

State Council of Higher Education
Director's report
November 19, 2012

Outstanding Faculty Awards. SCHEV received a total of 109 nominations for the 2013 Outstanding Faculty Awards. The event is scheduled for February 12, 2013. Below is a breakdown of the nominations by category:

Research:	39
Masters/Comp:	13
Baccalaureate:	18
Two-Year:	7
Rising Star:	20 (includes 3 community college nominations)
Teaching with Technology:	12 (includes 2 community college nominations)

Student Advisory Committee. SCHEV held a meeting of the Student Advisory Committee October 11. Students from 17 institutions, which included representatives from 2-year, 4-year, public, and private colleges and universities, attended the meeting. Kirsten Nelson, the staff liaison to SAC, will give a brief summary of that meeting.

Virginia Longitudinal Data System. We continue to monitor the news reports and discussion blogs related to the wage reports we released October 4. Tod Massa made presentations on the VLDS to the Virginia Community College System Advisory Council of Presidents, the Virginia Association for Management Analysis and Planning, and the Virginia Workforce Council.

Marketing Virginia partnership. In cooperation with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, we held a press event October 22 to sign an agreement with college and university presidents designed to increase the number of businesses that consider Virginia for expansion and growth. Secretary of Education Laura Fornash, Secretary of Commerce and Trade Jim Cheng, and Virginia Commonwealth University president Michael Rao also participated in the event at the Patrick Henry Building.

Out and about. Along with three institutional representatives, I presented to the Senate Finance Committee on the topic of "Affordability and Access." I made the keynote address at the College Communicators of America Virginia chapter at its annual meeting in Virginia Beach and presented at a George Mason University conference on the "Future of Higher Education." I attended the fall leadership luncheon of the Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges. Kirsten Nelson and I continue to meet with legislators to discuss issues related to Council priorities and the upcoming legislative session. SCHEV staff hosted a delegation of Chinese university presidents.

SCHEV Holiday Luncheon and Dessert. SCHEV staff thanks Council members for your support of our annual holiday luncheon and dessert. We invite you to join us Tuesday, December 18, at noon, in the 9th Floor Conference Room. If you are able to attend, please tell Lee Rung.