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Summer Conference 2026 and Fall EDITION

67th Summer Conference in Harrisonburg is an Overwhelming Success

"The 2026 VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference received exceptionally positive feedback from attendees, reaffirming the Association's commitment to providing high-quality professional learning for Technology and Engineering educators across the Commonwealth. Survey results indicate that the conference successfully fulfilled its primary mission of delivering meaningful professional development while fostering collaboration, professional networking, and the exchange of innovative instructional practices.



With an overall satisfaction rating of **4.59 out of 5**, respondents overwhelmingly praised the quality of the breakout sessions, opportunities to connect with colleagues, and the practical, classroom-ready strategies they gained throughout the conference. Participants also offered thoughtful recommendations to strengthen future conferences, including expanding programming related to Artificial Intelligence, increasing hands-on learning experiences, and providing additional instructional resources that can be immediately implemented in the classroom.

Overall, the 67th Annual VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference was a resounding success and continues to advance the Association's mission of supporting Technology and Engineering educators throughout Virginia. The survey findings not only demonstrate exceptionally high levels of participant satisfaction but also provide a clear roadmap for continuous improvement while preserving the experiences attendees value most.

The Conference Planning Committee extends its sincere appreciation to the VTEEA Board of Directors, conference presenters, volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees. Their dedication, expertise, and support were instrumental in making the 2026 VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference an outstanding success."

Note: The above was developed by AI from conference attendees feedback.



Business meeting participants

POY / TOY Awards

Elementary School Teacher of the Year was awarded to **Betsey Miles** from Roanoke County Public Schools.

Elementary School Program of the Year was awarded to **Roanoke County ITRT Team**. They will represent Virginia at the next annual ITEEA conference.

Middle School Program of the Year was awarded to **A.G. Wright Middle School in Stafford County**. Aiden Flynn was the teacher accepting the award.

Middle School Teacher of the Year was awarded to **Michael Godwin at Belmont Ridge Middle School** in Loudon County. Rachael Domer, CTE Director received the award in his absence.



Elementary School TOY



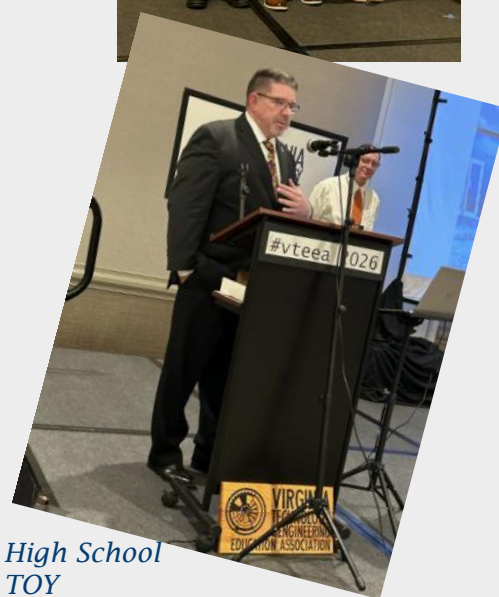
Elementary School POY



Middle School POY



High School Teacher of the Year was awarded to **Daniel Velazquez**, Fairfax County Schools.



High School TOY



High School Program of the Year was awarded to **Wilson Memorial High School** in Augusta County. **Maura Stout and Matt Haskins** have worked together for many years building their program and



The **John Monroe Service Award** is awarded for recognition for extraordinary service to the profession and to the VTEEA by members of VTEEA. **Dr. Tricia Jacobs, DTE** may be retiring this year but this only opened the door to an even greater opportunity to serve. Over the years, Dr. Jacobs has



become one of VTEEA's greatest champions. She has devoted countless hours to planning conferences, mentoring emerging leaders, supporting committees, coordinating volunteers, and taking on the behind the scenes work that keeps our association moving forward. Her leadership extends well beyond Virginia. As a dedicated champion for the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association, she has proudly represented VTEEA on the national stage. Through her work with ITEEA, she has strengthened relationships, shared Virginia's successes, encouraged collaboration across state lines, and helped elevate the reputation of our association. Her commitment to the profession was recently recognized when she earned the designation of ITEEA Distinguished Technology Educator (DTE).

