

MEMORANDUM

TO: 4-H Agents in Northern Virginia
FROM: Win Iden
DATE: March 4, 2012
SUBJECT: Seeking Your Nominations of Outstanding 4-H Youth

ANNOUNCEMENT: New Program Adopted to Recognize Outstanding 4-H Youth

A new program has been adopted by the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center staff and approved by the Outstanding Virginian Day Committee.

Outstanding Virginian Day

This Day was established by Virginia House Joint Resolution No. 165 designating the second Saturday in May as "Outstanding Virginian Day" agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 2, 1984; agreed to by the Senate, March 6, 1984. The event was established to perpetuate the principles of constructive and sound leadership by the establishment and operation of a Virginia Hall of Fame at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center and to support an educational fund for leadership and citizenship programs at the Center.

Outstanding Virginian Day Event Purpose

- A setting for exchanging ideas
- A gathering of leaders seeking community betterment and modeling youth development
- An opportunity to pay tribute to the Commonwealth

Recognizing Outstanding 4-H Youth: How the Program Works

Outstanding 4-H Youth will be nominated by 4-H Agents in the Northern Virginia 4-H Center's 19 jurisdictions. Each Agent is urged to nominate one youth age 14-18 who has demonstrated excellence in the established criteria, which are based on the Six Pillars of Character plus demonstration of outstanding leadership abilities. Please complete the nomination form provided at the following site:

<http://form.jotform.us/form/20643860376153>

This form must be completed and returned to Win Iden no later than **Friday, March 30, 2012**. A committee has been established to review the nominations and select six youth to be honored at the 2012 Outstanding Virginian Day event on Saturday, May 12. All nominees will be recognized in the printed event program. The six Outstanding 4-H Youth for 2012 will be invited to attend and participate in the 2012 Outstanding Virginian Day activities beginning with a program from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; followed by a reception and luncheon honoring the 2012 Outstanding Virginian and the six 2012 Outstanding 4-H Youth. All events will take place at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, VA.

About the Outstanding Virginian Hall of Fame

Past honorees have included high level elected officials, business leaders, and exceptional volunteers across the Commonwealth of Virginia. The 2012 Outstanding Virginian, John H. Hagel, was announced to the Virginia Assembly on February 15, 2012. John Hager elected to serve the Commonwealth as Lieutenant Governor in 1997. In 2001, Hager was appointed Director of Homeland Security for Virginia, and he was appointed to serve as U.S. Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services in 2004.