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**Virginia Leadership Academy Class of 2017 Graduates**  
*12 REALTORS® graduate from elite professional academy*

GLEN ALLEN, Va. (October 9, 2017) – The Virginia REALTORS® are pleased to announce the graduation of the Virginia Leadership Academy (VLA) Class of 2017.

This program, offered by the Virginia REALTORS®, is designed to inspire and prepare REALTORS® for leadership roles in local, state, and national REALTOR® associations. The VLA selectively enrolls REALTORS® every other year to enhance their personal and professional development, with a special group project at the core of the class experience.

The VLA Class of 2017 led a successful statewide supply drive to benefit the furniture bank at CARITAS, a central Virginia non-profit organization that provides solutions for homeless and housing vulnerable individuals and families. The twelve members of the 2017 class worked alongside volunteers and fellow REALTORS® in their communities to gather furniture, housewares, linens, and cleaning supplies that benefit CARITAS' clients.

The REALTORS® graduating from the Virginia Leadership Academy Class of 2017 are listed below, along with their hometowns:

- 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 – Hampton
- Belinda Tusing – Quicksburg
- Tom Woolfolk – Gordonsville

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### **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 over 33,000 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.virginiarealtors.org](http://www.virginiarealtors.org) or follow Virginia REALTORS® on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

NOTE: The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® and subscribes to its strict Code of Ethics.