

# VIRGINIA BANKING FELLOWS PROGRAM

In Partnership with the VFCCE

September 2023 – May 2024



## Program by the Numbers:



**\$70,000**

**Seven** Virginia banks contributed a total of **\$70,000** to sponsor **seven** Fellows.

**\$60,000**

The VBA Education Foundation contributed **\$60,000** total to sponsor **six** additional Fellows.

## Program Highlights:



- Bank sponsors attended the program orientation in September in Richmond.
  - VBA Education Foundation board members and other Virginia bankers spoke to the Fellows on leadership, careers in banking, and HR best practices during the program orientation.
- Two Fellows attended fall VBA State Legislative Meetings.
- One Fellow attended the VBA Leadership Conference and the Women in Banking Conference.
- Seven Fellows attended a virtual fireside chat with Bruce Whitehurst and VCCS Chancellor Dr. David Doré in November.
- Two Fellows attended a virtual training for Emerging Bank Leaders, presented by Leadership Conference speaker Alyson Van Hooser.
- Bank sponsors joined the Fellows in Richmond for the VFCCE Legislative Reception in January.
- Fellows attended a virtual session on LinkedIn and resumés with Jennifer Huffman, Atlantic Union Bank, in February.
- Two Fellows attended the VBA Connect|Protect Experience in March.
- One Fellow attended Burgers with Bruce in Richmond.
- Three Fellows took ABA online training courses.
- Two bankers made a financial literacy presentation to the Fellows at their culminating event in May.
- One Fellow will intern at a Virginia bank and participate in the VBA Internship Program.
- All Fellows completed community service requirements and reports in the fall and spring semesters.
- Four banks have committed to sponsoring the 2024-2025 program, which will kick off in September.



THANK YOU TO THE 2023-2024 BANK SPONSORS



**\$130,000**

in Sponsorships

# VBA BANK DAY

## Scholarship Program

March 2024



### Program by the Numbers:



**\$296,000**

A total of **\$296,000**  
has been awarded  
since 2012.

**650**

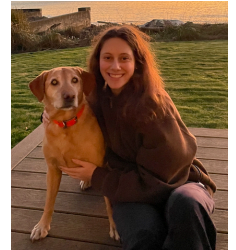
More than **650**  
students registered  
with **28** banks.

### 2024 Statewide Winner:



**Sydney Guthrie**

James Madison High School  
Vienna, VA  
Hosted by Burke & Herbert  
Bank



### Regional & Honorable Mention Winners:



**Capitol Region Winner:** Charles Riccardino, Jr., Atlee High School, Hosted by Truist Bank

**Capitol Region Honorable Mention Winner:** Gabriella Greth, Hanover High School, Hosted by C&F Bank

**Central/Southside Region Winner:** Ele Norton, Blacksburg High School, Hosted by First Bank & Trust Co.

**Central/Southside Region Honorable Mention Winner:** Sarah Dinkel, Blacksburg High School, Hosted by First Bank & Trust Co.

**Eastern Virginia Region Winner:** Destiny Caravello, Nansemond River High School, Hosted by Blue Ridge Bank

**Eastern Virginia Region Honorable Mention Winner:** Joseph Scott, Lancaster High School, Hosted by Chesapeake Bank

**Northern Virginia Region Winner:** Sydney Guthrie, James Madison High School, Hosted by Burke & Herbert Bank

**Northern Virginia Region Honorable Mention Winner:** Ashraf Abdou, Justice High School, Hosted by Burke & Herbert Bank

**Southwest Virginia Region Winner:** Blair Rutherford, Patrick Henry High School, Hosted by First Bank & Trust Co.

**Southwest Virginia Region Honorable Mention Winner:** Ethan Cloud, Eastside High School, Hosted by Powell Valley National Bank

**Valley Region Winner:** Savannah Hillman, Valley Baptist Christian School, Hosted by First Bank, Virginia

**Valley Region Honorable Mention Winner:** Mason Cubbage, Page County High School, Hosted by Blue Ridge Bank

### Bank Hosts:



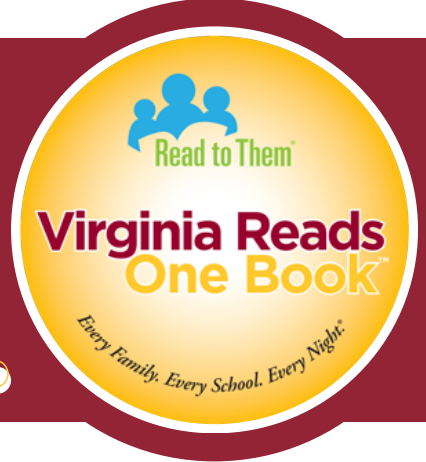
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- Bank of Botetourt
- Blue Ridge Bank
- Burke & Herbert Bank
- C&F Bank
- Chesapeake Bank
- F&M Bank
- First Bank & Trust Co.
- First Bank, Virginia
- First National Bank
- Highlands Community Bank
- MainStreet Bank
- Movement Bank
- New Peoples Bank
- Oak View National Bank
- Old Point National Bank
- Pendleton Community Bank
- Powell Valley National Bank
- Select Bank
- Taylor Bank
- The Bank of Marion
- The Bank of Southside Virginia
- The Farmers Bank of Appomattox
- Touchstone Bank
- TowneBank
- Truist Bank
- United Bank
- Village Bank



**\$26,000**  
in Scholarships

# VIRGINIA READS ONE BOOK

In Partnership with Read to Them



March 2024



## Program by the Numbers:



**38**

The VBA Education Foundation and **21** banks sponsored the program at **38** Title 1 elementary schools.

**15,000**

The nearly **\$113,000** commitment supported more than **15,000** students and staff.

## Program Highlights:



- More than 50% of the total number of students who participated in this year's program did so through Virginia banking industry sponsorship.
- The Foundation contributed \$7,500 to the program, sponsoring nearly 2,000 students at three Title 1 schools.

## Program Feedback:



*There is a constant buzz throughout the hallways during the month of Virginia Reads One Book. Teachers, students, custodians, administration, cafeteria workers, and parents are all talking about the great book we are reading together!*

*Representatives from the Powell Valley National Bank came to distribute books and bags to all the students and staff. The CEO also read the first chapter to everyone! It was a fun way to get the students excited about the Virginia Reads One Book event!*

*I love it when the kids come in talking about what they read with their families. They come in very eager to complete the daily trivia questions and we are grateful to Carter Bank for providing prizes for trivia.*

*We love the sense of community Virginia Reads brings. We also love our bank partnership. They volunteer and get all of our materials ready. The bank is also doing financial literacy lessons with our students through counseling. Such a wonderful program overall!*



Thank You to the 2024 Statewide Sponsors!



**\$112,800**

in Sponsorships