Names and Changes: Business recognitions and promotions for week Aug. 24, 2014

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EDUCATION

Dr. Chris Byron has joined the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech as an associate professor of large animal surgery in the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences.

Jefferson College of Health Sciences announced the following new employees: Zachary Agee, accountant; David Bachelder, financial aid representative; Tara Chitwood, assistant professor; Sarah Cox, coordinator of the Learning and Writing Center; Tennille Daniels, assistant professor; Sonya Franklin, educational testing center coordinator; Tami Jones, academic fieldwork coordinator; Tracy Jones, health records specialist and department secretary for community health sciences; Anthony Lack, director of the health and human sciences department; Thea McKinney, business office assistant; Carey Peerman, director of the healthcare management program; Danielle Pope, library circulation coordinator; John Ratliff, director of the surgical technology program; Sharad Silwal, assistant professor of mathematics; Stephanie Simpson, coordinator of residence life; Jordan Tucker, assistant professor; Margie Vest, director of online and continuing education; and Katie Winters, disability services coordinator. The following employees have advanced to new positions or received promotions: Dorey Anderson, assistant professor; Sara Brown, associate professor; Jeannie Garber, associate professor; Milena Staykova, director of the RN-to-BSN program; and Kimberly Wilson, director of the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program.

Nancy McGehee has been appointed head of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech.

ENGINEERING

SFCS Architects has added the following staff to its Roanoke office: Erica Arrington, junior interior designer; Elizabeth Mize, architectural designer; Allen McNutt, mechanical engineer; and Bradley Townsend, structural engineer.
FINANCIAL

HomeTown Bank announced the following staff additions: Kim Lawrence, financial specialist; Lindsay Kahl, retail specialist; and Amber Rakes, teller at NewRiver Bank, a branch of HomeTown Bank in Christiansburg.

INSURANCE

HSH Insurance and Safety Services Inc. announced the following staff additions: Steve McBride, manager of the workforce wellness isokinetic testing program, and Tim Walker, director of safety services.

LAW

Several area law firms announced lawyers named to the Best Lawyers in America listing for 2015:

- Glenn Robinson & Cathey: Mark Cathey
- LeClairRyan: William Callahan Jr., John Jessee, Paul Kuhnel; Powell Leitch III, Clinton Morse, Kevin Oddo and Lori Thompson.
- Lucas & Kite PLC: Richard Lucas, Christopher Kite and Jonnie Speight.

In addition, Jessee and Thompson of LeClairRyan, Kite of Lucas & Kite and Ammar and Day of Spilman Thomas & Battle earned lawyer of the year honors.

ORGANIZATIONS

Ronald McKenrick, has been named strategic partners manager for the eastern United States with the Red Cross.

Steven Holt was elected president of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Virginia Inc. for 2014-15.

OTHER

Firefli Media announced the following staff additions: Maria Bocanegra, client relationship specialist, and Beth Klinefelter, social media and public relations specialist.