



2025 YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (YLA)
VIRGINIA BOARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
JULY 14 - 17, 2025







MONDAY, JULY 14TH



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OPENING SESSION

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MONDAY, JULY, 14TH

THE RIDE AHEAD

FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

*MR. SAMUEL HABIB
CO-PRODUCER*

*MR. DAN HABIB
CO-PRODUCER*



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Vision Board Sessions

Dr. Nicci Dowd

Monday, July 14th

Tuesday, July 15th

Wednesday, July 16th





TEAM BUILDING



CHALLENGE DISCOVERY

MONDAY, JULY 14TH

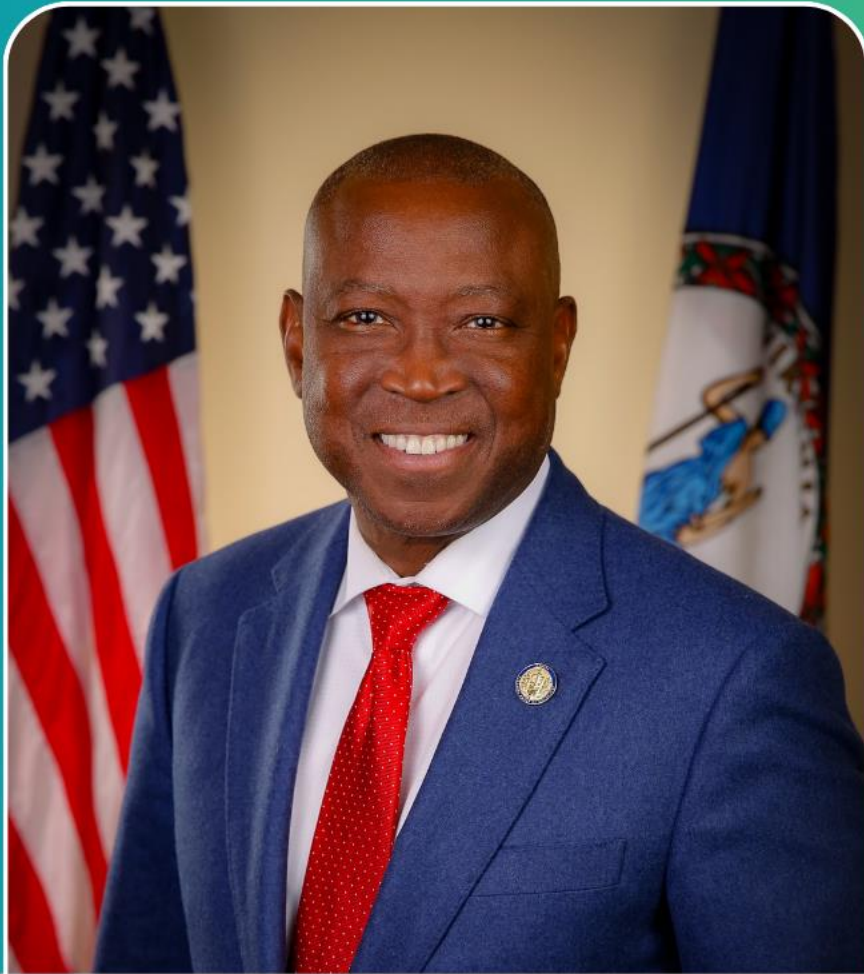




CAPITOL DAY

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH





SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
THE HONORABLE DELEGATE DON SCOTT

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH



CAPITOL DAY
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

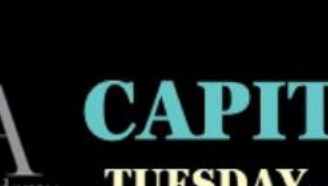
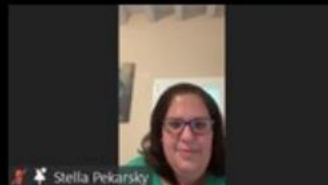
LEGISLATIVE MOCK TESTIMONY & PANEL DISCUSSION CO-MODERATORS



THE HONORABLE DELEGATE
DELORES MCQUINN



THE HONORABLE DELEGATE
CANDI MUNDON KING



CAPITOL DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025



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| John W
John W | Michael Jones
Michael Jones | Mia Pisani
Mia Pisani |
| Kellie Vanella
Kellie Vanella | Meeting Content
Meeting Content | Captioner Chris...
Captioner Christine |
| MELISSA
MELISSA | Troy Petty
Troy Petty | Kristin Paixao-...
Kristin Paixao-Del Micha... |
| Tanya Johnson-... | Linh Thi Nguyen | |

