice President of Operations Ms. Pam Patterson, BOT Secretary Ms. Dana Silicki, Dir., STEM, Service and Lifelong Learning, Advanced Learning</p> <p><b><u>Staff Unable to Attend</u></b> Mr. Telly Tucker, President, IALR</p> <p><b><u>Guests</u></b> None</p>
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**Call to Order / Quorum / Changes to Agenda**

Dr. Greg Hodges called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2025. A quorum was present. There were no changes to the agenda.

**Attendance of Committee Members by Electronic Communications Mean**

Dr. Greg Hodges and Ms. Emma Kozlowski attended the meeting virtually via Zoom in accordance with relevant electronic participation guidelines. Dr. Hodges' remote attendance was due to his participation in an out-of-town meeting for Patrick & Henry Community College. Ms. Kozlowski's remote attendance was due to the distance between her principal residence and the meeting location.

- **Motion:** Mr. Mark Holland made a motion to allow Dr. Hodges and Ms. Kozlowski to attend the meeting via Zoom. Mr. Don Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The results of the vote are shown below.

Committee Members Absent	-	1
Committee Votes For	-	4
Committee Votes Against	-	0
Committee Abstentions	-	0

### **Approval of Minutes**

- **Motion:** Mr. Don Gibson made a motion to approve the May 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Mr. Mark Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Programs & Services / Advanced Learning Report**

Ms. Dana Silicki presented the Advanced Learning narrative report (Exhibit A) and the quad chart report (Exhibit B).

The department submitted a \$2.2 million grant proposal to the Danville Regional Foundation (DRF) and had pending grant applications related to apprenticeships and healthcare hubs. Additionally, a grant request for \$19,450 was submitted to the Community Foundation of the Dan River Region (CFDRR) to support summer camp scholarships and service-learning camps. A grant application to the Hughes Foundation is planned for submission later in the month.

During the summer, the department enrolled 13 members in the AmeriCorps program. Service terms were completed successfully by two members of the Regional Engagement to Advance Community Health (REACH) initiative and ten members of the Dan River Year (DRY) program.

The IALR Foundation contributed eighteen \$1,000 scholarships to support the summer intern program. Departments hosting interns included:

- Applied Research – 6
- Advanced Learning – 3
- Communications & Public Relations – 1
- Economic Development/SVRA – 2
- Information Technology – 1
- Manufacturing Advancement – 5

The department organized ten service events over the summer, including summer camps with 135 participants. Efforts continue to identify partners and secure funding to support ongoing and future programs.

Additional information is included in the full report.

### **Open Discussion of Concerns, Issues, and Observations**

No concerns, issues, or observations were discussed.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Hodges adjourned the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Ms. Pam Patterson  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Dr. Greg Hodges, Chair  
Programs & Services Committee

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Date

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Date

**Attachments Included as Official Part of These Minutes**

Exhibit A - Advanced Learning Updates – July/August 2025

Exhibit B - Advanced Learning Quad Chart – July/August 2025



**IALR Board of Trustees (BOT)  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes – October 30, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 203**

<p><b><u>Board Members Present</u></b> Mr. Don Gibson, <i>Ex Officio</i> Mr. Mark Holland Dr. Cornelius Johnson</p> <p><b><u>Unable to Attend</u></b> Dr. Greg Hodges, <i>Chair</i> Ms. Emma Kozlowski Ms. Connie Nyholm</p>	<p><b><u>IALR Staff Present</u></b> Mr. Telly Tucker, President, IALR Dr. John Hughes, Executive Vice President of Operations Ms. Pam Patterson, BOT Secretary Ms. Dana Silicki, Director, STEM, Service Lifelong Learning, Advanced Learning</p> <p><b><u>Staff Unable to Attend</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Guests</u></b> None</p>
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**Call to Order / Quorum / Changes to Agenda**

Mr. Mark Holland called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025. A quorum was not present. There were no changes to the agenda.

**Attendance of Committee Members by Electronic Communications Means**

No participants joined via electronic communication.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the previous meeting minutes (August 7, 2025) was deferred to the January 29, 2026, meeting due to the absence of a quorum.