Rachel Domer's journey has been one of dedication and continuous growth. For many years, she served Fairfax County Public Schools where she was a champion for Technology and Engineering Education. She earned a reputation as a collaborative leader who listened first, encouraged others, and always kept students at the center of every decision. This year, Rachel accepted a new challenge as a Career and Technical Education Specialist with Loudoun County Public Schools.

We honored **Rachael Domer** as the **Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association's New Administrator of the Year**. Those who know Rachael know that her success comes not only from her expertise, but also from her character. She understands that when teachers are supported, students thrive and entire communities benefit.



Rachel receives the award standing between Geoff Estes, VTEEA President and Kelly Dooley, Executive Director and CEO of ITEEA.

The **Special Achievement Award** was given to **George D. Bishop, DTE**, after 27 years in the classroom and administration. He has served as President of VACTE and he was Executive treasurer/Treasurer of VTEEA as well. Additionally he has served as the ITEEA Region 1 Director and is President Elect for ITEEA. He serves as Trustee for the Upsilon Field Chapter aligned with Epsilon Pi Tau.

Academy of Scholars Citation Award

The highest recognition that the Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association can bestow upon any individual is the Academy of Scholars Citation. To qualify the individual must have gained prominence in and brought honor to the profession. On July 21st Deb Shapiro, DTE is recognized for dedication, professionalism, and tireless service that helped make the 2026 ITEEA annual conference in Virginia Beach an overwhelming success.

In Deb's words, "When you look at the list of incredible educators and leaders who have been recognized with the VTEEA Academy of Scholars Citation— and then realize that your own name has been added to that list, it's honestly kind of mind-blowing."

Not only do I consider many of these individuals friends and colleagues, but several have also been mentors who have shaped my career and my life in ways they probably never realized. I hold each of them in the highest regard. I've known some of them since I was a college student at the University of Northern Iowa. Imagine that—a young girl from a small town in Iowa meeting some of the pioneers and fathers of Technology Education long before she ever imagined she would move to Virginia. When I began teaching in Suffolk, my very first classroom was the one John Monroe had taught in. I was there because of a letter he wrote to administrators on my behalf. Before I ever made the move to Virginia, Arvid Van Dyke sent me a personal letter welcoming me and letting me know he was there if I ever needed anything. George Willcox watched over me throughout my career. He encouraged me, challenged me, picked me up when I stumbled, and, when necessary, carried me through some very difficult times. Since George's passing, I've been blessed to become friends with his daughter, which has been a wonderful way to continue that connection.

Receiving this recognition is an incredible honor. I don't do this work for awards or recognition—in fact, being in the spotlight has always made me a little uncomfortable. I'm still just a girl from a small town in Iowa who has been fortunate enough to be surrounded by an amazing family, incredible friends, inspiring mentors, supportive colleagues, and remarkable students. At the end of the day, my work has never really been about me. It's always been about the kids—the students in my classroom, in my school, throughout my district, across Virginia, throughout our nation, and, through the opportunities I've been given, around the world. If I've made even a small difference in their lives, then I've been more than rewarded.



The latest recipients were Ron Vickers, Deb Shapiro, and George Bishop

The **Lynn P. Barrier Award** was established in 2003 to recognize Leadership in developing instructional strategies and resources to advance the study of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). **Dr. Ryan Novitski** was awarded this for his work implementation of Siemens' curriculum.

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Novitski has shown that innovation is not simply about adopting new curriculum — it is about creating learning experiences that challenge students to think differently, work collaboratively, and see themselves as future innovators and problem solvers. His leadership has expanded opportunities for both educators and students.



Michael Tunney, Coordinator for Technology and Engineering for Virginia Beach City Schools was named the **VTEEA Administrator of the Year**.

Michael is a champion for educators, He recognizes that strong programs start with outstanding teachers and works tirelessly to support professional growth, encourage collaboration, and provide the resources needed for educators to succeed. His approachable leadership style, continuous improvement, and willingness to listen have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues across Virginia.



VTEEA recognizes the teachers that retired

Roger Collins
Weston Walters
Michael Cremins
Drew Pavlock
Edward O'Connor

VTEEA Administrator retiring includes

Dr. Tricia Jacobs, DTE
George Bishop, DTE
Kris Martini

Attention Retired Teachers

Twice in our association's history we have had a standing committee for retired Technology Education teachers.

