



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Timothy M. Kaine
Governor

July 23, 2009

Dr. Charles W. Steger
President
Virginia Tech
201 Burruss Hall
Blacksburg, Virginia 24061

Dear President Steger:

I am pleased to announce that the Science Museum of Virginia is now accepting nominations for **Virginia's Outstanding Scientist of the Year Award for 2009**.

For the past 25 years, this program has honored Virginian scientists who, through their research and commitment to science, have made a recent contribution to basic scientific research that extends the boundaries of any field of science. This contribution should be easily recognizable as a definite advance of knowledge or a significant technological development.

I encourage you to nominate one or more members of your research staff and/or faculty for this prestigious award. A distinguished panel of internationally renowned Virginia scientists will select the award recipients. The awards will be presented on the floor of the General Assembly next February.

Enclosed are the Virginia's Outstanding Scientist 2009 Guidelines and the nomination application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TKaine", written over a faint circular stamp.

Timothy M. Kaine



Enclosures

Virginia's Outstanding Scientist 2009

GUIDELINES

1. **ELIGIBLE FIELDS:** The award to the Virginia Scientist of the Year is made to a living person in any field of the sciences, including mathematics, technology and the physical, biological or health sciences. Scientists whose work cannot be published for security reasons may also be nominated.
2. **FACTORS IN SELECTION:** The prime factor in selection of the Scientist of the Year is a recent contribution to basic scientific research which extends the boundaries of any field of science. To qualify, a contribution should be easily recognizable as a definite advance of knowledge or a significant technological development. The nominee should have a meaningful tie to Virginia, either through birth, work and/or the effect of that work on Virginia.
3. **LIMITATIONS:** (1) An individual may not receive more than one award in his or her lifetime.
(2) Because scientific discoveries and technological advances are often the result of team effort, the selection panel will endeavor to single out the individual most responsible for the genesis of an important contribution.
4. **DOCUMENTATION:** Completion of the official nomination form, which must follow the sequence as stated in the nomination format on the opposite page, shall constitute the required documentation. It is also suggested that additional support letters — up to six — be secured. These letters should support the first four criteria listed in Roman Numerals I – IV and should be from department heads and other colleagues from within the candidate's organization, as well as peers or others who can further explain the importance of the specific contributions. These support letters must arrive at the Science Museum by November 2, 2009. Support letters only may be faxed to (804) 864-1560, Attn: Nominations. The nomination form and enclosures must be received at the Science Museum by 5 p.m., November 2, 2009.
5. **RENOMINATION:** Candidates may be renominated once. Nomination packets will be held for one year for resubmission, but a 2009 nomination form must be completed. Third nominations must be treated as a new nomination, and a complete package must be submitted.

For additional forms or further information, please contact Nina Johnson at the Science Museum of Virginia at (804) 864-1499. Nomination forms are on the museum's Web site: www.smv.org.

The nomination form and supporting documents must be returned no later than November 2, 2009 to:

Virginia's Outstanding Scientist Awards Program
Science Museum of Virginia
2500 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23220-2054



SCIENCE MUSEUM OF VIRGINIA

Virginia's Outstanding Scientist 2009

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Nominee's full name: _____

Position (include title): _____

Field in which engaged: _____

Employer's name: _____

Employer's address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____ Home E-mail: _____

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Business address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nomination Format

To ensure that the awards jury has a complete file on each nominee, please provide the following information on additional pages in the sequence outlined. Put the nominee's name, the page number and date at the top right corner of each page. DO NOT send reprints or other copies of publications unless requested by the awards jury. Please ensure that the nominee's curriculum vitae is attached.

- I. Nominee's most significant scientific contribution(s). (Not to exceed 250 words.)
- II. Publication references for contribution(s) specified in I. above. (Please give complete reference, i.e. authors, title, journal, volume, pages and year. Cite up to five references.)
- III. Most significant invited publications, i.e. book chapters, review papers, etc., based on contribution(s) specified in I. above. (Cite up to five references.)
- IV. Memberships on national and international science committees, advisory committees, etc. (Cite up to five memberships, indicate periods of service on committee.)
- V. Education. Please include degree(s), dates and subjects.
- VI. Professional Experience.
- VII. Professional Memberships.
- VIII. Publications in last five years. Titles of papers, dates and where presented.
- IX. Books. Title, publisher, date.
- X. Patents. Subjects, serial numbers and dates.
- XI. Principal and Excelling Contributions. (Outline in language for the lay person and limit to one page.)
- XII. Curriculum Vitae.
- XIII. Supporting Letters.

(May be mailed separately or faxed. Must arrive by 5 p.m., November 2, 2009)