**Programs & Services / Advanced Learning Report**

Ms. Dana Silicki presented the Programs & Services/Advanced Learning narrative report (Exhibit A) and the Quad Chart report (Exhibit B). The Advanced Learning division reported a busy period, including ongoing grant applications, a deferred decision on a \$2 million DRF proposal, and updates on previously submitted Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests. Personnel changes included the resignations of two program coordinators. AmeriCorps concluded its grant year with 40 members completing over 19,000 service hours and launched a new cycle with 36 members. GO TEC® expanded across multiple regions with new lab installations, teacher trainings, and outreach events, including visits from Senator Tim Kaine and other

stakeholders. EmPOWER supported career exposure and work-based learning, contributing to the Southside Higher Education Coalition report. Career ChoICE EAST was paused due to logistical challenges, but the twelfth annual Youth Expo successfully engaged nearly 3,000 students. Internship programs wrapped up with celebratory events and presentations, while apprenticeship efforts registered 15 new apprentices and four new programs. The Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (VTOP) initiative transitioned to the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), and the first EmPOWER Exchange was hosted. The Talent Pathways Initiative completed the U.S. Chamber’s Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) Academy and hosted a manufacturing-focused study. The REACH Partnership continued to engage the community through health events and collaborative meetings. The Wonder Community offered computer and cooking classes, and the Academy for Engineering and Technology (AET) began the school year with 45 students. Staff participated in various professional development and stakeholder meetings, including presentations at the Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Summit and regional workforce tours. The upcoming Region 3 Futures Summit on November 18 will feature keynotes on AI and workforce trends.

The committee discussed various funding updates and challenges. A 3-year grant to the Danville Regional Foundation, which includes funding for AmeriCorps and internships, was pending. The GO Virginia grant, which funds staff positions, received verbal approval for an extension until June 2026, though future funding will be needed after that. The department is working on strategies to secure sustainable funding for their programs.

The report highlighted successful computer training workshops and youth mental health initiatives. The GoTEC program was experiencing rapid expansion, installing new labs in 76 middle schools, though growth is being managed to ensure adequate resources.

### **Open Discussion of Concerns, Issues, and Observations**

No concerns, issues, or observations were discussed.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Mark Holland adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

*Signatures and exhibits are shown on the following page.*

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Ms. Pam Patterson  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Mr. Mark Holland, BOT Vice-Chair

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Date

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**Attachments Included as Official Part of These Minutes**

Exhibit A - Programs & Services/Advanced Learning Updates – October 21, 2025

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**IALR Board of Trustees (BOT)  
PROGRAMS & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes – January 29, 2026 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 203**

<p><b><u>Board Members Present</u></b> Dr. Greg Hodges, <i>Chair</i> Mr. Don Gibson Ms. Emma Kozlowski, <i>via Zoom</i> Ms. Connie Nyholm, <i>via Zoom</i></p> <p><b><u>Unable to Attend</u></b> Mr. Mark Holland Dr. Cornelius Johnson</p>	<p><b><u>IALR Staff Present</u></b> Mr. Telly Tucker, President, IALR Dr. John Hughes, Executive Vice President of Operations Dr. Melanie Lewis, Vice President, Advanced Learning Ms. Pam Patterson, BOT Secretary Ms. Dana Silicki, Dir., STEM, Service and Lifelong Learning, Advanced Learning</p> <p><b><u>Staff Unable to Attend</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Guests</u></b> None</p>
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**Call to Order / Quorum / Changes to Agenda**

Dr. Greg Hodges called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2026. A quorum was present. There were no changes to the agenda.

Dr. Hodges introduced Dr. Melanie Lewis, Vice President, Advanced Learning. Dr. Lewis shared her background in higher education, highlighting her experience at Averett University and Alamance Community College, and expressed her excitement about returning to the Danville community.

**Attendance of Committee Members by Electronic Communications Means**

Dr. Greg Hodges announced that Ms. Emma Kozlowski and Ms. Connie Nyholm would attend the meeting virtually via Zoom in accordance with relevant electronic participation guidelines. Ms. Kozlowski's and Ms. Nyholm's remote attendance was due to the winter storm conditions.

