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Scholarship Deadlines Extended

The deadline has been extended! The following scholarships are now due June 21st:

- **VA AWWA Ray A Jackson Undergraduate Scholarship**
- **VA AWWA Graduate Scholarship**
- **VA AWWA Operator Scholarship**

We would love to receive your applications. You can download the form at www.vaawwa.org/get-involved/scholarships

Please send in your completed applications to:
Jessica Hou (jhou@gfnet.com) and Geneva Hudgins (geneva.hudgins@vaawwa.org).

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Optimizing System Performance

A seminar presented by the VA AWWA Drinking Water Quality and Research Committee

New Date - July 12, 2018, University of Richmond Jepson Center

The Drinking Water Quality and Research Committee's seminar **Optimizing System Performance** has been rescheduled for **July 12, 2018**. The seminar will take place at the University of Richmond Jepson Center, and will be a full-day event with a distinguished lineup of speakers discussing topics including:

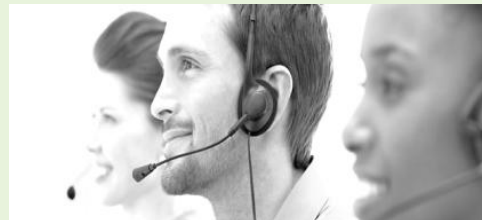
- Drinking Water Lead Testing in Virginia Public Schools
- Federal Developments - Preparing for the Regulatory Future
- Using Climate Information to Improve Water Resource Planning and Operations
- Reservoir Water Quality and Management
- Granular Media Filtration Operation and Performance
- Approaches for Incorporating UV Disinfection
- Distribution System Unidirectional Flushing
- Asset Management Program Implementation



Save the Date for the 40th Annual Customer Service Workshop

Connecting the dots... customer service, leadership, and you! Make the investment in yourself and your staff, and improve your customer service skills by attending sessions involving best practice, sharing, networking and team building.

This workshop will take place in Portsmouth, Virginia at the Renaissance Hotel from **October 17-19, 2018**.



Fred Angel Scholarship

The Fred Angel Exceptional Service Scholarship will cover the VA AWWA Customer Service Workshop registration **and** hotel accommodations at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel from **October 17-19, 2018**. Applicants must be a VAAWWA member or a full-time employee of

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to interact with fellow water professionals and earn 5.75 CPE/CEC credits.

(Note: those previously registered for the original March 21, 2018 date do not need to re-register).

[Register Online](#)



Preventing Falls in the Water and Wastewater Industry

**Preventing Falls Seminar
June 27 – 8:15 – 2:45 pm
Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke VA**

Here is a preview of the agenda:

- **Walking and Working Surfaces**
– *Jonathan Wright, City of Chesapeake*
- **Fall Prevention** – *Jeff Martin, City of Lynchburg*
- **Fall Protection** – *Joseph DelPriore, Prince William County*
- **Field Demonstration** – *City of Roanoke Fire Department*

***** All students will need to bring a Hard Hat, Steel Toe Shoes, and a Safety Harness to inspect and put on during class. (No students will be subjected to any falls).**

Note: This event is being held in conjunction with the VWEA Operations Education Conference and Ops Challenge. You are welcome to register for the full conference or just the Safety Seminar. More information is available at the register online link below.

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a utility that is an AWWA member. Applicants shall demonstrate exceptional and professional customer service in one or more of the following functional areas: call center operations, billing, collections and account receivables, new service operations, field operations, and office administrations. Apply now at www.vaawwa.org.

The deadline for applications has been extended to July 15, 2018.

Call for Award Nominations

The Virginia Section AWWA is seeking nominations for our 2018 awards. Awards recipients will be honored at this year's annual conference, WaterJAM, to be held in Virginia Beach from **September 10-13**. Below is a listing of awards up for consideration. Please take some time to review the specific criteria and guidelines which can be found on the Section website at www.vaawwa.org/get-involved/awards and nominate a worthy member. It is a great way to recognize the wonderful accomplishments of our membership.

