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Outstanding Service Awards Luncheon

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VHHA Awards Luncheon Agenda

Welcome and Awards Criteria

Mary N. Mannix
Governance Chair,
VHHA Board of Directors
President and CEO,
Augusta Health

Meritorious Service Award

Elizabeth Savage
Chief Human Resources
Officer, Valley Health

Meritorious Service Award

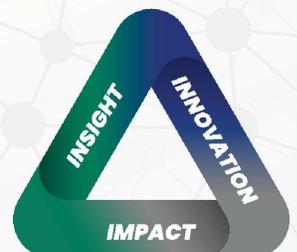
Dr. Russell McWey
Chief of Medical Imaging,
VHC Health

Excellence in Governance Award

David Lester
Board of Directors,
Ballad Health

Excellence in Partnership Award

Sherry Kolb
President Emeritus,
Qualivis





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Meritorious Service Award

Elizabeth Savage Chief Human Resources Officer Valley Health

Elizabeth (Liz) Savage joined Valley Health as Chief Human

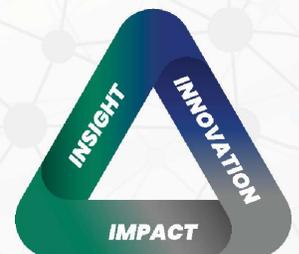
Resources Officer in 2010 and served on the health system's executive leadership team. She retired from Valley Health in September 2025.

She has more than 25 years of experience in human resources and organizational development at for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

Prior to joining Valley Health, Savage served the healthcare community as Senior Vice President, Human Resources, at Bon Secours Charity Health System in the Hudson Valley region of New York.

Prior to that, she led workplace improvement efforts at GE Capital, Norbert Technologies, and Hyperion Software.

Savage received her Master of Science degree in organization development from American University/National Training Laboratory in Washington, D.C., and her undergraduate degree in business administration from the State University of New York at Albany.





Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Russell McWey Chief of Medical Imaging VHC Health

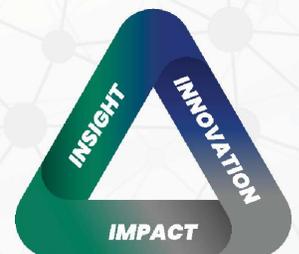
Dr. McWey is the recent past Chairman of the Virginia Hospital

Center Board of Directors, where he served from 2020 until January of 2025. In that position, he guided the board's work by evaluating and steering priorities, annual objectives and strategic plans, including navigating the Hospital through the COVID crisis.

He has been a member of the hospital's medical staff since 1987 and a member of the Board of Directors since 2005. During his 38 year tenure, he has shared his expertise on numerous hospital committees, including the Medical Executive Committee where he has served for more than 20 years.

Dr. McWey's previous positions at the hospital include Radiation Safety Officer, Chief Medical Information Officer, and Chief Information Officer. Dr. McWey now serves as Chief of Medical Imaging and Director of Interventional Radiology. His specialty expertise spans the latest minimally-invasive, image-guided procedures to diagnose and treat diseases in nearly every part of the body including endovascular treatment of aortic aneurysms and acute stroke.

Dr. McWey holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering. He served in the U.S. Naval Submarine Service for six years as a nuclear engineer and line officer before earning his medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He is board certified in Nuclear Medicine, Diagnostic Radiology, and Interventional Radiology.





Excellence in Governance Award

David Lester Board of Directors Ballad Health

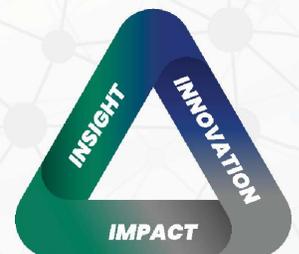
David Lester brings strong business acumen and exceptional leadership skills to Ballad Health. A key member of the Southwest Virginia and Northeast Tennessee business community for 40 years, David began his career with Dent K. Burk Associates, a certified public accounting firm in Bristol, Virginia. He worked there for five years before serving as controller for United Supply Co., Cody Equipment, and Flat Gap Mining.