- **Motion:** Mr. Don Gibson made a motion to allow Ms. Kozlowski and Ms. Nyholm to attend the meeting via Zoom. Dr. Greg Hodges seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The results of the vote are shown below.

Committee Members Absent	-	2
Committee Votes For	-	2
Committee Votes Against	-	0
Committee Abstentions	-	0

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the previous meeting minutes (August 7, 2025, and October 30, 2025) was deferred to the April 30, 2026 meeting.

### **Programs & Services / Advanced Learning Report**

Ms. Dana Silicki presented the Advanced Learning narrative report (Exhibit A) and the quad chart report (Exhibit B). She reported that the department consisted of 16 full-time equivalent positions and 35 AmeriCorps members. Extramural funding was discussed, including a \$12,500 Community Foundation grant supporting summer camps; a \$2 million grant from the Danville Regional Foundation (DRF) for the AmeriCorps program and the Empower framework; and a \$250 mini-grant from Serve VA to support Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities. The GO Virginia grant received a no-cost extension through June 2026. Additionally, the GO TEC program was allocated \$4.67 million in the governor’s budget; however, the original \$7.67 million funding request was not fully funded.

Various educational and community-based programs were reviewed, including internships, apprenticeships, and partnerships with local businesses and organizations. Ms. Silicki highlighted the success of a NoW Teamship cohort program at Chatham Hall, a boarding school in Chatham, VA. The program included 22 students during their January Term (January 6-21), during which student teams worked with businesses to address real-world challenges. The expansion of the District C Teamship program was also discussed. IALR was noted as District C’s first Virginia partner, having launched its first cohort in Spring 2020.

Upcoming events included participation in the STEAM-See event at Danville Mall. Additional activities discussed included Camp Cadet (a NOVA Teamship with AET Students), and an AsPHIRE Mock Interview Day scheduled for early April. The discussion also addressed the importance of maintaining program continuity and securing funding, including expectations regarding an upcoming AmeriCorps Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). It was noted that the REACH building lease was set to end in February 2024, and negotiations were ongoing regarding a new lease or potential return to campus.

The committee discussed ongoing funding challenges for programs without sustainable revenue streams and emphasized the reliance on grant funding to maintain long-term impact. Dr. Lewis’s background was highlighted as a valuable asset to the team, and further discussion focused on long-term sustainability and leveraging partnerships.

Updates were provided on the Piedmont Governor’s School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology (PGSMST), including current space constraints and potential relocation options. Danville Community College (DCC) expressed interest in the program returning to its campus. The Academy for Engineering and Technology (AET) program, also housed at IALR, was discussed as part of the updates.

Dr. Hodges concluded by thanking Ms. Silicki for her efforts and presentation.

**Open Discussion of Concerns, Issues, and Observations**

No concerns, issues, or observations were discussed.

**Adjournment**

Dr. Hodges adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Minutes Recorded By:

Minutes Approved By:

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Ms. Pam Patterson  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

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Dr. Greg Hodges, Chair  
Programs & Services Committee

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Date

**Attachments Included as Official Part of These Minutes**

Exhibit A - Advanced Learning Updates – Narrative – October, November, & December 2025

