

Businesses named top employers

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Virginia Blood Services, Bon Secours recognized at annual All Star Awards

Virginia Blood Services and Bon Secours Richmond Health System were recognized yesterday as the area's leading employers. The two groups got the top honor -- the Employer of Choice award -- at the annual All Star Awards. The awards were presented by the Richmond Human Resources Management Association and the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce. This is the second year in a row that Bon Secours received the top award, which recognizes businesses and organizations that make a practice of building a world-class work force. Bon Secours won in the large employer category. VBS was given the award for a midsize company.

The All Star Awards honored 11 other businesses in five other categories for achievements and contributions to employee development. The event took place at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

The other awards honored businesses based on company size:

- Community involvement: Capital One Financial Corp. (large); NewMarket Corp., formerly Ethyl Corp. (midsize); and MaxPitch Media (small).
- Diversity: Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (large); Cadmus Communications Corp. (midsize); no small winner.
- Employee development: LandAmerica Financial Group Inc. (large); Old Dominion Security (midsize); and Buckingham Greenery (small).
- Innovative practices: LandAmerica (large); Lucy Corr Village (midsize); no small winner.
- **New Freedom Initiative** (for extending job opportunities to workers with disabilities): Imperial Plaza (midsize); Positive Vibe Café (small); no large winner.



Left to Right

Garth Larcen, Positive Vibe Café 2005 NFI recipient
Dale Cannady, Regional President, Mid-Atlantic SunTrust Bank, Presenter
Doug Lantau, Imperial Plaza 2005 NFI recipient