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***“Technology Education--- Developing a Bright Future”***

Dear VTEA Member:

On behalf of VTEA and the conference planning team, I would like to provide you with the registration information regarding the upcoming VTEA Summer Conference in Richmond, Virginia, *Technology Education---Developing a Bright Future*.

This theme should bring thoughts of change---What is new? How can I better teach my students? How can I connect with other teachers to make teaching more effective? Remember, "Do not confine your children to your own learning for they were born in another time." Come ready to give help and seek help with your competencies, teaching methods, and classroom/lab management techniques.

Our conference will be held at the Westin Richmond from August 4 – 7, 2009. The conference planning team is eager to meet your professional needs and provide you with networking opportunities and a variety of workshops in technology education.

Workshops are organized by middle and high school, with topics from *Engineering by Design* to mechatronics, TSA, and *Biotech Made Easy*. We have asked for hands-on presentations to energize school year. Bring a USB drive with your best lessons, activities, projects, and assessments to share. All presenters have been asked to identify the competencies their presentations address and to supply their materials in a digital format.

***Come to share what works for you and to ask others how they teach the competencies.***

Thank you for taking the time to review the attached information. I look forward to seeing you at this summer's conference.

Sincerely yours,  
Dick Dyer, VTEA President

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## CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- CTE Institute with exhibits and Career and Technical Education sessions for all
- Inspiring Speakers
- VTEA Conference with hands-on, competency based, classroom ready information
- Professional Awards Recognition Program
- Sessions on Technology Student Association

***Bring a USB drive with your lessons, activities, projects, assessments, and questions to share. All presenters have been asked to supply digital and/or paper copies of their materials and to identify what competencies their work addresses.***

***Do your part by sharing what you have perfected and what works with your students!***

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*"Every child should study technology"*

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