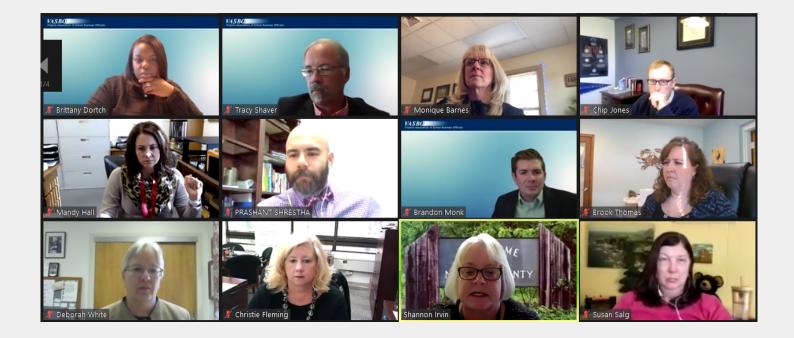
# WINTER NEWSLETTER

**"RIDING THE WAVE OF CHANGE"** 





## 2020 VASS-VASBO Virtual Winter Conference

While this year's winter conference looked a bit different than usual, VASBO members continued "riding the wave of change" in participating in the first ever VASS-VASBO VIRTUAL Conference. This year's conference featured a variety of professional development sessions and networking opportunities as VASBO members had a chance to hear from Virginia legislators, industry professionals, our partners, and even our keynote speaker, Denise Ryan.

A special thank you to our partners that made this year's conference possible. We greatly appreciate your continued support of VASBO, especially in this unprecedented time.

This year's conference materials and workshop recordings can be found on the VASBO website. Click <u>HERE</u> to check it out!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

CARDINAL AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 1, 2021

VASBO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1, 2021

SASBO CONFERENCE AND DISCOVERY FORUM APRIL 20-22, 2021

VASBO SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 2-5, 2021

LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY CONFERENCE JULY 12-15, 2021

ASBO EAGLE INSTITUTE JULY 20-23, 2021

#### Emerging Leaders Scholarship

The Emerging Leaders Scholarship recognizes new professionals and helps them develop into tomorrow's leaders. 18 scholarships are awarded each year with

each recipient receiving:

- \$2,000 scholarship toward ASBO International's Annual Conference and Expo
- A strong network of peers and mentors before, during, and after the event
- Exclusive training session and networking events

<u>APPLY</u> or <u>NOMINATE</u> by June 1, 2021!

# 2021 VASBO Scholarships

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SCHOLARSHIP

Annually, VASBO offers three scholarships to deserving high school seniors. The successful applicant will be chosen based upon the VASBO Scholarship Committee's assessment of the applicant's academic achievement, character, community service, and career goals. To learn more about the scholarship program and for the application, click <u>HERE</u>.

#### Webinar: End-of-Year COVID Relief and its Impact on your Benefits Program

Join ASBO on **February 9, 2021** for a free webinar on COVID Relief and its impact on you!

We'll review the COVID-related legislation to date, including the FFCRA, CARES Act, and relief for Section 125 Plans, and determine what pieces are still applicable. We'll also explore the most recent legislation, The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (CAA), which among many other things, aims to create relief for both health and dependent care flexible spending accounts. If you're making benefits decisions for your district, plan to attend!

To learn more and to register, click <u>HERE</u>!

#### IN THE NEWS

ASBO International Shares K–12 Policy Recommendations with Biden Administration

<u>Legislators renew push to fully</u> <u>fund, update standards for public</u> <u>education</u>

<u>FCPS taking ownership of first</u> <u>electric school buses</u>

<u>Virginia Ranks High on Education</u> <u>Week Chance-for-Success Index</u>

<u>U.S. Department of Education</u> <u>Announces Biden-Harris</u> <u>Appointees</u>

<u>Va. unemployment claims remain</u> <u>high, but new claims drop</u>

#### VASBO Cardinal Award Application now Available!

The Cardinal Award is VASBO's premier recognition given to one of its members each year for exemplifying professionalism, leadership, and innovation in the field of school business management. The winner will attend the Southeast Association of School Business Officials (SASBO) conference and is recognized as the outstanding school business official for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Nominations are due by **March 1, 2021** and the award winner will be announced at the Spring VASBO conference.

For more information and to nominate a deserving school business official, click <u>HERE</u>!

### GASB 84 Survey

VASBO would like to help our members better understand how districts are recording and presenting their school activity funds under GASB 84. Help us provide insight to school business officials across the state, by completing a brief survey <u>HERE</u>.

### **Governor's Budget**

As you may know, the governor released his proposed budget in December of 2020. The General Assembly is currently working to offer amendments to the proposed budget. VASBO is monitoring all legislation impacting school districts across the commonwealth and will be providing weekly legislative updates. For more information on the Governor's Budget, click <u>HERE</u>.

#### 2020 Cardinal Award Winner!

Congratulations to the 2020 Cardinal Award winner Marcia Stevens, Chief Operations Officer for Caroline County Public Schools. Mrs. Stevens has been a member of VASBO since 2005 and currently serves as the Membership Committee Chair. According to her Superintendent "Mrs. Steven's has crafted strong fiscal policy and practices which have been readily embraced by staff, praised by the School Board, and emulated and admired by county government." For all that Marcia has and continues to do for our profession, we say thank you. We are proud to recognize Marcia as the 2020 Cardinal Award Winner!



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