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# **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEMO NO. 154-20**

**DATE:** March 30, 2020

**TO:** CTE Administrators

**FROM:** George R. Willcox, Director, Operations and Accountability

 Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

## SUBJECT: 2020-2021 Nominations for Career Success Stars in Career and Technical Education (CTE)

The Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education is seeking nominations of former CTE students in their 20s and 30s who qualify for recognition as one of the Commonwealth’s brightest *Career Success Stars.* The individual success stories will be featured as video profiles on the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) website highlighting how CTE programs provide skills for career success.

Selection considerations will include diverse representation by gender, race/ethnicity, and statewide regional locations. Individuals will be selected to represent each of the 17 career clusters listed below. Also, there will be a featured story representing an active military personnel. Once selections are made, individuals will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a photograph and video recording session. Additionally, parents of some of the *Career Success Stars* will be interviewed and featured on the VDOE website.

**17 Career Clusters**

| * Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
 | * Hospitality & Tourism
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| * Architecture & Construction
 | * Human Services
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| * Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
 | * Information Technology
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| * Business Management & Administration
 | * Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security
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| * Education &Training
 | * Manufacturing
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| * Energy
 | * Marketing
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| * Finance
 | * Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
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| * Government & Public Administration
 | * Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics
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| * Health Science
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Please complete the [CTE Career Success Stars Referral](https://virginiadoe.gov1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8jFg6nTyUH5BuJg) form for each former student, and submit it by May 15, 2020.

The 2019-2020 *Career Success Stars* videos will be posted to the VDOE website soon.If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Acuff, Marketing and Related Clusters Specialist, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-3119.

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