In 1981, David joined the Nicewonder Group in Bristol, Virginia, as chief financial officer. Over the next 35 years, he played a key role in advancing Nicewonder's strategic growth initiatives, serving as a shareholder and officer in a variety of the company's entities. Today, he is semi-retired but continues to serve as managing member of Old Dominion Clay.

David has been a member of the Ballad Health Board of Directors since its inception in 2018, serving as vice chair and lead independent director during the organization's first four years. He currently serves as chair of the Finance Committee and contributes to several other committees. In recognition of his exemplary leadership and dedication, he received the 2024 Inspire Award from Ballad Health.

Previously, David served on the Wellmont Health System Board of Directors for seven years, where he was chairman of the Strategic Options Committee. He also served for eight years on the Board of Trustees at Emory & Henry College, including as chairman of the Investment Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. In 2015, Emory & Henry honored him with a Service Citation in recognition of his successful business entrepreneurship and civic leadership in the region.

David is a graduate of Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business and accounting. He is married to Peg Lester, and they reside in Bristol, Virginia.





Excellence in Partnership Award

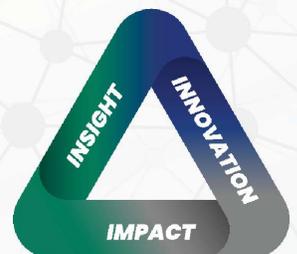
Sherry Kolb President Emeritus Qualivis

Sherry Kolb is a dedicated Registered Nurse, leader, and executive with 40 years of experience in healthcare.

She was instrumental in the founding and growth of Qualivis and ensuring healthcare facilities have the quality talent they need, when they need it.

Sherry's dedication towards that mission still shines through in her role as President Emeritus, fostering collaborative relationships with state hospital associations and hospitals nationwide.

Her commitment to cultivating a supportive community underscores her passion for enhancing the quality of care across the country.



VHHA Outstanding Service Awards

The VHHA Outstanding Service Awards recognize individuals who have made a real difference to Virginia's hospitals and health systems, and to healthcare in general, by being selfless, energetic, and passionate. The Awards are presented in several categories.

Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a past or current chief executive officer with a long record of performing outstanding, valuable, and unique services to the hospital and health system community.

Meritorious Service Award

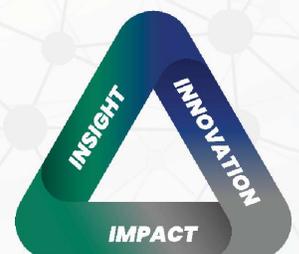
The Meritorious Service Award honors a person, other than a CEO, affiliated with a VHHA member who has a history of making significant contributions to healthcare, on the state and local level, through a commitment to service and leadership.

Excellence in Governance Award

The Excellence in Governance Award recognizes a person who serves on the governing body of a member hospital or health system who has a history of making significant contributions to healthcare, on the state and local level, through a commitment to service and leadership.

Excellence in Partnership Award

The Excellence in Partnership Award recognizes a person who serves in a non-member healthcare organization who has a history of making significant contributions to healthcare, on the state and local level, through a commitment to service and leadership.



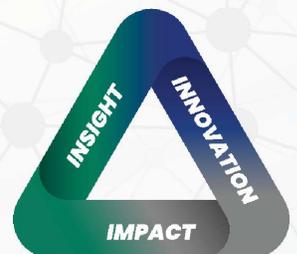
PAST WINNERS

Distinguished Service Award

- (1968) Charles P. Cardwell Jr.
- (1974) Max Goodloe
- (1980) Charles S. Elliott
- (1984) William H. Flannagan
- (1984) William H. Green Jr.
- (1984) John F. Harlan Jr.
- (1984) David G. Williamson Jr.
- (1985) W.C. Bloxom
- (1985) Raymond E. Hogan
- (1985) William R. Reid
- (1985) Robert H. Thomas
- (1986) George E. Bokinsky
- (1986) Hunter A. Grumbles
- (1986) Gibson Howell
- (1987) Nathan Bushnell III
- (1987) Harold Prather
- (1989) Stuart D. Ogren
- (1993) J. Edward Sweet Jr.
- (1994) E.L. Derring
- (1995) Kenneth H. Axtell
- (1995) Glenn R. Mitchell
- (1996) Lester L. Lamb
- (1997) Kenneth L. Waddell
- (1998) John N. Simpson