Exhibit B - Advanced Learning Quad Chart – October, November, & December 2025

## Advanced Learning (AL) Updates

Jan/Feb/Mar 2026

### STEM, Service, & Lifelong Learning

- AmeriCorps:
  - 28 members in service (8 youth mental health, 5 community health educators, 15 tutors)
  - AmeriCorps members participated in four service projects across Virginia for MLK Day: No-sew blanket project to donate to the Martinsville Henry County Warming Center, Community Health Educators workshop presentation and feeding at Danville House, Animal Shelter assistance in northern Virginia, Hunger Hero event at Washington Liberty High School in Arlington
  - Members participated in the 4th Annual Family Literacy Night hosted at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR). This year's event welcomed 120 students, 88 volunteers, and featured 39 activity and service stations led by AmeriCorps members and community partners.
  - Partnered with Serve Virginia to kick off AmeriCorps Week on Monday, March 9, with a daylong celebration that highlighted service, leadership and the program's impact across Southern Virginia. The event brought together AmeriCorps members, alumni, nonprofit partners and local leaders from Danville, Martinsville, Pittsylvania County and Henry County for panel discussions, networking and a hands-on service project benefiting the Martinsville-Henry County Warming Center.
- Community Health Educators lead 24 workshops with 631 participants (Jan-Mar)
  - Hours served: 8,025 (Jan-Mar)
  - Individual supported in youth mental health: 578 (Jan-Mar)
- AET applications were due to schools in January. PCS filled 16 incoming Junior slots, DPS still in process of filling their 9 slots
- Wonder Community/Computer classes: 16 workshops with 125 participants (large number of participants from Danville Pittsylvania Community Services)
- Participated in the Danville Public School STEAM+C Community Event at Danville Mall
- Participated in the Camp Connect event at Danville Mall
- Halifax County gifted students field trip (34 students)
- Virtual meetings to discuss STEM Ecosystem potential grant/partner activities for our region
- Summer Camp registration is open at [www.ialr.org/stem-camps](http://www.ialr.org/stem-camps) Approximately 75% full
  - June 1-5 Young Authors Unite and New Kid on the Block
  - June 8-12 Entrepreneur STEM and Designing the Future
  - June 15-19 Wings, Stings & Things ad Designing the Future
  - June 22-26 Service Learning (sponsored by Community Foundation grant)
  - June 29-July 2 Makers Playground
  - July 6-10 Game On and Lego Adventures
  - July 13-17 Service Learning (sponsored by Community Foundation grant)
  - July 20-24 Human Body Systems and Art Meets Science

- July 27-31 Service Learning (sponsored by Community Foundation grant)

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

- Continued Efforts
  - Training coordinators have provided ongoing teacher training
  - Equipment installation, maintenance and repairs
  - Region 4 per capita application submission - 7 new labs
  - Provided GO TEC Mobile Lab Engagements activities to 1,128 students in Danville Public Schools over nine days at nine Danville City schools including Westwood Middle, OT Bonner Middle, GW High, Schoolfield EL., Park Avenue EL., Forest Hills EL., Arnett Hills EL., E.A. Gibson EL, Actii8 Academy, Woodberry EL. And Innov8 STEM Academy.
  - Hosted a GO TEC booth with welding simulator activities at the STEAM+C event at the Danville Mall and engaged with approximately 45 participants
  - Region 1 GO TEC Team provided tour of lab for VA Sec of Education and other VDOE Admin
  - Region 1 Program Coordinator participated in several tours of local partner facilities including Red Sun Farms and Wyndale Gardens
  - Training and Program Coordinators worked to develop Precision Agriculture curriculum with time and effort dedicated to Strategy, Discovery, Research and Development.
  - GO TEC continues to service 49 school divisions across the Commonwealth with impact reaching 76 middle schools and 79 GO TEC Labs.
  - The GO TEC website had been updated to include media from the media campaign executed by Parker Productions in Fall 2025.
  - IALR's Marketing & Communications team is in the midst of a social media campaign on the program's behalf, utilizing videos and interviews from the Fall marketing initiative. The social media campaign began on March 4, 2026 and will post weekly ending on May 20, 2026
  - The partnership with ODU ended on December 31, 2025. With the end of that relationship, a rental agreement was drafted for the GO TEC Lab located at the ODU Peninsula Center; currently, GO TEC is in a 6 month agreement for the space.
  - Several GO TEC middle schools held mini competitions in Q1 and EO & GO TEC hosted a regional competition at EO in March in preparation for the GO TEC competition scheduled for April 16, 2026. 72 students and 9 schools participated.