1985 A new committee was formed for retired Industrial Arts teachers. It was called the **RIANT Group** (Retired Industrial Arts Nomadic Teachers).

1990

Retired Technology Educators (**henceforth known as RET-TECH**) continued a standing committee. We will be a member in good standing of both VTEA and ITEA. "Don't rust-out; stay active and involved with VTEA and wear out!"

2026

A group of teachers from Augusta, Rockingham, Page along the southern Shenandoah Valley gets together about once a month to eat lunch and catch up on each other. Lets make a standing committee for us official again with 3 goals:

1. Get together about once a month to network and enjoy each other.
2. Help with management or to judge contests for TSA events.
3. Mentor (as much or as little) as needed for a career switcher near you.

Thank You Conference Committee

Geoff Estes - CTE Supervisor and Assistant STEM Academy Director for Rocktown High School, Harrisonburg City Public Schools

Amy Sabarre - Director of VA STEM Ecosystem and STEM Education at Harrisonburg City Public Schools

Dr. Lynn Basham, DTE - Conference Program | Technology and Engineering Education Specialist, Virginia Department of Education

Alisa Rushing - Registration, CTE Curriculum Specialist. Chesterfield County Public Schools

Brittany Carper - Conference Logo and T-Shirts Teacher, Frederick County Public Schools, and VTEEA Valley Region President

Laurie Limoge-Jamerson - Awards | Immediate Past President, VTEEA and Teacher, Orange County Public Schools

BJ Scott - TOY / POY Awards | State Advisor, Virginia TSA and VTEEA President-Elect

Ken Garrison - Door Prizes | Teacher at the Advanced Technology Center, Virginia Beach City Public Schools

Brian Bazzle - Conference Advising | Teacher and TSA Advisor, Rockingham County Public Schools

Jeremy Aldrich - School District Representative | CTE Director Harrisonburg City Public Schools

Ross Foster - Conference Advising | Teacher and TSA Advisor, Harrisonburg City Public Schools

Seth Shantz - Conference Advising | Teacher and TSA Advisor, Harrisonburg City Public Schools

Registration & Vendors Tuesday July 21st



The worker bees included Amy Sabarre, Dr. Tricia Jacobs, DTE and Dr. Jeremy Aldrich that checked off folks as they arrived.

Attendees received a goody bag and were informed about the mobile app for schedule changes.

Dr. Lynn Basham, DTE learned how to post to social media using the #VTEEA2026, She agreed it was a good way to preserve history of our conferences and share our activities to those that could not attend.



Keynote Speakers



Since founding the business in 2018, Abner and AK have worked side-by-side to grow Pure Shenandoah into a vertically integrated company with approximately 40 employees across multiple facilities. Through a commitment to advanced manufacturing, process innovation, and sustainable product development, they have built a business that demonstrates how STEM education can drive entrepreneurship, strengthen local economies, and promote environmental stewardship.

Their partnership serves as an inspiring example of how the knowledge and skills developed through STEM education can be applied to create innovative solutions, generate meaningful employment opportunities, and make a lasting impact within their community.

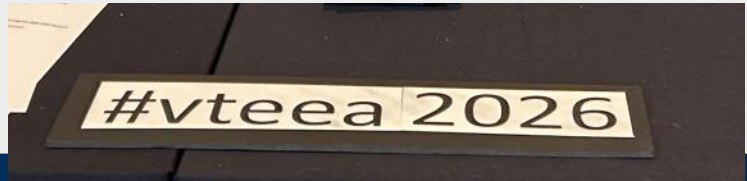


The Epsilon Pi Tau **Exemplary Initiation** ceremony was held during the **67th Annual VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference**. George D. Bishop, DTE, Chapter Trustee, presided over the ceremony and certified that each candidate had met the qualifications for induction into **Epsilon Pi Tau**, the International Honor Society for Professions in Technology.

The 2026 initiates, pictured from left to right in the accompanying photograph, are Geoffray Estes, Aiden Flynn, Dan Velazquez, Tom Larson, Michael Tunney, and Maura Stout. The VTEEA congratulates each of these distinguished professionals on this well-deserved recognition and welcomes them into Epsilon Pi Tau.

