

**State Council of Higher Education
Director's report
January 15, 2013**

SCHEV budget for 2013-14: The Governor's introduced budget amendments provided \$135,000 to support the Virginia Longitudinal Data System and \$600,000 for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program; transferred \$3.7 million from FY 2013 to FY 2014 for the Tuition Assistance Grant program; and eliminated outdated language for the federal Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program.

Outstanding Faculty Awards. The 27th annual Outstanding Faculty Awards ceremony is scheduled for February 12, 2013, at the Jefferson Hotel, in Richmond. Thanks to Council members who have helped throughout the process and who will participate in the event.

Career Pathways: SCHEV staff participated in a meeting of the Career Pathways Executive Committee. The committee provides guidance on statewide efforts to coordinate education, workforce development, and economic development efforts.

School Safety Task Force: The Governor's School Safety Task Force will review school safety, including established policies and procedures, crisis and emergency management plans, threat assessment protocols, as well as share best practices and identify resource challenges. It met January 14. I am the Council's representative on the task force.

Digital learning resources conference. This conference, sponsored by the Secretary of Education, SCHEV and the Virginia Community College System, is scheduled for March 7 at the University of Mary Washington. The program will showcase practices at Virginia institutions and identify new innovations for promotion and policy emphasis.

Prompt pay, supplier diversity: The Virginia Department of Accounts prompt pay report for FY 2012 shows that SCHEV was fully compliant for the year, which means that we paid 100% of our invoices by the due date. SCHEV also received a 2012 Supplier Diversity Award for our work with small, women, and minority owned businesses.

Excellence in Government. The Virginia Excellence in Government Awards committee presented a posthumous award to Tom Daley, SCHEV's deputy director, who died in June. He was honored at a luncheon attended by hundreds of Virginia public officials.

Linda Woodley. SCHEV's director of private and out-of-state postsecondary education, Linda Woodley passed away January 10, 2013. An assiduous worker, tireless student advocate, devoted wife, steadfast family member and loyal friend, Linda never stopped giving of herself, most times thinking of others' needs before her own.

Thank you. SCHEV staff thanks Council members for your support of our annual holiday luncheon and dessert. Members Gil Bland, Gil Minor, Steve Haner, and Joey Smith joined us, with Mr. Minor leading the staff in a memorable rendition of "Jingle Bells."