- Meetings
  - GO TEC team members have held meetings with business and industry partners
  - The Q1 2026 Region 3 Advisory Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at Intertape Polymer in Ringgold Virginia
  - GO TEC Business Plan – Weekly meetings are held with GO TEC team and Mindsalt to review progress and discuss needs. Expected completion date in May 11, 2026.
  - GO TEC Curriculum Development – Pause on potential relationship with TECHnista-working to develop GO TEC curriculum in house.
  - GO TEC 2025 Meeting Update with Region 3 Council – Angela
  - GO TEC Region 9 Implementation meetings are being held monthly with Angela, Jake and school leaders.
  - Angela held a meeting with the Executive Director of the Roanoke Higher Education Center to provide an overview of GO TEC
  - Angela provided a presentation to the GO Virginia Region 1 Council with an update on the GO TEC 2025 grant.
  - GO TEC Director, Angela Brown, presented at the GO Virginia Region 1 Council Meeting on January 15 and at the GO Virginia Region 4 Council Meeting on February 10. Additionally, Ms. Brown attended the Virginia ACTE Leadership Conference & various General Assembly Meetings January 14-16 and the SOVA Workforce Summit on March 10. She also presented at the IALR Board of Trustees meeting on February 12.
  - Angela and Telly participated in a meeting with the Submarine Workforce and Industrial Base (SWIB) to discuss the GO TEC program and talent development
- GO TEC Lobbying efforts
  - Ongoing since January 5-still awaiting budget approval from General Assembly
  - Letter templates and GO TEC information packets were prepared and sent to all stakeholders to secure support from legislators
  - Telly, John and Angela have had multiple strategy meetings with Seven Hills Strategy
  - Telly has had one-on-one meetings with multiple legislators
  - A spreadsheet has been developed to gather contact information for all participating school divisions and interested school divisions to secure support for funding
  - Partnered with Emma and McAllister & Quinn to submit a Congressional Earmark for GO TEC and EmPower

## **EmPOWER: Career exposure/engagement and Work-based Learning (WBL) system**

- Apprenticeship:
  - Registered Apprenticeship Completions- Journeyworker Credential attainment (2):
    - Southside Mechanical Services (Plumber)- 1 Journeyworker
    - Kegerreis Digital Marketing (Applications (Software) Developer)- 1 Journeyworker
  - New Apprentice Registrations (29):
    - Kegerreis Digital Marketing (UX Designer & Digital Marketers)- 3 Apprentices
    - Kegerreis Digital Marketing (Applications Developer & technical Sales Specialist)- 2 Apprentices
    - Nilit (Maintenance Electricians)- 3 Apprentices
    - Southside Mechanical Services (Plumbers)- 9 Apprentices
    - Blackwell Automotive (Automotive Service Tech)- 1 Apprentice
    - Danville Life Saving Crew (EMT)- 7 Apprentices
    - Lawless Welding (Combination Welder)- 1 Apprentice (YOUTH)  
\*1<sup>st</sup> in Henry County
    - Owens-Illinois (Industrial Maintenance Mechanic & Mold Maker)- 2 Apprentices
    - Insight Textiles (Boiler Operator)- 1 Apprentice
  - New Apprenticeship Program Registrations (3):
    - Southside Mechanical Services (existing program sponsor) added an HVAC Mechanic & Installer Occupation
    - Insight Textiles- Boiler Operator Occupation
    - Grimes Electrical Services- Electrician Occupation
  - Natori hosted the Southwest Higher Education Center's new Registered Apprenticeship Coordinator for a visit on Jan. 21
  - Natori Neal hosted and ExTRA Manufacturing Partner Info Session on USDOL Incentive Funding, Feb. 5- American Manufacturing Incentive funds, how to apply, provided company specific checklists to help with application
- NOW Teamship
  - Hosted a Teamship cohort in partnership with Chatham Hall during their January Term (Jan. 6-21). Business partners for the cohort were Gray's Landscaping (an agrivoltaics company) and Gloster Furniture (a luxury furniture manufacturer). 22 participated.
  - Teamship (formerly through District C) has been acquired by College Board

