

I have been a member of VCA since my first year in graduate school at Lynchburg College. I just retired after thirty years as a counselor and counselor supervisor in Campbell County. In this position I worked with twenty-two of the finest counselors in the state. I spent three years as a counselor educator at Lynchburg College and still provide adjunct services. I have worked as a school counselor at the secondary and elementary levels and recently earned certification as a school-based play therapist. In my "prior" life I was an educator in Virginia and Australia.

Over the years I have served on numerous committees for the VCA including Advocacy, Awards, Convention Planning and have held the positions of Chapter Council Chair and Division Council Chair. I just completed a term on the VCA Foundation Board. My membership in divisions includes VSAC and VACES. I was on the board of my local Lynchburg chapter for over seventeen years and have been President of the chapter twice. I was fortunate to be able to work with the initial leadership team that assisted in the creation of VASC. Currently my other professional memberships include the Association for Play Therapy, American Counseling Association, and Chi Sigma Iota.

I have had the opportunity to work at the state level on counselor and career initiatives. Providing workshops and trainings across the state on topics such as school climate, conflict resolution, anti-bullying initiatives, working with challenging students and play therapy in schools is a favorite past time. It has been my honor to receive the VCA *Van Hoose Career Service Award*, the *Lynchburg Area Counselors Association Lifetime Achievement Award*, *Chapter Member of the Year*, *ACA Emerging Leader*, *CSI Fellowship Award* and *Educator of the Year* from the Altavista Chamber of Commerce.

My husband and I live in a rural area of Campbell County and enjoy biking, hiking and traveling. Our son is a sportswriter in Pittsburgh and is recently engaged. We are both looking forward to finding out about life as retirees.