

# 2023

# Virginia Banking Fellows Program

THE VIRGINIA  
FOUNDATION  
for COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION



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## Program Highlights:

- Bank sponsors attended the program orientation in September in Richmond.
  - Foundation board members and other Virginia bankers spoke to the Fellows on leadership and careers in banking during the program orientation.
- Two Fellows attended fall VBA State Legislative Meetings.
- Two Fellows attended the VBA Leadership Conference.
- Bank sponsors joined the Fellows in Richmond for the VFCCE Legislative Reception in January.
- One Fellow attended Burgers with Bruce in Suffolk.
- Three Fellows took ABA online training courses.
- Two bankers made a financial literacy presentation to the Fellows at their culminating event in May.
- Two Fellows have been hired in the industry since the start of the program.
- All Fellows completed community service requirements and reports in the fall and spring semesters.
- Six banks have committed to sponsoring the 2023-2024 program, which will kick off in September.



## \$130,000

IN SPONSORSHIPS

## 2022-2023 PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS:

SEVEN VIRGINIA BANKS  
CONTRIBUTED A TOTAL OF  
\$70,000 TO SPONSOR  
SEVEN FELLOWS.

THE FOUNDATION  
CONTRIBUTED \$60,000 TO  
SPONSOR SIX ADDITIONAL  
FELLOWS.

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The Virginia Banking Fellows at the program orientation in September 2022.



Cullen Shortt (right), who was hired at TowneBank this spring, attended Burgers with Bruce in Suffolk in April.



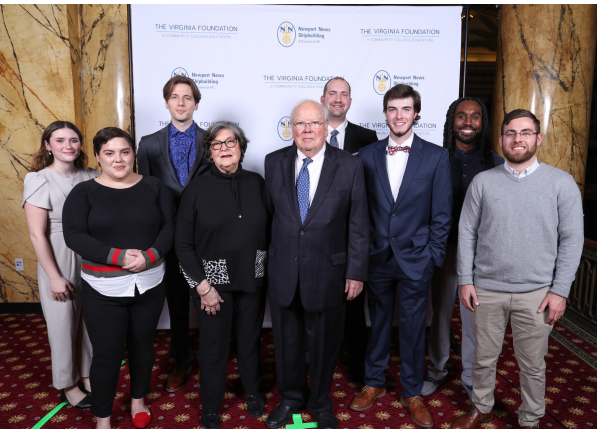
Nathalia Artus, Dorothy Welch and Scott Harvard served on a leadership panel at the program orientation.



Fellows and Virginia bankers at the VFCCE Legislative Reception in Richmond.



Fellows during their visit to the Patrick Henry Building in January.



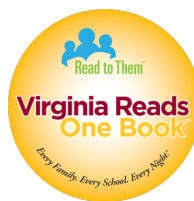
Fellows at the VFCCE Legislative Reception with VFCCE Chair Ben Davenport Jr. and his wife Betty.



Fellows with VA Secretary of Education Aimee Rogstad Guidera at the Patrick Henry Building in January.



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# Virginia Reads One Book Program

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Thank You to the 2023 Statewide Sponsors!



## Program Highlights:

- Nearly 70% of the total number of students who participated in this year's program did so through Virginia banking industry sponsorship.
- There were four new bank sponsors for the 2023 program.

"FORMING A PARTNERSHIP WITH A LOCAL BANK WAS THE MOST EXCITING PART OF THE PROGRAM- ASIDE FROM ALL THE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS."

- 2023 PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

"THIS WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. I GOT TO SHARE MY EXCITEMENT ABOUT BANKING WITH THE STUDENTS ALONG WITH READING THE BOOK."

- 2023 BANK SPONSOR



## \$90,000

IN SPONSORSHIPS

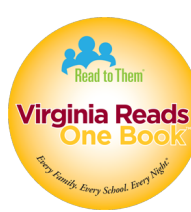
## PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS:

THE FOUNDATION AND BANKS ACROSS VIRGINIA CONTRIBUTED NEARLY \$90,000, SPONSORING MORE THAN 13,700 STUDENTS AND STAFF AT TITLE 1 SCHOOLS.

THE FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTED \$7,500.

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## NOTED & QUOTED

**Touchstone Bank**  
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We kicked off #VirginiaReadsOneBook with a bus tour and visited Dinwiddie and Sunnyside Elementary School, the two schools we sponsored this year!

We had a blast riding along and getting the students excited for this year's financial literacy-themed book, J.D. and the Great Barber Battle.

