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Virginia Secretary of Education Anne Holton to deliver address at Reynolds 41st Commencement

RICHMOND, Va. (April 15, 2014) – Anne Holton, Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Virginia, will deliver the commencement speech at Reynolds Community College’s 41st Commencement on Sunday, May 11, at 2 p.m. at the Verizon Wireless Arena in the Virginia Commonwealth University Stuart C. Siegel Center, located at 1200 West Broad Street in Richmond.

Holton has served as Virginia’s Secretary of Education since January 2014. A life-long advocate for children and families in Virginia, Holton served as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge from 1998 until 2005 when her husband, Tim Kaine, was elected Governor of Virginia. As Virginia’s First Lady, Holton championed a successful initiative to secure permanent family connections for more foster youth. In 2008 she worked with the Virginia Foundation for Community College Education to establish the Great Expectations program, which works through campus coaches based on community college campuses to improve access to and success in higher education for Virginia’s foster youth and alumni. She served as the program’s director in 2013.

Holton attended public schools in Roanoke, Richmond, and Fairfax County, Virginia. She served on the Richmond Public Schools Education Foundation Board 2010-2012 and on the Voices for Virginia Children Board 2010-2013. She is the recipient of the Annie E. Casey Foundation’s Life Award of Distinction and the Richmond YWCA Outstanding Woman in Law award in 2006 among other honors.

Serving more than 21,000 students annually, the College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The College operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa.

Reynolds has one formal commencement ceremony each year after the spring semester for students completing certificate or Associate Degree curricula throughout the academic year. Admission to the event is free and the entire community is invited to join in the celebration. For more information, please visit www.reynolds.edu/graduation.

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