Names and changes: Business recognitions and promotions for week of March 1, 2015

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CONSTRUCTION

Patrick Bartorillo has been promoted to general manager and vice president of Branch Highways Inc., a unit of The Branch Group.

EDUCATION

Dominic Boamah has been named vice president, academic affairs-information technology, at American National University.

Lori Viar has joined the board of directors for Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

Virginia Tech has appointed the following as annual giving officers in the Office of University Development: Ryan Minter and Rachel Dorman.

Mary Helmick has been named director of procurement at Virginia Tech.

Bahareh Behkam, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Virginia Tech, has earned a 2015 National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Development award to develop new methods to combat cancer.

Sharrika Adams, associate dean of students at Virginia Tech, has been given the additional responsibility of director, student advocacy.

FINANCIAL

Merrill Lynch Wealth Management announced the following promotions: Perry Downing, senior vice president; Brandon LaCroix, vice president; and David Lloyd and Rich Pettit, assistant vice president.

MEDICAL

Nina Zanella has been hired as director of development for Good Samaritan Hospice.

Dr. James Farmer and Mackenzie Prandi have joined the sports medicine department at Virginia Orthopaedic in Salem.
OTHER

George Child has been named chief executive officer of Richfield Living.

Rob Knezovich has been promoted to senior account executive for ETS Dental.