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# **CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MEMO NO. 191-22**

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**TO:** CTE Administrators

**FROM:** Dr. David Eshelman, Director

 Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education

## SUBJECT: Announcement of Career and Technical Education Specialists

Please join the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education in welcoming the following new staff.

Family and Consumer Sciences & Related Clusters Specialist – Heather Jones

Heather earned a Master’s of Education in Educational Leadership from George Mason University, a Master’s of Education in Youth and Family Education from Penn State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Human Environmental Sciences from the University of North Alabama.  Ms. Jones holds a Virginia Postgraduate Professional Teaching License with endorsements in Pre-K-12 Administration and Supervision and Family and Consumer Sciences. Heather brings 17 years of public school, community education, and not-for-profit leadership experience to the position and most recently held the position of Family and Consumer Sciences educator and Career and Technical Education department chair at South County Middle School with Fairfax County Public Schools.  Ms. Jones may be contacted at  heather.jones@doe.virginia.gov.

Marketing & Related Clusters Specialist – Karen Charney

Karen earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a concentration in Marketing from North Carolina State University. Mrs. Charney holds a Collegiate Professional Teaching License, endorsed in both Marketing Education and Business Information Education. Prior to joining the VDOE team, she spent 11 years as a classroom educator and DECA advisor with Chesterfield County Public Schools and most recently Hanover County Public Schools.  Past positions of service include VAME Regional Director, DECA District Advisor, and member of the Richmond FED’s Teacher Collaborative Committee. As a career switcher, Karen has an extensive background in retail management and training. Mrs. Charney may be contacted at karen.charney@doe.virginia.gov.

Regional Work-Based Learning Specialist, Superintendent’s Region 4 – Susan McNamara

Susan has over 21 years in education, with 15 years’ experience in a CTE setting. Ms. McNamara was the past Vice President for Programs and Professional Development at the Virginia Council on Economic Education. She also served as a National Master Educator for Take Charge Today, University of Arizona, a former Assistant Principal, CTE Supervisor K-12, and Business Education teacher. She served in a consulting role for the Consumer Protection Financial Bureau’s Youth Financial Education’s Teaching the Building Blocks series.
Ms. McNamara has also conducted professional development for the Council for Economic Education’s National Personal Finance Challenge Webinar Series. Ms. McNamara holds a Master of Education in Supervision, K-12  from Marymount University, and a Bachelor of Science Degree, Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from California State University, Chico. Ms. McNamara may be contacted at susan.mcnamara@doe.virginia.gov.

Regional Work-Based Learning Specialist, Superintendent’s Region 5 – Amy Pultz

Amy, after working in law enforcement, began her education career in 2006 by teaching Criminal Justice at Valley Career and Technical Center in Fishersville, Virginia. In 2011, she began her administrative career as Assistant Principal at Fort Defiance High School and later transitioned back to Valley Career and Technical Center as Assistant Principal before becoming the Center’s Coordinator in 2022. Ms. Pultz holds a Master of Education in Supervision, K-12 and a Bachelor of Science in Biology, both from Shenandoah University. Ms. Pultz may be contacted at amy.pultz@doe.virginia.gov.

Regional Work-Based Learning Specialist, Superintendent’s Region 6 – Kim Radford

Kim served as a Career & Technical Educator for 20 years with Montgomery County Public Schools specializing in managing the work-based learning program and serving as the BHS DECA Advisor, Vice President of the VA DECA Foundation and VA DECA Board of Trustees Region member. Dual-endorsed in Marketing & Business with a proven 15-year professional work history in marketing, finance and public relations, Kim also serves as Adjunct Faculty for Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech and New River Community College. Ms. Radford holds a Master of Education Degree in Career and Technical Education from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Science with a dual concentration in Marketing & Business from the University of Virginia. Ms. Radford may be contacted at kimberly.radford@doe.virginia.gov.

Regional Work-Based Learning Specialist, Superintendent’s Region 7 – Dr. Jan Huffman

Jan, after working in the business industry, began her education career by teaching in the Business and Information Technology department at Virginia High School, Bristol, Virginia in 2005.  She also served in multiple roles in Bristol City Schools including Career and Technical Coordinator, School Testing Coordinator, Virginia Learning Initiative Network Member, and Assistant Principal. Dr. Huffman holds a Doctorate and Specialist in Educational Leadership from Liberty University.  She holds a Master’s of Art in Secondary Education from University of Phoenix and a Bachelor’s in Business Administration and Finance with a concentration in Computer Information Systems from King College. Dr. Huffman may be contacted at jan.huffman@doe.virgina.gov.

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education, by email at CTE@doe.virginia.gov or by telephone at (804) 225-2052.

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