EDUCATION

Kacy Lawrence has been named the data reporting and assessment administrator for the Virginia Tech Graduate School.

Romesh Batra, who holds the Clifton C. Garvin Professorship at Virginia Tech, received a 2015 American Society of Mechanical Engineers’ Honorary Membership award.

Courtney Watson has been named interim program director for the humanities and social sciences program at Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

Mark Blanks has been named associate director of the Mid-Atlantic Aviation Partnership at Virginia Tech.

FINANCIAL

HomeTown Bank announced the following: Carolyn Kiser, vice president and director of marketing, was among 65 Virginia bankers who graduated in July from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia; and Elaine Massey has joined the bank’s Westlake branch as a retail specialist.

INSURANCE

Marsh & McLennan Agency, Mid-Atlantic Region, announced the hiring of the following associates in Roanoke: Steve Cline, senior consultant, MMA Environmental, and Jerry Martin, human resources specialist.

LAW

Several law firms announced lawyers named to the Best Lawyers in America listing for 2016:

CowanPerry PC:
James Cowan,
Douglas Densmore, David Perry
and
Tara Branscom

Names and changes: Business recognitions and promotions for week of August 23, 2015

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Glenn Feldmann Darby & Goodlatte:


Johnson, Ayers & Matthews PLC:


Lucas & Kite PLC:

Richard Lucas and Jonnie Speight.

Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC:

Nick Ammar Jr., F.B. Webster Day, Olin Melchionna Jr., Peter Pearl, Douglas Stark, King Tower and Hugh Wellons.

In addition, Beers, Perry, Eure and Wellons earned lawyer of the year honors.

MEDIA

WDBJ-TV (Channel 7) announced the following promotions: Brian Boush, local sales manager; Carol Agee, national sales manager; Mary Carpenter, traffic manager; Justin Harris, full-platform account executive; and Phoebe Rakes, traffic employee. Cookie Miller has joined the traffic department.

ORGANIZATIONS

Blue Ridge Autism and Achievement Center’s board of directors elected the following officers: Lea Riddle, chair; Nathan Hungate, vice chair; and Joel Miller, secretary/treasurer.

OTHER

The Roanoke Regional Airport Commission announced its officers for 2015-16: Odell “Fuzzy” Minnix, chairman, and John Dooley, vice chairman.