



# SVRTC Newsletter

## Winter 2017



### Mission Statement:

The Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium will assist members with coordinating the acquisition and effective integration of viable up-to-date and emerging technologies, valuable training for K-12 students, staff and other citizens in our communities to enhance learning at all levels and encourage economic development in Southside Virginia.

## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SVRTC AWARDS BANQUET March 23, 2017

The *11th Annual SVRTC Technology Awards Banquet* will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 at Longwood University in the Nance Room of the Dorrill Dining Hall.

Please make sure your division is represented by submitting your nominations for the following categories by February 17, 2017.

- Technology Division Award
- Technology Leadership Award
- Technology Teacher Award
- Instructional Technology Support Award
- Technology Support Award



Last year, Dinwiddie County Public Schools received the Division Leadership Award. Left to right: Christie Clarke, Superintendent William D. Clark, and Toni Wynn. Submit your 2017 nominees before February 17.

## WHRO Coding Camp

*By Rosalie Rodriguez, WHRO Education*

*Contributed by Tim Mays, Sussex County Public Schools*

In early December, WHRO Education conducted another PBS KIDS ScratchJr, Coding Camp for local students. WHRO Education Specialist, Rosalie Rodriguez, presented the camp at Sussex Central Elementary School (SCES) in Stony Creek, Virginia. The coding camp is a facet of the STEM (Science, Technology,



Engineering, and Mathematics) education that WHRO shares throughout the Hampton Roads area. The camp is designed to introduce students to coding over five consecutive days through the exploration of the many features in the PBS KIDS ScratchJr app. Using the app, students can create their own interactive stories and games featuring their favorite characters from

Wild Kratts, Nature Cat, WordGirl and Peg + Cat! By snapping together colorful programming blocks, children can make characters move, jump, dance, and sing. In the process, they learn to solve problems and express themselves creatively.



SCES's participation was overwhelming with 19 students attending the camp. Tim Mays, SCES's Instructional Technologist, and four SCES educators supported Rodriguez during the course of the coding camp. Students created their own stories with the PBS KIDS ScratchJr app each day. On the last day, each student shared a sample of his/her final coding project during a showcase presentation. These students' enthusiasm, engagement, and creativity in participating in this camp was outstanding!



## Shining Stars!

Congratulations to Stephanie Playton and Barbara Scott for receiving a Service Award through Longwood University.



Read more about them in the ITTIP February Newsletter

<https://goo.gl/OKNwHN>

## Spring Tech Conferences

- **Google Apps for Education (GAPE) -- March 11-12**  
**Charlottesville**
- **EDTech2017 VCU -- March 8**