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Holly Seibold |
| | Allison Thurman
Allison Thurman | Scott Hagen
Scott Hagen |
| Nadine's S23 UI...
Nadine's S23 Ultra | | Dorothy's iPad
Dorothy's iPad |
| Nkechi George-... | Aleysheia | LaVerna's iPhon... |





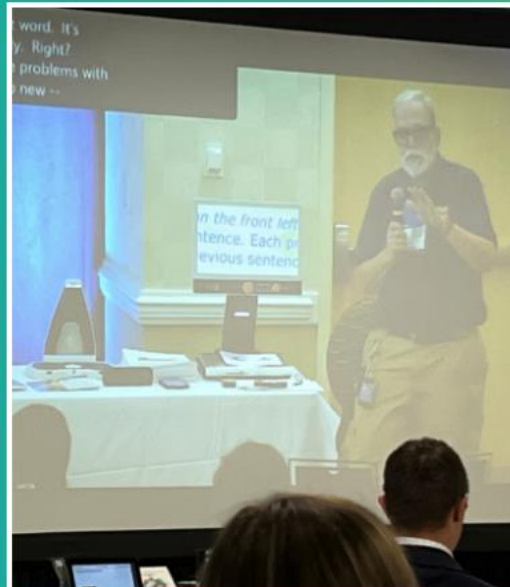
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DISABILITY RIGHTS
IN THE UNITED STATES

MR. STEVE GORDON





TUESDAY, JULY 15TH

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY PANEL DISCUSSION

MS. BRITTANY HOWARD

&

MR. DAN AUNSPACH



WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

MAKING IT HAPPEN: WORKING AND MONEY MANAGEMENT

JONATHAN MARTINIS
ATTORNEY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

YOUR PATH, YOUR VOICE: SKILLS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

MS. JOANN REDD



WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH: DIS/ABILITY INDEPENDENCE AND INTERDEPENDENCE

MS. KENNEDY ROSE & MS. ALEXUS SMITH



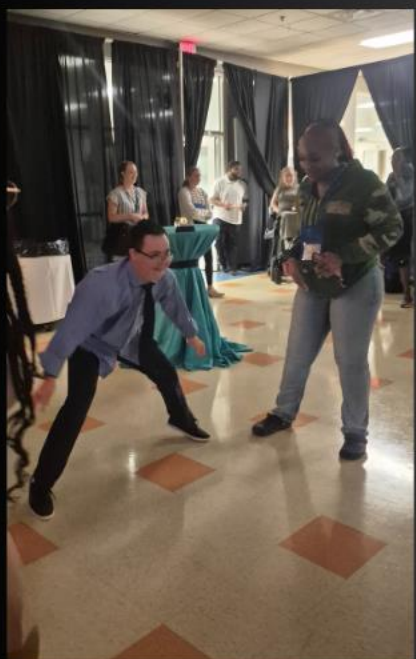


Music Seminar

Mr. Kemel Patton

Wednesday, July 16th





THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

**FROM BREAKING BARRIERS TO ACHIEVING SUCCESS:
TIPS ON HOW TO NAVIGATE THE REAL WORLD AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

MR. GARRETT BRUMFIELD & MR. KEITH GRANDERSON, JR.



ALUMNI
STORY

PARENT
SESSION

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

ALUMNI SUCCESS STORY

MS. LUCY STURMAN

MR. JOHN STURMAN

MRS. ELIZABETH STURMAN

TURNING 18 IN VIRGINIA:

WHAT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NEED TO CONSIDER

MS. KENDRA WORMLEY



GRADUATION

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH





GRADUATING CLASS



TYLER BERNREUTHER

NICHOLAS MULVANEY

ISAAC STREALY

HARRIS BRAXTON

MORRIS OGDEN

ALEX THURMAN

JADEN CADOGAN

TROY PETTY

JOHN WILKINSON

JAMES HAGEN

JERMAINE PHELPS

BEAU WILSON

ELIJAH HAMLIN

SAMANTHA PORTER

KENNARD YOUNG

JOSCLYN KING

KWAME SIMS

ARREN LEE

CHRISTINA STANKAVICH















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