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Virginia REALTORS® Announce 2017 Leadership Academy Class

Twelve members accepted into elite professional academy

RICHMOND, Va. (February 14, 2017) The Virginia REALTORS® association is pleased to announce that twelve distinguished members have been accepted into the 2017 Virginia Leadership Academy (VLA). The Virginia Leadership Academy is conducted once every two years. The program identifies promising leaders through a competitive application process that prioritizes professional achievement in the real estate industry and leadership in communities throughout the state. VLA cultivates talent and prepares Virginia real estate professionals for industry leadership at the state and national level. The twelve applicants accepted into the Class of 2017 cover every region of Virginia and represent both residential and commercial expertise.

The REALTORS® and their hometowns are:

- **Valeria Alphin**- Roanoke
- **Jennifer Cool**- Virginia Beach
- **Deborah Crigger**- Wytheville
- **Lauren Duguay** - Williamsburg
- **Beth Grant** – Nokesville
- **Chris Hannan** – Newport News
- **Kara Joseph** – Warrenton
- **Whitney Minnich**- Alexandria
- **Johana Story** - Prince George
- **Peggy Todd** – Newport News
- **Belinda Tusing** - Quicksburg
- **Tom Woolfolk** – Gordonsville

For information on individual classmates, or high resolution head shots, please contact Jenny Wortham at Jenny@VAREaltor.com.

About the Virginia REALTORS®

The Virginia REALTORS® association (previously known as the Virginia Association of REALTORS®) is the largest professional trade association in the Virginia, representing approximately 32,000 REALTORS® engaged in the residential and commercial real estate business. The Virginia REALTORS® association serves as an advocate for homeownership and homeowners, and represents the interests of property owners in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For more information, visit www.varealtor.com or follow Virginia REALTORS® on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

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