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**@WDS E-NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2005**  
**Prepared for Doloris Vest**  
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**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR:**

Workforce development is definitely in the legislative forefront at both the state and federal levels. Chancellor DuBois and members of his Cabinet, college presidents, VCCS State Board members and friends of the VCCS are actively supporting key bills and proposed budget amendments. Governor Warner included [several workforce related items](#) in his budget amendments and the House and Senate have now submitted their [proposed amendments](#), along with a host of [bills](#). The process of negotiating and agreeing on the final budget amendments for the Commonwealth will begin the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The American Association of Community Colleges and the VCCS are aggressively following [key workforce bills](#) such as Perkins, WIA Reauthorization, Higher Education Act, and Community College Job Training Grants. For the next few weeks, the Chancellor, members of the VCCS State Board, college presidents, and other VCCS representatives will be covering both the congressional and state legislature. Stay tuned – more updates will follow.

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**SYSTEM OFFICE UPDATES:**

- Workforce Development Services [featured](#) at the January VCCS State Board meeting
- [New Dean of Workforce Services at PVCC](#)
- [New Career Coach Grant Awards](#)
- [National Science Foundation project, Dominion TechWays Update](#)
- [Tech Prep/Perkins RFP Update](#)
- [Path to Industry Certification Grids](#)
- [WDS Statewide Contact List](#)
- [WDS Funding Study Timeline](#)

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**COLLEGE SUBMISSIONS:**

- [Jeff Arnold, Interim Dean of Danville Community College's Workforce Services, was recently named to serve on the board of the National Coalition of Advanced Technology Centers \(NCATC\)](#)
- [Northern Virginia Community College, Office of Workforce Development Newsletter](#)
- [Virginia Highlands and Wytheville Community Colleges are Meeting the](#)

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL:**

- February 16 – WDS Funding Study Project Team Meeting
- February 18 – [Marketing Plan 101, WDA](#)
- February 22 – WDS Advisory Council Steering Committee Conference Call
- February 24-25 - VCCS IT Curriculum Writing Project through NSF
- February 23 and March 2, 2005 – [Successful Grant Writing Strategies, WDA](#)
- March 14 - Regional Meeting, Central Virginia
- March 22-23 – Grant Writing Workshop, Tech Prep Local College Teams
- April 5 – NRCC, [VCCS Workshop on Immigration, Domicile & FERPA](#)
- April 8 – LFCC, [VCCS Workshop on Immigration, Domicile & FERPA](#)
- April 13 – 14, WDS Career Pathways Conference
  - Includes WDS Advisory Council Meeting – Morning of April 13
  - Includes WDS Advisory Council Steering Committee Meeting on evening of April 12 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- April 15 – RCC, [VCCS Workshop on Immigration, Domicile & FERPA](#)
- April 18 – WDS Funding Study Project Team Meeting

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**IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- The interim reports for the Workforce Development Projects funded by the Institutes of Excellence are due on April 1, 2005.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY:**

- Workforce Development [Professional Competencies - 2005 Summer Institute:](#)  
July 18 - 22, Charlottesville, VA
- [February/March Workshops](#)
  - February 18, Marketing Plan 101
  - Successful Grant Writing Strategies, February 23 and March 2
  - How to Write a Business Plan, March 18
  - Enhancing Quality Customer Service, March 30

**GENERAL NEWS:**

- [Did you know - Manufacturing is the engine that drives American prosperity?](#)
- [A Factory in Every Home, Retrieved from the September 2004 Edition of Business 2.0](#)
- [Merck to Expand Elkton Plant, 2/6/05 Daily Progress](#)
- [Southeast Va. Groups to Merge, AP 2/5/05 Daily Progress](#)
- [Sting by Loss, General Shale to Close Plant, Olympia Meola 2/1/05 Daily Progress](#)

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