



The Virginia Foundation
FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE EDUCATION

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Preston A. Wilhelm, Sr., will retire soon after 35 years of service to the Commonwealth. He began his successful career of promoting the state at the Virginia Community College System and eventually landed at the Department of Business Assistance where he is currently Director of the Virginia Jobs Investment Program. As a tireless champion of economic development, he has helped create thousands of jobs for Virginians. Preston's exemplary leadership was recognized by the Virginia Economic Developers Association in 2005 with the prestigious Cardinal Award.

To honor his distinguished career, his family and colleagues are generating support to establish a scholarship fund through the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education (VFCCE). Subject to VFCCE board approval, the scholarship will be called the **Preston A. Wilhelm Workforce Opportunity Fund**. This fund will help increase economic opportunity, support job creation, and enhance workforce development initiatives across Virginia by providing scholarship support to a Virginian with great promise and financial need.

We invite you, as someone who has worked closely with Preston over the years, to join us in celebrating Preston's legacy by participating in the creation of this fund. We surprised Preston with the announcement of this special scholarship at his retirement party in June.

We hope you will contribute to the success of this endeavor through a generous gift or pledge. Please find a commitment form attached. Your gift will honor the many accomplishments of Preston Wilhelm, an extraordinary leader and friend, and expand educational access for all our citizens.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sager Gentry, Vice Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

Enclosures

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