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Wilson Presented with 2020 VATFACS Outstanding Business & Industry Award

Richmond, VA – August 13, 2020 – The Virginia Association for Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (VATFACS) honored its award and scholarship recipients during a virtual ceremony on June 29, 2020. Jim Wilson, Director of Education and Workforce Development with the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging, and Travel Association (VRLTA) was presented with the 2020 VATFACS Outstanding Business & Industry Award. Recipients of this award are business and industry partners throughout the state that support family and consumer sciences programs.



Mr. Wilson and VRLTA have supported the VATFACS Professional Development Institute for many years. His support of the professional development needs of teachers across the state includes securing guest speakers for sessions, giving presentations, and organizing off-site excursions for teachers. In addition, he supports all culinary programs throughout the state and continuously encourages the culinary profession through his work with teachers and students.

About the Virginia Association for Teachers of Family & Consumer Sciences (VATFACS): VATFACS is an organization dedicated to promoting Family and Consumer Sciences in Virginia public schools to improve the lives of our students, their families, and our communities. VATFACS' mission is to promote professional development opportunities for family and consumer sciences teachers in Virginia, provide opportunity for collaboration with family and consumer sciences professionals, and support the purposes of the Virginia Association of Career and Technical (VA ACTE). VATFACS awards scholarships and graduate fellowships to individuals who have exhibited the potential to make contributions to the family and consumer sciences education (FCS) field.

About the field of Family & Consumer Sciences:

Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) is the comprehensive field of study focused on the art and science of living and working well in our complex world. Our primary areas of focus include culinary arts, hospitality, and tourism; education and training; food science and nutrition; health management and wellness; housing and interior design; human/child development and family relations; personal and family finance; and textiles, apparel, and retailing. Sustainable practices, consumerism, and leadership principles are woven throughout the content areas. Through research, experiential education, and technology, our professionals help people develop the essential knowledge and skills to lead better lives, be work and career ready, build strong families, and make meaningful contributions to our communities. FCS professionals are found

in settings such as academic education at the early childhood, elementary, secondary, and higher education levels, community education for adults and youth, including Cooperative Extension programs, business and industry, government, and health and human services.

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