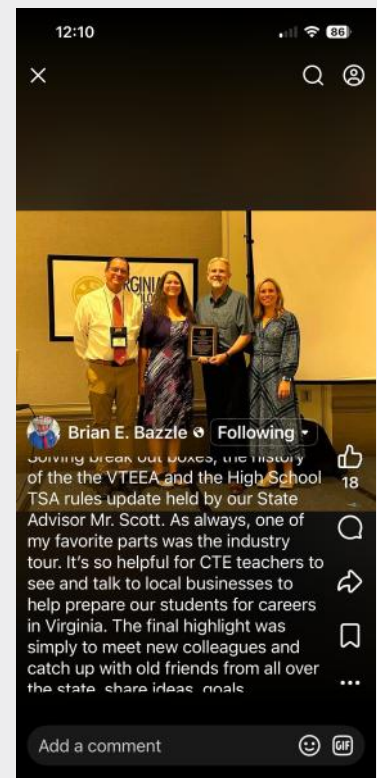
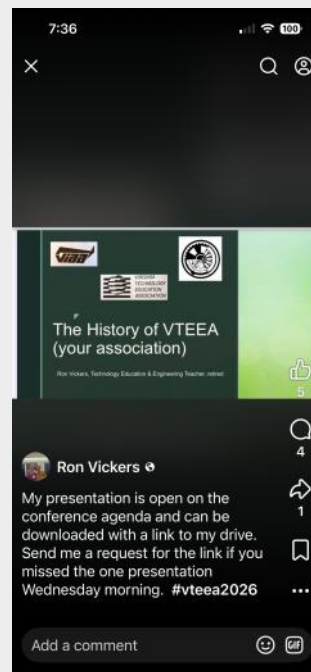


The Virginia State TSA President , Astrid Bockhorst from Abingdon addressed the conference at our first general session. She spoke of the value that TSA advisors have had on her career and the thousands of other technology students in TSA.



Hashtag Revisited

We have not pushed conference attendees to upload their favorite pictures to social media of their choice with the hashtag #vteea2026. It's the best way we have of keeping each conference alive to the members. You can search back from #vteea and also some with the conference years like #vteea18 to find photos we have taken. It's a fun trip down memory lane. Your social media account has to be set as public so the hashtag can be searched worldwide. We have a unique set of letters that prevents other events from coming up in the search. Its not too late to post your favorite photos form the conference, Just be sure to include #VTEEA2026 in the caption so others can enjoy it also!



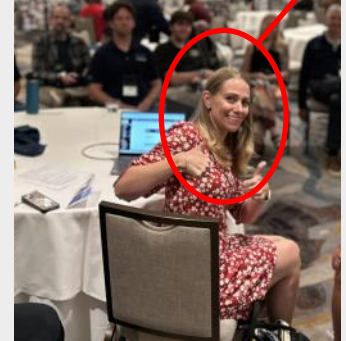
Let's Get Social! Here's what you're posting about!, Mr. Bazzle had more to say than could be saved from online

Regional Meetings Tuesday, July 20



Immediately after the welcome speeches, teachers were asked to sit together in their regions to start off the year. Not every region was able to end with a President identified and almost all the regions need more volunteers to step up to leadership positions by supporting the President in his/her cabinet.

Northern: Rachael Dörner Rachael.Dörner@lcps.org
Valley: Rachel Gibson gibson2@charlottesvilleschools.org
South Central: Otis Gallion Otis_gallion@ccpsnet.net
Tidewater: Ken Garrison khgarris@vbcschools.com
Blue Ridge: vacant
Southwestern: vacant



Every region is encouraged to have a back to school social in a host school to meet all the new folks and determine how we can all help each other. **Your association is only as good as members make it.** From time to time we have open volunteer positions as a board member or committee member. Our regional presidents will be trying to become more of a critical component in our association. Please reach out to the president of your region. He or she can definitely use your help. The more contributing individuals to a region can organize more professional developments opportunities, social functions, and learning opportunities. We all have skills to share and you can be the difference it makes for your region to grow and shine.

In our next newsletter we hope to have every region report back on dates and times for fall get togethers.



The new Retired Technology Education teachers will continue to have monthly meetings to keep up with each other and decide how to best offer any help to those on the front lines!

VTEEA extends its sincere appreciation to our generous sponsors and exhibitors for their support and partnership.