Distinguished Service Award

- (1999) Thomas L. Robertson
- (2001) Wickliffe S. Lyne
- (2002) T. Carter Melton Jr.
- (2003) Donald S. Buckley
- (2005) Chris A. Lumsden
- (2006) Michael J. Halseth
- (2007) Christopher M. Carney
- (2007) Laurens Sartoris
- (2009) William M. Moss
- (2010) George W. Dawson
- (2012) Rodger H. Baker
- (2013) Deborah R. Lipes
- (2013) Sheldon M. Retchin
- (2015) David L. Bernd
- (2017) John F. Duval
- (2018) John L. Fitzgerald
- (2019) Fred M. Rankin III
- (2022) James B. Cole
- (2022) Mark H. Merrill
- (2023) James D. Dahling
- (2023) William B. Downey
- (2023) Howard P. Kern
- (2023) Dr. Kurt Newman
- (2024) Nancy Howell Agee

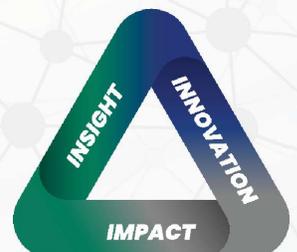


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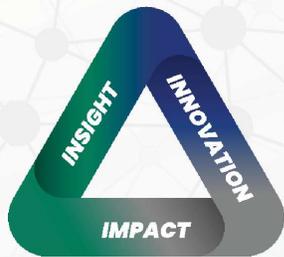
- (1992) Donald E. Lorton
- (1995) Gordon D. McLean
- (1996) E. George Middleton Jr.
- (1997) Edna Brockwell
- (1997) Charles M. "Pete" Hearn
- (1998) Archie E. Cromer Jr.
- (1998) Howard L. Greenhouse
- (1999) William S. Tennant
- (2000) William A. "Pete" Johnston
- (2001) James S. Watkinson
- (2003) Katharine M. Webb
- (2004) L. Darrell Powers
- (2005) Edward A. Smith, Jr.
- (2006) Xavier R. Richardson
- (2006) Calbreith L. Simpson
- (2008) Beth M. Duke
- (2009) Shirley Rogers Gibson
- (2011) Dale A. Carroll, MD, MPH
- (2012) Jennifer A. Smith
- (2015) Rear Admiral Alton L. Stocks, MD (Ret.)
- (2017) Rev. Dr. Sylvia Tucker
- (2018) Nathaniel L. Bishop, D.Min.
- (2019) Donald B. Halliwill
- (2019) Dr. Jose Oberholzer, MD
- (2022) Nancy W. Littlefield
- (2023) Eileen L. Dohmann
- (2023) Peter F. Gallagher
- (2024) Dr. Karen Rheuban

Excellence In Governance Award

- (2005) J. Samuel Glasscock
- (2006) Douglas V. Carson
- (2007) Barbara B. Stoltzfus
- (2008) George B. Cartledge, Jr.
- (2008) Rodger W. Fauber
- (2009) Constance R. Kincheloe
- (2009) John M. Toups
- (2009) Joseph R. Wilson
- (2010) Spencer D. Quesenberry
- (2011) F. Dixon Whitworth, Jr.
- (2012) Warner Dalhouse
- (2012) John F. Fick III
- (2013) Frank R. Campbell
- (2015) Otey C. Dudley
- (2017) James A. Hartley
- (2018) Alda L. White and Robert "Bob" C. Fort
- (2019) Alan S. Witt
- (2022) Penelope A. "Penny" Gross
- (2022) Dian Calderone
- (2023) Steve Danziger
- (2024) E. Stuart Crow
- (2024) Wiley "Buddy" Kling
- (2024) Harry Smith



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