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## Virginia REALTORS® Announce 2018 Award Winners

Virginia's largest professional trade association honors the year's most accomplished REALTORS®

GLEN ALLEN, Va. (July 12, 2018) – Virginia REALTORS® celebrates its 2018 awardees. The association will conduct its annual awards ceremony in conjunction with ACCELERATE 2018: The Virginia REALTORS® Annual Convention on Wednesday, September 26, at The Hilton Norfolk: The Main. The ceremony will celebrate excellence in various areas of real estate, including property management, brokerage, education, and other business achievements, along with notable community contributions. These awardees were selected by a committee of peers as standouts among an association of more than 34,000 members.

**Virginia REALTOR® Hall of Fame:** Honors Virginia REALTORS® who have made extraordinary and distinguished contributions to the real estate profession and markets in Virginia over a period of twenty five years or more. Induction to the Hall of Fame is considered Virginia REALTORS®' principal career honor.

- Carol Clarke of the Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®
- **Virginia Rose** of the Richmond Association of REALTORS® (\*This award was given posthumously.)
- J. P. Vaughan of the Lynchburg Association of REALTORS®

**Code of Ethics Leadership Award:** Honors a REALTOR® who exhibits knowledge of the REALTOR® Code of Ethics, arbitration and/or professional standards, and who shares such expertise unequivocally.

• Kathryn Jones of the Dulles Area Association of REALTORS®

**Virginia Manager of the Year, Sponsored by Pearl Insurance:** Presented to a broker/manager recognizing individual achievement over a ten-year period.

Jeanne Hockaday of the Chesapeake Bay & Rivers Association of REALTORS®

**George Rink Outstanding Real Estate Educator Award:** Recognizes the Virginia REALTOR® educator who has made the most significant contributions to and exemplified leadership and service in real estate education at either the state or local level.

• **Libby Gatewood** of the Richmond Association of REALTORS®.

**The Ann Swearingen Property Manager of the Year Award:** Presented to the industry's highest achieving association members engaged in the field of residential property management.

Steven Stein of the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Association of REALTORS®

**Virginia Housing Development Authority Service to Virginia Award:** Recognizes the Virginia REALTOR® who has made the most significant difference in promoting affordable homeownership to first-time homebuyers during the year or whose life work merits recognition and celebration of this issue.

Greg Slater of the Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS®

For headshots of award winners, please contact Steve Daley at sdaley@virginiarealtors.org

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## **About the Virginia REALTORS®**

The Virginia REALTORS® association (previously known as the Virginia Association of REALTORS®) is the largest professional trade association in the Virginia, representing approximately 34,000 REALTORS® engaged in the residential and commercial real estate business. The Virginia REALTORS® association serves as an advocate for homeownership and homeowners, and represents the interests of property owners in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information, visit <a href="www.virginiarealtors.org">www.virginiarealtors.org</a> or follow Virginia REALTORS® on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>, and <a href="LinkedIn">LinkedIn</a>.

NOTE: The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® and subscribes to its strict Code of Ethics.