

Hall of Fame Presentation
VAPT Banquet
June 21, 2017

The Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation Hall of Fame award represents the highest honor an individual can achieve in VAPT. Tonight I am honored to present to you two new inductees in this esteemed group.

Without the efforts of the first inductee, we may not be here in Norfolk for the VAPT Conference. In 1976 a group of school business leaders met at the Virginia Association of School Business Officials annual conference and discussed the need for a statewide organization of like minded people could share information to improve pupil transportation safety and efficiency. In July of 1976 she, along with Nathan Young from Henrico County, started what is now known as the Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation. She served on the original slate of officers of the organization as the President elect.

From September 1968 through February 1977 this person served as the Transportation Supervisor for York County Schools. At the time, she had the distinction of being the only female supervisor in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Prior to becoming supervisor, she was a bus driver and worked as the secretary to the director of instruction. She also has the distinction of initiating the first special needs bus run in York County.

It gives me great pleasure to present the first Hall of Fame Award tonight to Ms. Evangeline Ferguson.

The second award tonight goes to someone who gave forty four and a half years of service to the Virginia Department of Education. In 1970 she was hired as a Clerk Stenographer B and since that time has held many positions in the Budget Office including the Director of Budget and, thankfully for all of us in this room, the Director of Support Services.

She served from 2005 to 2007 as the President of VAPT and served from 2010 to 2011 and 2013 to 2014 as the President of the Southeastern States Pupil Transportation Conference. Currently, she is serving as the Interim Executive Coordinator for VAPT. So even in retirement she is working hard to make sure that VAPT continues to serve school divisions in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

This person has developed an extensive knowledge of state and federal regulations pertaining to pupil transportation and can answer questions about the dreaded state report at the drop of a dime.

Please join me in welcoming June Eanes as a member of the VAPT Hall of Fame.