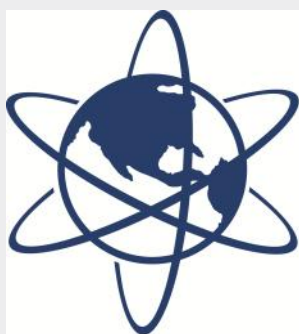
Our vendors stayed busy talking to attendees telling all about their company and products.



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Member Spotlight: Ken Garrison

The Virginia Technology and Engineering Education Association (VTEEA) is proud to recognize one of our outstanding leaders and dedicated volunteers, Ken Garrison, Tidewater Regional President and member of the VTEEA Board of Directors.

As highlighted on the Advanced Technology Center (ATC) website, Ken is a lifelong resident of Virginia Beach and a graduate of Bayside High School. Now in his 25th year with Virginia Beach City Public Schools, he has dedicated his career to inspiring students through technology and engineering education while fostering creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning. His educational journey has included teaching at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, and he currently teaches Engineering Technology II at the Advanced Technology Center. Inspired by his father, who devoted 38 years to Technology Education, Ken has built a career rooted in craftsmanship, design, and a passion for lifelong learning.

This year, Ken's outstanding commitment to education was recognized when he was named the 2026 Advanced Technology Center Teacher of the Year. This well-deserved honor reflects the lasting impact he has made on his students, colleagues, and school community through his professionalism, innovation, and dedication to excellence.

Ken's service extends far beyond the walls of his classroom. As Tidewater Regional President, he is an invaluable member of the VTEEA Board of Directors, generously contributing his time, talents, and expertise to advance our association and support technology and engineering educators across the Commonwealth.

During the planning of the 67th Annual VTEEA Professional Development Conference, Ken volunteered to create one of the event's most memorable attendee experiences. He researched, customized, fabricated, and personally produced the custom 3D-printed gifts included in every conference bag. The articulated wrench fidget toy and custom pen quickly became attendee favorites, showcasing the creativity, innovation, and practical



cal application of engineering design that define our profession. After printing each item, Ken personally delivered them to the conference site, ensuring every attendee received a unique keepsake. In addition, his breakout sessions on 3D printing were among the most well-attended presentations of the conference, further demonstrating his passion for sharing knowledge and inspiring fellow educators.

The VTEEA Board of Directors and Conference Planning Committee extend their sincere appreciation to Ken for his extraordinary generosity, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our profession. Whether serving students in his classroom, mentoring fellow educators, or contributing countless hours behind the scenes, Ken exemplifies the spirit of service, innovation, and excellence that strengthens our association.

Congratulations, Ken, on being named the 2026 Advanced Technology Center Teacher of the Year, and thank you for your continued leadership and dedication to VTEEA. Your contributions make a lasting difference for our members and for technology and engineering education throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Breakout Boxes

By Wanda Hulse, Waynesboro High

I first learned about breakout boxes while attending a VT PEERS workshop. One of the activities was the breakout boxes designed around data and manipulated spreadsheets using information about national parks. My partner and I enjoyed the concept of the breakout boxes but did not think our students would enjoy manipulating data on a spreadsheet.

After returning from the workshop, I researched breakout box activities and found material focused on following directions. The activity included six different puzzles, including a directional maze and a binary alphabet puzzle. I modified the activity, ordered the necessary supplies, and tested my first breakout box on my Technology Transfer Class. The students loved the activity, the surprises inside the boxes, and receiving prizes from the treasure box which were swag from career fairs, conferences, and military recruiters.



I celebrate Veterans Day in my classes by having students write thank you cards for veterans, 3D print coasters featuring the branches of the military, and 3D print dog tags that say, "Thank you for your Service." These items are given to our local veteran's organization, Salute of Virginia. While students did not mind writing the thank you cards, I wanted to add more engaging, hands-on activity to allow them to learn about and honor veterans in a different way. I decided to design a Veterans Day themed breakout box centered around the military.



I begin the activity by asking students to explain the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day and whether they know a Veteran. I then ask

students to name the branches of the United States military and record their responses on the board. Before beginning the breakout challenge, I read a military fact sheet that includes information about Morse code as a method of communication, the attack on Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona battleship, and Operation Desert Storm, which was the first war to feature live television broadcast from the front-lines.

The five breakout boxes each contain four color themed locks: a 3-digit lock, 4-digit lock, 5-letter lock, and a key lock. Teams work together to decode clues and solve puzzles to unlock each lock.

