

VA Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine



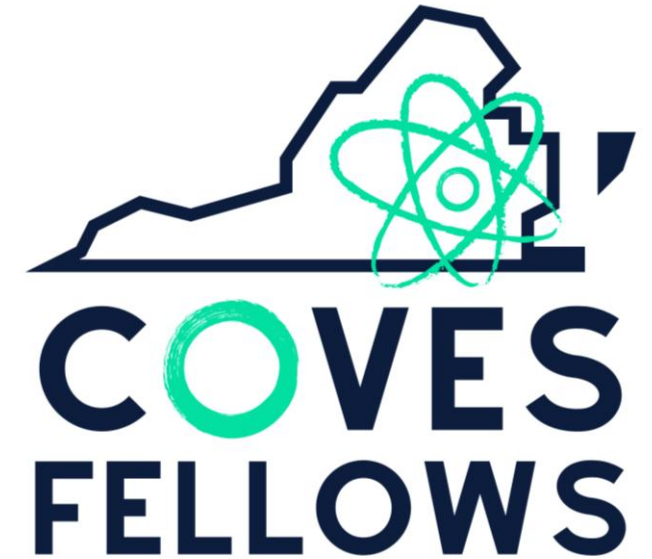
- Created in 2013
- 180 members from Virginia universities and industries (65% in NASEM)
- Mission: use our members to inform, advocate, and serve
- Three programs: COVES Fellowship, non-partisan research papers, and annual Summit on emergent topics



COVES Fellowship



- COVES fellows are graduate students from 13 Virginia universities.
- In 2026, 10 of 19 fellows worked in health-focused host offices.
- Fellows perform high-level research with their host office at no cost to the Commonwealth.



Health Care Summit



- October 8th at J. Sargent Reynolds
- 60 members – leaders in Health Care
- Keynote Speaker: Secretary Marvin Figueroa



Register
here!



Health Care Summit



Session Three: *Virginia's Rural Health Transformation Investment*

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Moderator: Heidi Hertz, Director, Virginia Rural Health Care Transformation



Joe Benevento

President & CEO,
Virginia Innovation
Partnership
Corporation



William Hazel, MD

CEO, Claude Moore
Opportunities & Chair
of the Virginia
Community College
System Foundation



Rachel Rees

CEO, Virginia Health
Care Foundation



Kelly Cannon

CEO, Virginia Hospital
and Healthcare
Association Foundation



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Session Four: *VA Industry Investments To Expand Pharmaceutical Capacity*

Moderator: Joy Polefrone, Ph.D., Director, Regional Innovation Officer, Alliance for Building Better Medicine



Allan Coukell

Chief Government
Affairs and Public
Policy Officer, Civica
Rx



**B. Frank Gupton,
Ph.D.**

CEO, Medicines for All
Institute



Mark T. Esser, Ph.D.

CEO, Paul & Diane
Manning Institute of
Biotechnology, UVA



Sneha Atwal

VP, Manufacturing,
Virginia Economic
Development
Partnership

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Session Five:

Virginia Partnerships and Data for Healthcare Workforce Training and Development



Moderator:
Delegate Rodney Willett (58th District)

Chair, Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority



F. Gerard Moeller, M.D.

Director, Wright Center for Clinical and Transitional Research & Associate VP for Clinical Research – VCU



Caroline Sutter, DNP

Assoc. Professor, School of Nursing and Co-Director of the Center for Health Workforce – George Mason University



Cynthia Lawrence

Director, Office of Workforce Development – Carilion Clinic & President, Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers



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Session Six:

How Can Virginia Accelerate Its Industry and Research Partnerships to Increase Positive Impact?



Moderator:
Jennifer Siciliano

Chief External Affairs Officer, UVA Health



Sally Allain, MBA, M.S.

Chief Health Sciences Growth & Innovation Officer, Virginia Tech Fralin Biomedical Research Institute



Joe Benevento

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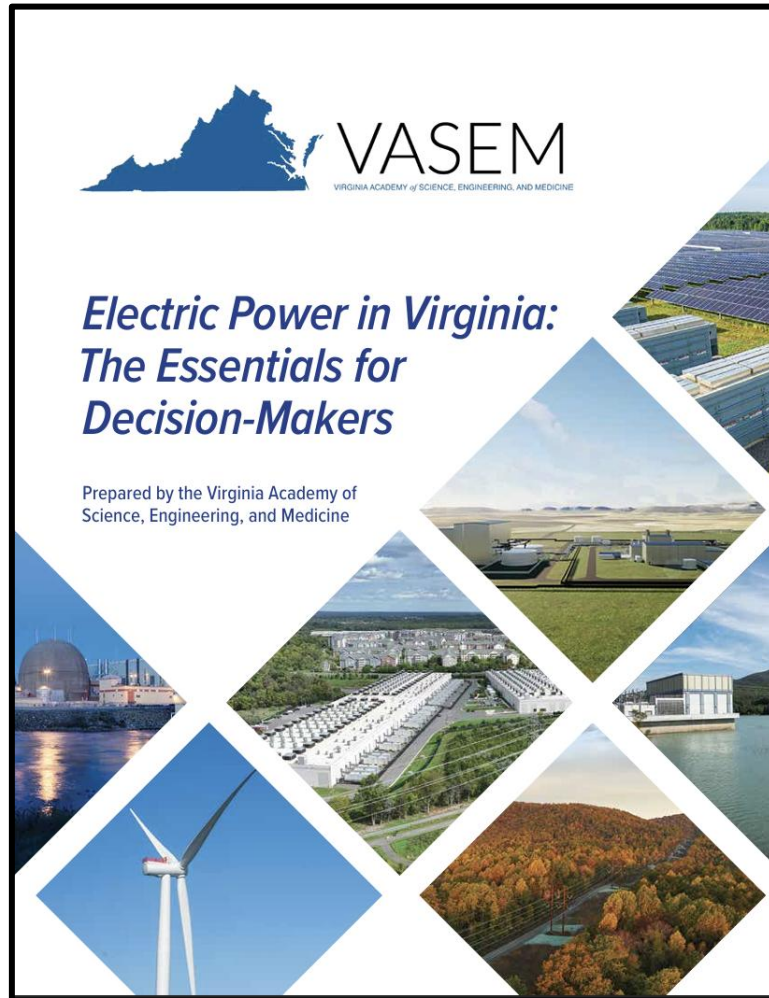
John Newby, JD, CAE

CEO, Virginia Bio

Research Papers (White Papers)



July 2026



September 2025