- The AET Junior Class participated in a Teamship cohort as part of their Junior Seminar class; March 9- April 2. Business partners for the cohort were Axxor and the Dan River Basin Association. 24 students participated.
- MajorClarity:
  - CTE Teacher Training for Brunswick County Public Schools- facilitated by Edmentum
- Internships:
  - Assisted Chatham Hall with the placement of 27 students in Micro-Internships (27 hr) during their January Term (Jan. 6-21). IALR hosted four- 2 in Research, 1 in Communications, and 1 in Advanced Learning
  - Submitted letter for inclusion of the Danville Summer Experience Works program in the City of Danville’s annual budget (\$222,128- The majority of these funds go to Danville Public Schools.)
  - IALR’s Summer Internship Application Window closed March 20<sup>th</sup> (13 available positions)
  - As of March 30- 12 Employer Partners have signed on to host up to 33 Interns through the IGNITE High School Summer Internship Program (Danville/Pittsylvania County)
- GOVA Region 3 Talent Pathways Initiative Grant:
  - Job Availability and Living Wage Podcast in partnership with Chmura
  - Grow SOVA Collaborative group next steps meeting with Southern Virginia Higher Education Center (formed from the Talent Pipeline Management Academy)
  - Communications worked to produce five “op-ed” articles related to the Southern Virginia Living Wage & Job Availability Study written by IALR staff
- Career ChoICE
  - Met with Emily Buchanan with Piedmont Community College and toured the Caswell County Civic Center (March 5) to discuss a Career ChoICE Expo for Caswell County- Fall 2026
  - Donated 150 Career ChoICE Youth Expo bags to the United Way of Danville & Pittsylvania County
- Work Ready Communities (ACT):
  - Jessie Vernon is assisting with ACT’s national pilot project for Work Ready ORGANIZATION Designations

## REACH

- 2025 REACH Impact Report finalized and shared with Partners and DRF
  - 372 New Enrollments
  - 663 Clients Served
  - 6,884 CHW visits
  - 386 Risks Eliminated
  - 540 Clients graduated
- EMR rebuild and process updates finalized
- Presented to Pittsylvania County Juvenile Court and Pittsylvania County School Board
- The REACH Implementation meeting was held monthly.
- Humana hosted the REACH Partnership CHWs and CPs for a Lunch and Learn at Texas Roadhouse.
- The REACH Partnership did outreach and volunteering at the Spring Into Health community event hosted by Changing Lives Outreach center in partnership with Food Lion Feeds and Feeding Southwest Virginia on March 28th.

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

- Jessie Vernon assisted with the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber's transition meeting (Jan. 6) to a new WE Lead Committee
- Jessie Vernon attended the mandatory Centra Community Grants & Sponsorships training held in Lynchburg, Feb. 17
- Jessie Vernon worked with Amanda Hylton and Emma Sellers to quickly (72 hrs) create and submit the AM2 Career Network EDA grant proposal
- Jessie Vernon & Natori Neal participated in and exhibited at (sharing EmPOWER programming) SVRA's SOVA Workforce Solutions Summit on March 10<sup>th</sup> at New College Institute
- Audia Harris organized the first IALR Band for a surprise engagement at the All-Staff Professional Development Day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Jessie Vernon attended the March 24, SPTC Lunch & Learn focused on the AM2 Tech Hub
- Jessie Vernon met with Victoria McKinnis (New V-TOP Region 3 Director at Averett University) to provide historical context of the V-TOP Region 3 effort
- Dana Silicki led Danville Public Schools CTE Advisory meeting
- Audia Harris attended Women Impact Virginia virtual conference
- Brian Stanley represented IALR at the STEAM + C event at Danville Mall for 120 students
- Jake Taylor and Tim Kilbourne participated and supported Montgomery County Public Schools – Christiansburg Middle School GO TEC Ribbon Cutting and Open House 1-22-26

- Angela Brown attended the Virginia ACTE Leadership Seminar, Dominion Energy Operations Center Tour and General Assembly visit in Richmond 1/14/26-1/16/26
- Breanna Nunnally attended a meeting at YMCA Danville to discuss a partnership for Healthy Kids Day 2026.
- Breanna Nunnally attended the CHW Financing, Measurement, and Evaluation Committee meeting with VDH.
- Breanna Nunnally attended the Virginia Statewide Town Hall meeting with VaCHWa.
- Breanna Nunnally attended the Dan River Region Cancer Task Force meeting on March 23rd.