Everyone – students, parents, teachers, and even administrative staff - will be following along together over the next couple of weeks.

Such a fun day seeing all the smiles on those precious faces!

#TouchstoneBank #CommunityBankingWithPurpose #TeamTouchstone #BankingWithPurpose

**Powell Valley National Bank**  
March 3 · 🌐

Every year the Virginia Bankers Association partners with Read to Them to host a program called Virginia Reads One Book (VAROB). Today, PVB kicked off #VAROB2023 at Wise Primary School! This month, more than 13,700 students across Virginia will participate in the program. As sponsors of Wise Primary, PVB supplied the entire community - including bus drivers, resource teachers, facilities staff, office personnel, students and their families - with the same financial literacy-themed book: J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard. WPS students already have a head start on their books since our President & CEO, Leton Harding, read them the first chapter.

Thank you to the VBA and Read To Them for coordinating such an impactful initiative! A special thank you to Wise Primary School Family Engagement, CHS Cheerleaders, and LFA Junior Beta Club for a wonderful day!

We'd love to see your children reading their books - drop your pictures in the comments!

"When a whole state reads a book, there's a lot to talk about."

**ds\_atwood**

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ds\_atwood I was pleased to be a volunteer on behalf of Carter Bank & Trust for 2023 Virginia Reads One Book Program. Wish I could have snapped a picture of those sweet faces in the 1st grade class I read too.

@readtothem

readtothem Thank you for supporting our Virginia Schools!

**American National Bank & Trust**  
March 14 at 5:00 PM · 🌐

The Virginia Reads One Book program is full swing! AMNB team members Pam, Lisa, and Sherry attended the kickoff assembly at Mountain View Elementary in Roanoke County and helped pass out this year's book, J.D. and the Great Barber Battle.

**Burke & Herbert Bank**  
2,702 followers  
2d · 🌐

We are excited to sponsor the Virginia Reads One Book Program for the fifth consecutive year. Through this program, we are able to bring together students, staff, and their families to celebrate reading together. This year, we have selected Weyanoke Elementary School in Fairfax County to receive a copy of J.D. and the Great Barber Battle which features financial literacy messaging.

Hunt Burke and Joe Collum participated in reading chapters aloud for a video distributed to schools throughout Virginia.

*Virginia Reads One Book*  
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle

**C&F Bank**  
Mar 7 · 🌐

C&F Bank is proud to sponsor Miles Jones Elementary School for the 2023 Virginia Reads One Book program beginning in March. Through the #VAROB2023 program, we aim to build a community of readers. Everyone – students, parents, teachers, and even administrative staff – will be following along together while reading this year's financial literacy-themed book, J.D. and the Great Barber Battle. The students and staff at C&F Bank will join more than 20,000 Virginia students participating in this program. "When a whole state reads a book, there's a lot to talk about." #vabankers Read to Them @vabanker

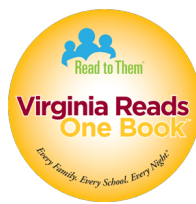
**Proud Sponsor of Virginia Reads One Book!**

*"When a whole state reads a book, there's a lot to talk about."*

J.D. and the Great Barber Battle by J. Dillard. Illustrated by Akeem S. Roberts. (New York: Penguin Random House, 2021)

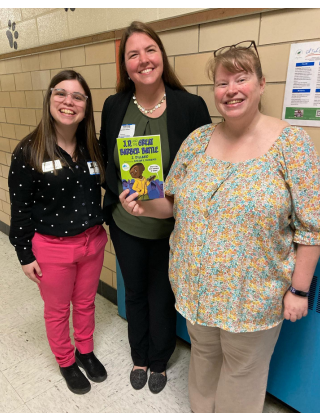
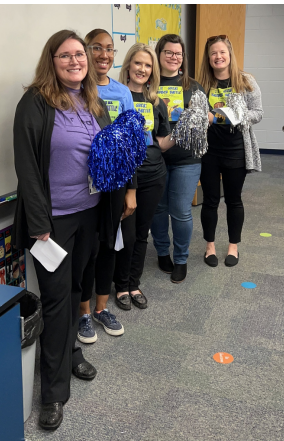
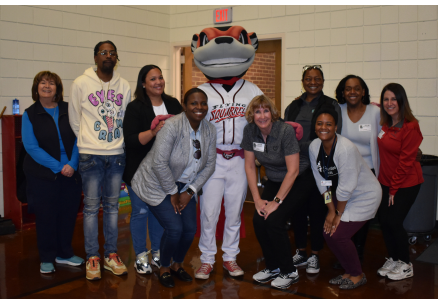


