

SOUTHEASTERN STATES PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE  
**VIRGINIA 2016 BUSTER BYNUM EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT**



**MATTIE RUTH STANLEY**  
Dickenson County

Graduating Magna Cum Laude from Ridgeview High School, Virginia's 2016 recipient of the SESPTC Buster Bynum Education Scholarship, will be attending the University of Virginia at Wise where she plans to major in Communications with a minor in Education.

Extremely involved in her county's 4-H club as both a member and an officer, Ms. Stanley participated in the Hippology and Horse Judging Team and the Saddle Club. She was a Grand Champion in 2010 and 2013 and a Reserve Grand Champion in 2012 and 2014 in the 4-H Horse and Pony Championship Horseshow. She was named the Dickenson County 4-H'er of the Year in 2014 and 2015.

Balancing her involvement in 4-H, Ms. Stanley was a member of her school National Honor Society, the BETA Club, the KEY Club and Glee Club. She also maintained perfect attendance her entire time in high school.

Answering the question of why she desires to continue her education, Ms. Stanley wrote, "I have been blessed in my youth to have several adults that have taken a special interest in helping me pursue my dreams and interests. Some were teachers, some were mentors, and of course my parents. These adults have helped me realize I want to have the opportunity to help youth pursue their dreams. I would like to become a 4-H Extension Agent.