



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Patricia I. Wright, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Career and Technical Education Spotlight Referral Request for the R U
“College & Career” Ready? Magazine**

The office of Career and Technical Education (CTE), in partnership with Virginia Business Publications, LLC, is seeking CTE program completers to showcase in the 2015 edition of the R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine. The R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine features former students in their 20s and 30s who are already at work in their careers. The R U “College & Career” Ready? Magazine is a career resource designed especially for teenagers and distributed annually to tenth-grade students in Virginia public schools.

Individuals will be selected to represent each of the [16 career clusters](#) and 79 related pathways. Selection considerations will include diverse representation by gender, race/ethnicity, and statewide regional locations. Once selections are made, a representative from Virginia Business Publications, LLC, will contact these individuals for a brief interview and to arrange for a photograph.

Under a separate cover, CTE and school counseling administrators will receive the Career and Technical Education Spotlight Referral form to distribute to their schools. The completed referrals are due to the Virginia Department of Education by May 15, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Wharff, specialist for school counseling career connections, Office of Career and Technical Education Services, at cte@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at 804-225-2052.

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