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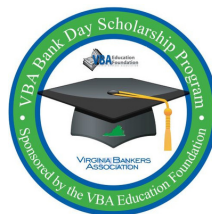
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# Bank Day Scholarship Program

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## Bank Hosts:

- American National Bank & Trust Co.
- Bank of Botetourt
- Bank of the James
- Blue Ridge Bank
- Burke & Herbert Bank
- C&F Bank
- Chesapeake Bank
- Citizens Bank & Trust Co.
- F&M Bank
- First Bank & Trust Company
- First Bank, Virginia
- First National Bank
- Lee Bank and Trust Co.
- MainStreet Bank
- New Peoples Bank
- Oak View National Bank
- Old Point National Bank
- Pendleton Community Bank
- Powell Valley National Bank
- Skyline National Bank
- The Bank of Marion
- The Bank of Southside Virginia
- The Farmers Bank of Appomattox
- Truist Bank
- United Bank
- Village Bank

## 2023 Statewide Winner:

### Carson Wang

Maggie Walker  
Governor's School  
Hosted by Village Bank



## 2023 Regional & Honorable Mention Winners:

### Regional Winners:

- Capitol:** Carson Wang, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Hosted by Village Bank
- Central/Southside:** Danielle Syrek, Jefferson Forest High School, Hosted by Bank of the James
- Eastern Virginia:** Selah Longchamp, Bethel High School, Hosted by C&F Bank
- Northern Virginia:** Kaeli Rits, Homeschool, Hosted by Burke & Herbert Bank
- Southwest Virginia:** Baleigh Belcher, Patrick Henry High School, Hosted by The Bank of Marion
- Valley:** Nicholas Hayden, Millbrook High School, Hosted by United Bank

### Honorable Mention Winners:

- Capitol:** Simi Chakravarty, Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, Hosted by Village Bank
- Central/Southside:** Leah Andrews, Altavista High School, Hosted by First National Bank
- Eastern Virginia:** Samuel Baker, Northumberland High School, Hosted by Blue Ridge Bank
- Northern Virginia:** Neal Love, Fairfax High School, Hosted by MainStreet Bank
- Southwest Virginia:** Zane Johnson, Honaker High School, Hosted by New Peoples Bank
- Valley:** Ashley Truban, John Handley High School, Hosted by F&M Bank



# \$26,000

AWARDED IN  
2023

## PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS:

A TOTAL OF \$270,000  
HAS BEEN AWARDED  
SINCE 2012.

MORE THAN 460  
STUDENTS REGISTERED  
WITH 26 BANKS.

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**Old Point**  
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It's #BankDay!

Old Point hosted high school seniors from local Hampton Roads high schools to participate in Bank Day, a statewide effort sponsored by the [Virginia Bankers Association](#) and the VBA Emerging Bank Leaders. The purpose of the program is to expose students to the banking industry and provide an opportunity for the students to learn about banking, careers in banking, financial services, and the vital role Old Point and community banks across Virginia play in their communities.

Good luck to all the students participating with Old Point!



**BSV bankofsouthsidevirginia**

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👤 Liked by mmcdearmon and 3 others

**bankofsouthsidevirginia** It was a pleasure to host Colonial Heights High School juniors and seniors at Banking Day this week here at BSV. Our own Craig Face spoke with students taking finance and accounting classes, discussing topics such as financial services, career opportunities in the finance industry, and the important role banks play in serving our communities.

#careeropportunities #financialeducation #communityfirst

< **Twin County Chamber of Commerce**  
5d · 🌐

Thank you [Skyline National Bank](#) for the opportunity to join you for the VBA Bank Day Scholarship program!

[Virginia Bankers Association](#)



< **Oak View National Bank**  
6m · 🌐

Our Culpeper branch was proud to host students from area high schools for #vbankday with the [Virginia Bankers Association](#).

We had a great day with our students! 🙌



**fmbankva**

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**fmbankva** Today a team of F&M bankers shared banking history and industry insight as part of an annual tradition called Bank Day. Students from area high schools spent the morning with our team and will now write an essay for scholarship money provided by the Virginia Bankers Association. Best of luck to this group of engaged students!

Learn more about #BankDay on the F&M Bank blog [www.fmbankva.com/fm-bank-to-host-bank-day-student-scholarship-program-in-march](http://www.fmbankva.com/fm-bank-to-host-bank-day-student-scholarship-program-in-march)



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