

COE Dean's Report  
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1. **Collaborative Grant Proposal with Stafford Schools:** Faculty in the COE recently partnered with the Stafford County Public Schools and other regional partners on a state grant proposal to develop and disseminate elementary and middle school curriculum resources and middle school elective coursework based on new state standards in computer science. Faculty in the COE and other regional partners will join SCPS to support instructional design professional learning for participating teachers from Region III school divisions. If funded, COE students will also be involved in computer science curriculum development work.
2. **Teachers for Tomorrow Collaborations:** Faculty and staff in the COE are working to connect with Teachers for Tomorrow programs in the Stafford and Spotsylvania County Public Schools, and the Fredericksburg City Public Schools. Teachers for Tomorrow is a Virginia state program and curriculum for high school students who want to be teachers. The COE hosted 17 TFT students from Chancellor High School in Spotsylvania on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We expect to host similar groups from two Stafford high schools and we are working with FCPS in planning their TFT program to be implemented in fall 2020. We will host a regional TFT meeting with representatives from the three school divisions in November.
3. **National Teacher of the Year:** Mr. Rodney Robinson will speak on Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in Dodd Auditorium. Robinson is a 19-year veteran of Richmond Public Schools who teaches at Virgie Binford Education Center, a school inside the Richmond Juvenile Justice Center. Robinson, in his role as Teacher of the Year, is focusing attention on the students he calls “the most vulnerable in society” and how the nation can address the school-to-prison-pipeline that has pushed too many kids out of school.