



# SVRTC Newsletter

## Spring 2016



### 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.

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SVRTC AWARDS BANQUET March 23, 2016

The Southside Regional Technology Consortium (SVRTC) celebrated the 10th annual SVRTC Technology awards banquet on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 in Blackwell Hall at Longwood University. Twenty-two SVRTC school divisions were represented with over 140 SVRTC members in attendance. There were fifty-five awards presented to SVRTC members who have promoted technology in their divisions. The two competitive awards included the Technology Leadership award presented to Dr. Dorinda Grasty, Appomattox County School Division Superintendent and the Division Leadership award that was presented to Dinwiddie County Schools.



SVRTC Co-chair Dr. Liz Jamerson (left), presents Dr. Grasty with the Technology Leadership Award



Dinwiddie County Public Schools received the Division Leadership Award. Left to right: Christie Clarke, Superintendent William D. Clark, and Toni Wynn.

## Teaching Environmental Stability Model My Watershed

The Institute for Teaching Through Technology and Innovative Practices (ITTIP) is partnering with Concord Consortium, Millersville University and Stroud Water Research Center to offer professional development for grades 6-12 Science teachers. It begins in summer 2016 and continues through the 2016-2017 school year. Register soon! Space is limited.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MMW2016>



## Spring Tech Conferences

- Google Apps for Education (GAPE) -- March 4-6
- EDTech2016 VCU -- March 9
- VCU / TTAC TechKnowledgey Institute (AT, AIM and AAC) April 12

Many representatives from the SVRTC consortium were able to attend technology conferences held in nearby locations this spring. GAPE sessions include management and deployment of Chromebooks, apps for assistive technology, and using Chromebooks for SOL testing. EDTech sessions covered app-smashing, deeper learning and flipping the classroom. The TechKnowledgey Institute included sessions geared towards assistive technology, language acquisition and apps specific for students identified as dyslexic.

Way to Go!



Sommer Jones,  
Hopewell  
City ITRT  
presented

***“The In Class Flip:  
Transform Student Learning from  
the Inside Out”*** at the EDTech  
Conference.

Way to go Sommer!

## VSTE Annual Conference returns to Virginia Beach -- December 4-6, 2016

Super Early Bird Registration is open through September 1. Call for proposals is open with the theme:

*Charting the Course – Navigating  
the Future*

Hope to see you there!



### Engaging and Interactive Resources – Check them out!

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org/>

<http://www.videonot.es/>

<http://quizizz.com/admin>

<http://www.socrative.com/>

<https://getkahoot.com/>

<http://star.spsk12.net/index.htm>

(Kudos to Suffolk City Schools for a STAR resource!)