#### **UPCOMING of INTEREST / Support from the BOT**

- IGNITE Highschool Summer Internship Meet & Greet event will be held 6-7:30pm at IALR
- IALR Interns will start either June 1 or June 8
- IGNITE Highschool Summer Interns have their Internship Bootcamp June 3-5 and begin at their respective internship sites on June 8
- Participating in Rivermont School Caree Exploration Fair April 21
- Judging PGSMST Senior Presentations
- AmeriCorps CPR Training May 7
- Virginia Volunteerism Summit May 13-15
- Serve365 Community Resource Fair May 16
- Two AmeriCorps VISTA members beginning April 18 (1 at Danville Science Center, one at IALR)



# *Advanced Learning Division*

STRATEGIC GOAL: Center of Excellence for  
Education & Workforce Development



# Service, STEM & Lifelong Learning

## AmeriCorps

- 28 members currently in service (8 youth mental health, 5 community health educators, 15 tutors)
- Members participated in four service projects for MLK Day:
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  - Community Health Educators workshop presentation and feeding at Danville House
  - Animal Shelter assistance in northern Virginia
  - Hunger Hero event at Washington Liberty High School in Arlington
- Members participated in the 4th Annual Family Literacy Night hosted IALR.
  - Welcomed 120 students, 88 volunteers, and featured 39 activity and service stations led by AmeriCorps members and community partners.



4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Literacy Night



# Service, STEM & Lifelong Learning

## AmeriCorps

- Partnered with Serve Virginia to kick off AmeriCorps Week on Monday, March 9

## AmeriCorps Community Health Educators

- lead 24 workshops with 631 participants (Jan-Mar)
- Hours served: 8,025 (Jan-Mar)
- Individual supported in youth mental health: 578 (Jan-Mar)

## AET

- applications were due in January
- PCS filled 16 incoming Junior slots, DPS still filling 9 slots

## Wonder Community/Computer classes

- 16 workshops with 125 participants

## Field Trip

- 34 Halifax County gifted students visited IALR



2026 AmeriCorps Members

BELOW: AmeriCorps Members taking the AmeriCorps Pledge during AmeriCorps Week



ABOVE: Family Literacy Night

# Service, STEM & Lifelong Learning

Summer Camp registration is open at [www.ialr.org/stem-camps](http://www.ialr.org/stem-camps)

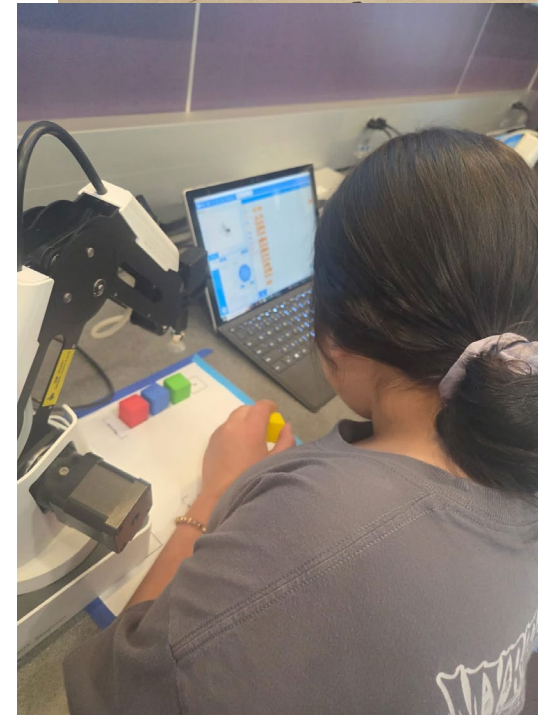
- Approximately 75% full at time of development April 20
  - June 1-5 Young Authors Unite and New Kid on the Block
  - June 8-12 Entrepreneur STEM and Designing the Future
  - June 15-19 Wings, Stings & Things and Designing the Future
  - June 22-26 Service Learning (sponsored by Community Foundation grant)
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Summer  
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# GO TEC