The 3-digit lock is Military History Timeline with five questions and Instructions to solve the math problems based on historical military events. Add all the answers together to get the 3-digit lock combination. Example: Operation Desert Storm started in 1991 and ended in 1991(43 days). How many years have passed since then?

The 4-digit lock is four questions Calculating Distance with the instructions, you must calculate the total distance traveled using the formula Distance = Speed x Time. Change minutes to seconds and use the 1st number from each answer for the 4-digit lock combination. Example: A soldier low crawls at 4 m/s for 10 minutes. What is the distance traveled? A fun fact: A low crawl is a battle drill where a person moves forward while keeping their body close to the ground to avoid harm.



The 5-letter lock is decoding a Morse Code word. The team receives a copy of the Morse Code Alphabet and a code that is specific to their box. Example: Red (--. .-. ..- -. -).

The key lock puzzle is a word-scramble riddle focused on the branches of the United States military. Students unscrambled the names of the military branches and then use designated letters from each answer to complete the blanks in a quote. Once students correctly identify the quote, they receive the key that opens the lock.

"The breakout boxes provide engaging, interactive, fun learning experiences that encourage students to collaborate and interact with one another and keep them off their Chromebooks." reported Wanda.

Industry Tours Showcase Innovation in the Shenandoah Valley

One of the highlights of the 67th Annual VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference was the opportunity for attendees to participate in two outstanding industry tours, providing a firsthand look at advanced manufacturing and engineering in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley.

We visited **SupplyOne** in Weyers Cave, where they explored modern packaging manufacturing, automation, logistics, and supply chain operations. The tour demonstrated how engineering, technology, and innovation come together to create efficient manufacturing systems while highlighting the wide range of career opportunities available within the industry.

Attendees also visited **Danone North America** in Mt. Crawford, home to the company's largest production facility worldwide. Participants learned about Danone's history, its impact on the regional economy, and the advanced technologies used throughout the manufacturing process. The tour offered valuable insight into quality assurance, operational excellence, and the skills required to succeed in today's advanced manufacturing workforce.

Both tours reinforced the connection between classroom instruction and real-world industry while strengthening partnerships between education and business. Educators returned with new ideas, practical examples, and a deeper understanding of how STEM and Career and Technical Education prepare students for high-demand careers.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many sharing that the tours were among the most enjoyable and informative experiences of the conference. The opportunity to see innovation in action and engage directly with industry professionals provided meaningful connections that will enhance classroom instruction for years to come.

VTEEA extends its sincere appreciation to the leadership and staff of SupplyOne and Danone North America for their hospitality and for providing an exceptional learning experience for our conference attendees.



Exploring the Universe at the JMU Planetarium

Conference attendees at the **67th Annual VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference** had the opportunity to experience the wonders of the universe through special presentations at the **James Madison University Planetarium**. The planetarium shows provided participants with an engaging and immersive experience that highlighted astronomy, space exploration, and the power of technology to inspire curiosity and discovery.

The experience offered educators a unique opportunity to step outside the traditional conference setting and explore innovative ways to engage learners through science, technology, and visualization. The planetarium's advanced projection technology and educational programming demonstrated how immersive learning environments can support STEM education and spark student interest in exploration and discovery.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with participants expressing appreciation for the opportunity to experience the planetarium and enjoy a memorable evening during the conference. The event provided a meaningful combination of learning, reflection, and connection with colleagues.

VTEEA extends its appreciation to the James Madison University Planetarium staff for providing an outstanding experience and for helping make the 2026 conference an engaging and memorable professional development opportunity.

Ruby's Arcade Social Brings Conference Attendees Together

The **Ruby's Arcade Social** provided conference attendees with a fun and relaxed opportunity to connect with colleagues outside of the traditional professional development setting during the **67th Annual VTEEA Summer Professional Development Conference**. Attendees enjoyed an evening filled with friendly competition, laughter, and camaraderie while playing classic arcade games, trying their skills at duckpin bowling, and challenging one another at foosball. The event created a welcoming atmosphere where educators from

across the Commonwealth could build relationships, share stories, and enjoy time together. The friendly competition was on full display throughout the evening, including some impressive foosball skills from **Skip Thomasser, DTE**. A quick word of advice for future challengers: Skip is a professional foosball player — you've been warned! VTEEA appreciates everyone who participated and helped make the Ruby's Arcade Social a memorable part of the conference experience. Events like this highlight the importance of connection, collaboration, and community within the Technology and Engineering Education profession."

