

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Virginia Counselors Association. It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as your President for 2017 – 2018. I have recently retired as a school counselor and county supervisor in Campbell County and am very excited about the upcoming year.



Virginia has an esteemed history related to the profession of counseling. It is only fitting that my career has been enriched by my thirty years with the organization. As a graduate student at Lynchburg College I was fortunate to have been invited to join VCA by an extraordinary leader, Dr. Pete Warren. I vividly remember thinking that the professionals in the VCA were so warm and welcoming. I quickly realized that I had found a professional home. My ongoing growth as a school counselor, counselor supervisor, school-based play therapist, and counselor educator has been directly influenced by my relationships within the VCA.

Fast forward to the present and you will find me busy with our organization, representing VCA on the Governor's SOL Innovation Committee and teaching school counseling at Lynchburg College.

It is my desire that you will feel welcomed to the VCA and find your "place to grow". We invite you to become involved in some manner; with your local chapter, with a division of interest, with Convention activities, participating in Legislative Day or attending professional development activities.

I look forward to meeting you!