- GO TEC continues to service 49 school divisions across the Commonwealth with impact reaching 76 middle schools and 79 GO TEC Labs.
- Lobbying has continued since January 5-still awaiting budget approval from General Assembly
- At the request of DHCD, GO TEC did not present the Business & Sustainability Plan during the March GO VA meeting-scheduled to present at June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Region 9-bringing on 7 new labs in Fall 26
- Region 4 is awaiting approval from GOVA to bring on additional 8 labs in FA26
- GO TEC Curriculum Development – Pause on potential relationship with TECHnista-working to develop GO TEC curriculum in house.
- Provided GO TEC Mobile Lab Engagements activities to 1,128 students in Danville Public Schools over nine days at nine Danville City schools.



GO TEC Mobile Lab Engagements

# GO TEC



GO TEC Mini Competitions



- Hosted a GO TEC booth with welding simulator activities at the STEAM+C event at the Danville Mall and engaged with approximately 45 participants
- IALR's Marketing & Communications team is in the midst of a social media campaign on the program's behalf, utilizing videos and interviews from the Fall marketing initiative. The social media campaign began on March 4, 2026 and will post weekly ending on May 20, 2026
- Several GO TEC middle schools held mini competitions in Q1 and EO & GO TEC hosted a regional competition at EO in March in preparation for the GO TEC competition scheduled for April 16, 2026. 72 students and 9 schools participated.
- Region 1 GO TEC Team provided tour of lab for VA Sec of Education and other VDOE Admin

# EmPOWER-Work-based Learning [WBL]

## Apprenticeship

- Registered Apprenticeship Completions
  - 2 Journeyworker Credential attainment
- 29 New Apprentice Registrations
- 3 New Apprenticeship Program Registrations
- Hosted a Teamship cohort in partnership with Chatham Hall during their January Term
  - Business partners for the cohort:
    - Gray's Landscaping (an agrivoltaics company)
    - Gloster Furniture (a luxury furniture manufacturer)
    - 22 students participated
- Assisted Chatham Hall with the placement of 27 students in Micro-Internships (27 hr) during their January Term
  - IALR hosted four- 2 in Research, 1 in Communications, and 1 in Advanced Learning

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New Apprenticeship Registrations & Programs this quarter.

# Work-based Learning [WBL]

## Internships

- Submitted letter for inclusion of the Danville Summer Experience Works program in the City of Danville's annual budget (\$222,128)
- As of March 30- 12 Employer Partners have signed on to host up to 33 Interns through the IGNITE High School Summer Internship Program (Danville/Pittsylvania County)

## GOVA Region 3 Talent Pathways Initiative Grant

- Job Availability and Living Wage Podcast in partnership with Chmura

## Career CHOICE

- Donated 150 Career CHOICE Youth Expo bags to the United Way of Danville & Pittsylvania County



Chatham Hall Teamship Cycle



Southside Mechanical Services registered 9 apprentices

# REACH

- 2025 REACH Impact Report finalized and shared with Partners and DRF
  - 372 New Enrollments
  - 663 Clients Served
  - 6,884 CHW visits
  - 386 Risks Eliminated
  - 540 Clients graduated
- Electronic Medical Record rebuild and process updates finalized
- The REACH Partnership outreach and volunteering at the Spring Into Health community event hosted by Changing Lives Outreach center in partnership with Food Lion Feeds and Feeding Southwest Virginia on March 28th

# Upcoming Events

- Two AmeriCorps VISTA members beginning April 18 (1 at Danville Science Center, one at IALR)
- Participating in Rivermont School Career Exploration Fair April 21
- AmeriCorps CPR Training May 7
- Virginia Volunteerism Summit May 13-15
- Serve365 Community Resource Fair May 16
- IGNITE Highschool Summer Interns begin at their internship sites on June 8

# Support from the BOT

- GO TEC Licensing, Sustainability, and Funding
- REACH sustainability