ITEEA Conference Virginia Beach 2026



Virginia's Leadership included Laurie, Geoff and B.J.

Virginia's attendees make a splash. Deb Shapiro was instrumental in helping plan and carry out this year's conference with ITEEA's Kelly Dooley.



Walter 'Skip' Thomasser ready to greet folks



"ITEEA's 2027 Annual Conference, *Taking the Reins: Guiding the Future of Technology and Engineering Education*, brings together technology, engineering, and STEM educators in Louisville, Kentucky, for hands-on professional learning, meaningful connections, and classroom-ready ideas. Join us March 31-April 3, 2027, as we explore the future of T&E education and the role educators play in preparing students, strengthening communities, and moving the field forward."



3D Design and Printing Videos

In an email from Dr. Lynn Basham, DTE, sent out on the Listserv to all teachers that wish to be included, I followed up on the news about a 3D printing update. She sent the following:

Did you know you can 3D print with multiple materials at the same time?

In the newest videos from Project Lead The Way educator Brian Bobbitt, students learn how to combine rigid PLA and flexible TPU to design and 3D print a functional phone case using Fusion 360.

Along the way, they'll discover how material selection impacts the final product, explore the fundamentals of designing for multiple materials, and prepare a model for a successful dual-material print.

Whether you're introducing students to advanced CAD concepts or expanding your engineering curriculum, these projects provide a practical way to bring real-world product design into the classroom. Throughout the series, Brian uses the UltiMaker S6 because it enables students to design and 3D print with multiple materials, bringing more advanced engineering projects into the classroom.

If you're just discovering the series, you'll also find earlier lessons covering functional design, moving parts, and designing with TPU.

Explore the video series |



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Association Leaders for 2026-2027



Newly Installed Officers for 2026-2027

Of course **BJ Scott** moves in the President's position. **Cara Mosely** was elected as the President Elect starting her 3 year commitment. **Geoff Estes** will serve as Immediate Past President. **Tom Larson** will fulfill position as Vice-President. **Aiden Flynn** comes in as our secretary. **Alisa Rushing** will work as Executive Treasurer/Secretary.

Regional Presidents **Rachel Domer**, Northern Region, **Vacant** Blue Ridge Region, **Vacant**, Southwest Region, **Otis Gallion**, South Central Region, **Ken Garrison**, Tidewater Region, and **Rachel Gibson**, Valley Region. Great things are being planned for the upcoming year and YOU should get involved on your region's management team to support the president. **Tim Vaughan** will remain as our representative for the VCTEA. **Joey Jackson** is our VCEC Representative. **Laurie Limoge-Jamerson** will be serving as the 2026 Conference Chair. **Maura Stout** will be the TSA Representative. **Dr. Tricia Jacobs**, DTE will serve as ITEEA Representative. **Dr. Lynn Basham**, DTE will serve as the VDOE Technology and Engineering Education Specialist.

Upcoming in the next issue of Technologize

We look forward to words from our New VTEA President B.J. Scott.
He will be a very busy man this coming year as BJ continues to work as:

- TSA State Advisor organizing the many events throughout the school year.
- Serving with ITTEA on committee chairs
- Continuing with interviewing TOY/POY candidates for the 2027 year.
- TSA, Inc. President Elect



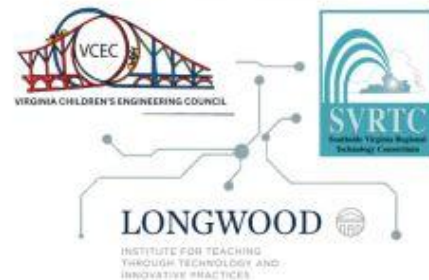
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Everyone is welcome to submit local news from your school. In past issues we have highlighted individuals of their path into teaching Technology Education. This section was entitled "Focus on Us" Consider sharing how you got involved in our profession including some details on what you love about this career. We are open to all including university trained Technology Education & Engineering graduates to career switchers from industry or other school subjects.

We want your ideas on what articles can best help you this coming year: project ideas, lesson plans ready to utilize, governmental decisions that shape our curriculum, calendar dates on upcoming events or local general regional information.

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