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Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees Announces 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

Montpelier -- The President and CEO of Carhartt, Inc., a prominent local banker, an advocate for immigrants, a devoted philanthropist, the leader of the Vermont division of GlobalFoundries, and an accomplished local educator are all being honored by the Vermont State Colleges System as 2018 Hall of Fame inductees.

The third annual Hall of Fame event supports scholarships for Vermont students attending a VSCS college or university and highlights the leadership and professional accomplishments of five alumni and community leaders. The VSCS Board of Trustees also recognizes a distinguished Vermonter who has enhanced public higher education over their career. This year's Award for Distinguished Service goes to George Cross, a Castleton alumnus, lifelong educator and public servant.

The 2018 VSCS Hall of Fame will take place at Montpelier's Capital Plaza on Thursday, March 15th. Tickets are now available at www.vsc.edu. Previous events have raised over \$160,000 for the scholarship fund at the VSC Foundation.

2018 Vermont State Colleges System Hall of Fame Inductees

Castleton University: **Jennifer Bagley** was a longtime and well-respected part-time faculty member in the English Department and remains engaged in the university through several philanthropic efforts, including service as a volunteer mainstay at Spartan Arena. Her passion for fine and performing arts has greatly benefited Castleton and the Rutland Region.

Community College of Vermont: **Thato Ratsebe**, A.A. Liberal Studies 2003, is the Assistant Director and Programs Manager for the Association of Africans Living in Vermont, where she is instrumental in supporting immigrants and refugees as they settle into new lives. She has served as Interim Director for Multicultural Affairs at St. Michael's College and has worked in East Africa and Canada as an advocate for women's health.

Johnson State College: **David Silverman**, B.A. Business Management 1985, is President and CEO of Union Bank and has been instrumental in making Union Bank one of the most profitable banks in New England. He was founding Chairman of the Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, President of the Lamoille Economic Development Corporation, and Chairman of the Vermont Bankers Association. David has also retained long and strong connections with Johnson State College.

Lyndon State College: Mark Valade, B.A. Social Sciences 1978, is Chairman and CEO of Carhartt, Inc. The great-grandson of the founder of Carhartt, Mark became president in 1996 and ushered the company into the global era with the establishment of European operations and internet technologies. Mark served as the National Chair for Lyndon's Centennial Campaign and has been a steadfast supporter of the College for many years.

Vermont Technical College: Dale Miller, A.A.S Electrical Engineering Technology 1982, is Senior Location Executive for GlobalFoundries and the Senior Director for 200mm Semiconductor Manufacturing and Operations. Dale joined IBM upon graduating from Vermont Technical College. He is on the Board of Directors for the Vermont Chamber of Commerce and for the Fab Owners Association, an international semiconductor consortium. He exemplifies the power of a two-year degree and often hires Vermont Tech graduates.

Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees Award for Extraordinary Contribution: George Cross, Castleton B.Ed 1957, is one of Vermont's most respected educators. He served as a teacher, principal and superintendent for over 40 years, including 12 years as the Superintendent of Schools in Winooski. George has been a stellar public servant as well, serving as a multi-term state representative and chair of the House Education Committee, a valued member of the Board of Trustees of Vermont State Colleges System, Board Chair of the Community High School of Vermont and member of the Board of Directors of the Sudan Education Foundation. George served as interim City Manager in Winooski at a critical juncture for the city and last summer was appointed to a statewide commission charged with studying options for creating a new model of health insurance contracts for Vermont teachers. He received Castleton University's Outstanding Alumni Award 2013.

For more information about the 2018 Hall of Fame event, our nominees, or to purchase tickets, please visit www.vsc.edu/