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## **Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees Announces 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees**

Montpelier -- The founder of a global analytics firm, a nurse educator, a highly-regarded chief of police, a public safety consultant and an economic development specialist are all being honored by the Vermont State Colleges System as 2019 Hall of Fame inductees.

The fourth annual Hall of Fame event will support scholarships for Vermont students attending a VSCS college or university and highlights the leadership and professional accomplishments of four 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 Extraordinary Contribution goes to Martha O'Connor, whose lifetime of community service to Vermont included a term as chair of the VSCS Board of Trustees.

The 2019 VSCS Hall of Fame will take place at Montpelier's Capital Plaza on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are now available at [www.vsc.edu](http://www.vsc.edu). Previous events have raised over \$240,000 for the scholarship fund at the VSC Foundation.

### **2018 Vermont State Colleges System Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Castleton University:** Olivia "Libby" Duane Adams, 1984, B.S. in Business Administration. In 1997, Libby is the co-founder and Chief Customer Officer of Alteryx, Inc., a global leader in the data analytics industry. As a student, she won the Distinguished Service Award. She is currently working with the University to help create new pathways for student mentorship.

**Community College of Vermont:** Gary Taylor, 1989, A.S. in Criminal Justice. Gary has served as the Chief of Police for the City of St. Albans since 2005. Today, he is also head of the fire department and serves as the city's public safety director. Gary has been dedicated to promoting the safety and well-being of Vermont communities for more than 40 years.

**Northern Vermont University:** Trevor Whipple, 1993, Johnson State College, B.A. General Studies. Trevor is a law enforcement consultant for VT League of Cities and Towns, supporting risk management and best practices among public safety departments across the state. He joined the League after a distinguished career in law enforcement, including service as Chief of Police in Barre and South Burlington. He service to his alma mater and his state is exemplary.

**Vermont Technical College:** Dr. Amanda Perkins, B.S. in Biotechnology, 2002. Though her undergraduate degree was in biotechnology, Amanda pursued an interest in nursing, earning her practical nursing certificate, a bachelor of science in nursing, a masters and doctorate in nursing. She serves on the nursing faculty at the Randolph campus. Her education and teaching career is an exemplar for students pursuing careers in health care.

**Vermont State Colleges System Board of Trustees Award for Extraordinary Contribution:** Martha O'Connor. Martha is recognized for her lifelong commitment to education, the State of Vermont, and the VSCS, from Brattleboro School Board Member to Chair of the State Education Board, Trustee for UVM and Trustee and Chair of the VSCS. She has served on numerous local and state boards. Martha's passion for public education and the betterment of Vermont is reflected in a life of advocacy and service.

For more information about the 2019 Hall of Fame event, our nominees, or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.vsc.edu/](http://www.vsc.edu/)