- George Warren Fuller Award
- Herbert W. Evans, Jr. Distinguished Service Award
- Edward H. Ruehl Operator of the Year
- Sherry L. Williams Leadership Award
- Heroism Award
- Courageous Service Award
- Employer Support Award
- Public Information Award
- VA AWWA Larry Gordon Safety Award

For questions or more information on how to nominate an individual or organization, please contact our Executive Manager, Geneva Hudgins, at Geneva.hudgins@vaawwa.org or 434-386-3190.

Speaker's Bureau Invitation

The Work for Water Committee is inviting you to join our Speaker's Bureau! This initiative provides water and wastewater professionals the opportunity to interact with students in elementary, middle, and high school desiring to learn more about the industry. Topics include promoting various types of careers, educational requirements for those careers, water conservation, the water cycle, treatment, and utility management.

If you are interested in being a speaker, please submit your information here: www.goo.gl/forms/OjOdD417FAmq7sGI2.



Water for People Social

Water For People hosts a variety of fundraising events annually and depends on regional organizations like AWWA and WEF to coordinate some of its funding.

This year, the VWEA/VAAWWA Water for People Committee is hosting a community social and silent auction to further its contribution to the non-profit. The event will be held on Wednesday, **August 8** at 5:00 PM at a **Deadline Brewing Project** in Virginia Beach.

Water for People is making great strides in the community, the region and nationally with the fascinating innovative projects coming out of Hampton Roads. This will be a fun way to celebrate their work while supporting those in greater need than our own.

By donating to Water For People you are helping to build stronger communities where families will have safe water sources, children can go to schools with adequate water and sanitation facilities and entire communities can finally be free of the social, economic and health burdens tied to poor water supply and sanitation.

More details to come, and we hope to see you there!

Tickets will include a drink voucher and enter you into a raffle for a **Surly Steamroller** bicycle in "Drink More Water" yellow.



24th Annual Good Laboratory Practice Conference

Lab Practices Workshop
July 30 – 31
Omni Hotel, Charlottesville, VA

The VA AWWA/VWEA Laboratory Practice Committee invites you to the 24th Annual Good Laboratory Practice Conference.

This year's conferences will include a full-day technical program, an exhibit hall with 25 exhibitors of laboratory equipment and instrumentation; an exhibitors' reception; and a pre-conference, half-day, hands-on workshop. This conference is designed to provide the latest information on major issues such as method updates, laboratory accreditation, and new technologies.

Attendance is recommended for any environmental professional involved in the analysis of water or wastewater, especially laboratory analysts, laboratory managers, instrumentation and equipment manufacturers, plant operators, regulatory personnel, environmental engineers and environmental compliance managers.

Conference Brochure
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WORK FOR WATER!



Join the Work for Water Committee

How did you become aware of the water industry and decide to pursue a career in it? Chances are, you stumbled into it accidentally or worked your way around to it after traveling a long and winding road of career interests and possibilities. The Work for Water Committee's goal is to help today's kids learn about water careers before they get too far along in their educational and career seeking paths.

The primary objective of the Work for Water Committee is to enhance the visibility and image of careers in the water and wastewater industry to students, career counselors and the public. We meet our objectives by attending school career fairs or by doing in-classroom presentations. We always keep in mind that today's students are potentially tomorrow's utility employees!

Would you like to join the Work for Water Committee and take part in persuading today's students to be a part of tomorrow's workforce? If you possess a love for our industry and a passion for working with youth, then the Work for Water Committee is for you! Please contact **Kim Clements** at workforwater@vwea.org to find out more about the wonderful things the Work for Water Committee is doing and to sign up for an upcoming meeting.



Check out our latest issue of *Tap Into Virginia*!

Click on the cover or [here](#) to view the latest and past issues.

To view the 2018 Media Kit, [click here](#).

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