

INNERVIEW



Winter 2024 Newsletter

THE CONFERENCE EDITION

VACE 2024 CONFERENCE

April 24-26

We have extended the Early Bird Pricing until February 29th!



HOTEL ROANOKE
Roanoke, Virginia

To reserve your room with the special conference rate:



We are so excited to have you join us at the 2024 VACE Conference hosted at Hotel Roanoke! This hotel and conference center is nestled in the heart of downtown Roanoke, providing countless eateries and adventures all around! We are excited to bring you captivating keynote speakers this year, and endless networking opportunities. We can't wait to connect top tier universities with top tier employers.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Newcomers Event: We are thrilled to invite our first-time attendees to learn more about the conference and association! Stop by the location notated in your packet on Wednesday at 5:00pm for this exciting event. We will also hold a Zoom meeting pre-conference for some “Know Before You Go” content. More details to come!

Keynote Speakers: The VACE 2024 Conference Program Committee is excited to announce that this year’s conference will include two Keynote Speakers!

Scott Duncan with Imagine That will kick off our events with fun, creativity, and interaction that will energize our minds in preparation for networking, learning and engagement over the next few days. Scott joined us last year for a breakout session, and we loved him so much we brought him back for the whole membership to enjoy.

Our second keynote is **Mary Ann Gilmer of Grow Leadership:** Grow Leadership is a leadership and organizational development company helping organizations grow great leaders and great teams. As a Leadership Management Consultant, she is a great resource for understanding how to build dynamic teams and identify leadership potential.

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Great Programming! We received many outstanding program proposals for this year's conference and are in the challenging process of making our selections. You will have a wide range of programs to choose from over the course of the conference ranging from creative DEI initiatives to incorporating AI into programming to professional development as we advance in our fields to assisting our students in making positive inroads into the professional world. Our programming includes breakout sessions, round tables, college and employer panels and networking events to help connect our college and employer members for developing great partnerships.

Bring a Door Prize! Bring something to share with your fellow attendees! Door Prizes can range from swag from your school or business to items that represent your geographical area!

Hospitality Suite! Don't forget to check out the hospitality suite for snacks, drinks, and great networking opportunities! More details to come at the conference!

Please keep an eye on your email, as we will continue to roll out more information as the dates get closer. We cannot wait to see you there!

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 24 (subject to change)

11:30 AM	Board Meeting
1:00 PM	Welcome and Registration
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Keynote
2:30 PM	Break/Snack
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Breakout #1
4:00 PM	Hotel Check-In
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Newcomers Event
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	President's Reception
7:00 PM	Dinner and Awards
9:00 PM	Hospitality Suite



VIRGINIA
**TALENT +
OPPORTUNITY
PARTNERSHIP**

Virginia Talent + Opportunity Partnership (VTOP) offers scholarships for practitioners to attend conferences or join professional organizations, such as VACE or NACE. Learn more by clicking [HERE](#).

SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 25 (subject to change)

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	Business Meeting
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Registration
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Breakout #2
11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Round Tables
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Employer Panel
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Employer Engagement
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout #3
5:00 PM	Dinner on Your Own
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Hospitality Suite

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 26 (subject to change)

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Breakout #4
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM	University Panel
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM	Closing Keynote
12:30 PM	Wrap Up

For Colleges & Universities, please consider sponsoring the VACE Annual Conference for \$250 and join our growing list of members: Emory & Henry College, Roanoke College, Radford University, Virginia Tech (Platinum, \$2,500), Virginia Wesleyan University, and William & Mary.

We would also like to thank our Employer Platinum Sponsors at \$2,500 including: Enterprise Mobility and Kearney & Company. Plus, special thanks go out to Fastenal for a \$1,000 sponsorship to fund the Hospitality Suite, including snacks and beverages.

For more information about VACE sponsorships contact Lee Svete at lsvete@radford.edu

MEMBER NEWS

Lee Svete is taking on a new role at Radford University as Director of Career & Talent Development effective February 12th. His new email address will be lsvete@radford.edu.

Heather Bambara, the Director of Career and Professional Development at Shenandoah University, has been participating in the 2023-2024 Top of Virginia Regional Chamber of Commerce's leadership program, which will aid her in her role networking with employers and leaders within the northern Virginia region.

Thank You
VIRGINIA EMPLOYERS!

The Commonwealth seeks to recognize the **"Top Virginia Employers for Interns"** and their role in providing work-based learning opportunities to students!

Please complete and submit the following nomination form (one per employer) by March 1, 2024, so that your business or organization can be considered for this distinction.

State-level recognition and award notification will take place on April 1, 2024 and regional events will occur the week of April 8. The 2024 recipients will also be recognized during a special event on Virginia Intern Day (July 25, 2024).

All employers offering internships, regardless of size and sector, are encouraged to submit a nomination form. The nomination form should take 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

Virginia Intern Day 2024
VIRGINIA TALENT OPPORTUNITY PARTNERSHIP
TOP Employer for Interns

2024 Top Virginia Employers for Interns Awards

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Join us for a virtual VACE Professional Development event on Monday, February 12th, 11AM-12PM.

Title: Supporting International Students with Dr. Priya Date

In this session, you will learn about the different topics that concern international scholars. We will look at some steps that will help you identify key stakeholders on your campuses and ways to consolidate programming efforts. We hope to empower more campuses to provide comprehensive support for their international scholars.

Dr. Priya Date is an Assistant Director of Graduate Success for the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Virginia. As an experienced professional at the intersection of science, education, and administration, she brings a wealth of experience in scientific research, strategic thinking, and collaborative problem-solving. Her professional trajectory encompasses a decade in life science research as a PhD (University of Cincinnati) and postdoc scientist (Yale University). Transitioning into a role in higher education administration, she leverages her diverse background to build meaningful partnerships.