

# MG Wins Big in Virginia Contest

*Business group honors work of professionals in communications*

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Media General Inc., which publishes The Times-Dispatch, was the big winner in a Virginia business communications competition. The company won more awards than any others in the competition.

The Best in Virginia awards recognized 26 projects by corporate-communications and public-relations professionals. The awards were sponsored by the Richmond chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

The winners:

- CarMax: Awards of Merit in Media Relations and in Member and Employee Communications.
- Communication Design Inc.: Award of Excellence to Bill Cullen and Award of Merit to Robert Meganck in Special Project Design; Honorable mention to Tim Priddy in Publication Design for Special Publications.
- CRT/tanaka: Award of Excellence in Media Relations with Efficient Frontier.
- Longwood University: Award of Excellence to Dave Hooper, Lewis Carlyle and Xiaona Ren in Electronic and Interactive Communication.
- McArthur Communications: Award of Merit in Audiovisual.
- Media General: Awards of Merit to Liz Cleal and John Atteberry in Audiovisual; Brad Tilley and Nancy Jenkins in Newspapers and Newsletters; Rita Courtney in Publication Design for Annual Reports; and Honorable Mention to Tilley and Jenkins in Publication Design for Newspapers and Newsletters.
- The Mitre Corp.: Award of Excellence to John Gratz and Nadine Monaco in Member and Employee Communication.
- University of Virginia Darden School of Business: Award of Merit in Marketing Communication.



Award winners Dr. Joe and April Niamtu, Greater Richmond ARC Honorary Spokescouple. The Niamtus are the proud parents of two children with special needs.

- Dr. Joe and April Niamtu, Doug Payne, Kevin Grimsdale, Maurice Davis, Tracey Tierney, the Greater Richmond ARC and Neathawk Dubuque & Packett: Award of Merit in Economic, Social and Environmental Development.
- Progressive Group Alliance: Award of Merit in Member and Employee Communication.
- University of Richmond Department of Marketing & Communication: Award of Merit in Publication Design for Magazines and Honorable Mention in Publication Design for Special Publications.
- Virginia Association of Realtors: Award of Merit in Member and Employee Communication, and Awards of Merit to Lisa G. Noon in Magazines and in Special Publications.
- Virginia Housing Development Authority: Award of Merit to Bob Halloran, Brian Thomson, Shawn Noroian and Ann Brown in Special Project Design.
- Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives: two Awards of Merit to Richard G. Johnstone Jr. and one to Bill Sherrod in Features and Editorials Writing.
- Westminster Canterbury Richmond: Award of Excellence in Special Publications.