EDUCATION

The following changes have been made at Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke: Elizabeth Costa has been named assistant director of student life in the student affairs department; Francis Dane has been named chairman of the arts and sciences department, and program director and professor in the health psychology program; Amanda Ellinger has assumed the position of sponsored projects coordinator; Scott Hill will assume the position of dean of student affairs in September; Danielle Lusk has become director of faculty development and interprofessional education; Cindy Marcum has joined the nursing program as an assistant professor; Emily Moore will become coordinator of the learning and writing center; Sara Nicely has been named an assistant professor in the physician assistant program; Karen Rucker will become an instructor with the licensed practical nursing program; Deborah Stinnett has assumed the position of department secretary for the student affairs department; Patty Vary has been named director for the Master of Science in nursing program; Eric Vogelstein has joined the humanities and social sciences department as an assistant professor; Pamela Wells will serve as department secretary for the health care management program; and Kimberly Wilson has joined as an academic adviser/instructor in the nursing program.

Romesh Batra, the Clifton C. Garvin Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics at Virginia Tech, has been selected to appear on ISIHighlyCited.com because of his exceptional citation count in the field of engineering.

Katherine Wilson has joined the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine as a clinical instructor in large animal medicine.

Dean Stauffer has been named associate dean of academic programs for the College of Natural Resources and Environment at Virginia Tech.

FINANCIAL

Hank Testerman, assistant vice president and managing officer of the East Galax office of Carter Bank & Trust, graduated Aug. 6 from the Virginia Bankers School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

LAW

Magie Goldstein Lasky & Sayers is pleased to announce that three of its lawyers, A. Carter Magee Jr., Andrew Goldstein and Kenneth Lasky, were selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of “The Best Lawyers in America.”

Spilman Thomas & Battle announced the 2011 list of “The Best Lawyers in America” includes several of its attorneys, including N.A. Ammar Jr., Paul Black, F.B. Webster Day and Olin Melchionna Jr.

Scott Stringfellow announced that Mark Purcell has joined the firm as a financial adviser in its Roanoke office.

Ferris, Eakin & Thomas announces that attorneys Raphael Ferris, Lenden Eakin and Richard Thomas have been named in the 2011 edition of “The Best Lawyers in America.”

REAL ESTATE

Rachel Anker-Johnson with ReMax 8 in Blacksburg has been awarded the Accredited Buyer’s Representation designation by the Real Estate Buyer’s Agent Council of the National Association of Realtors.

ORGANIZATIONS

United Way of Roanoke Valley has welcomed Amy Petersen as the new community impact manager, Cristen Easton as development associate and Lara Thompson as an administrative assistant for the 2010 Campaign.

OTHER

Carthan Currin III, director of business development for MB Contractors Inc. has been named to the Southside Virginia Community College Foundation Board.

Fashion jewelry company Lia Sophia announces the promotion of Heather Love from adviser to unit manager.