



## NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS IN OUR REGION

Forest Hills Elementary School  
Galileo Magnet High School  
Mount Airy Elementary School  
Patrick Springs  
Rich Acres Elementary School

Rocky Mount Elementary School  
Sacred Heart Private School  
Snow Creek Elementary School  
Tunstall High School  
Union Hall Elementary School



Excellence in Career and Technical Schools with Nationally Acclaimed Legacy Machining Program and Perennial State/National Skills USA Champions

**Governor Northam's 2019 Honor Awards** for Ensuring Access to Skilled Workers through Workforce Development Programs - Great Opportunities in Technology Engineering Careers (GO TEC) Project, Department of Housing and Community Development

Within this program Danville City Public Schools received Virginia School Boards Association Excellence in Workforce Readiness Award for the Middle School Career Connections Labs in 2019.

All localities in the Southern Virginia Region are **Certified ACT Work Ready Communities** and all school systems participate; seven Southern Virginia localities won **2019 ACT Workforce Summit Awards**.

All high schools in the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County have been recognized as Wise Blue Star Schools with Galileo being recognized for seven consecutive years, teaching personal finance and administering the national **Financial Literacy Certification Test**.



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## HIGHLIGHTS ON SOVA SCHOOLS

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### **Award Winning Pittsylvania County School Division**

Pittsylvania County Career & Technical Education Center – 2016 Va. Dept. of Education Creating Excellence in Education Award

Precision Machine Technology Advanced Manufacturing Program selected by the Va. Dept. of Education Career & Technical Education for the Virginia Tiered System of Support Leadership Award

99% pass rate on Standards of Learning (SOL's) at Pittsylvania County Career & Technical School – 2017, 2018, 2019

Seven (7) National Skills USA Placement Finalists, 2017, Five (5) in 2018 and four (4) in 2019

National Blue Ribbon Schools - Tunstall High School – 2016 US Department of Education Blue Ribbon High School; Mount Airy Elementary School – 2003; Union Hall Elementary – 2017

All schools fully accredited by the Va. Dept. of Education with 93.1% on-time graduation rate; surpassing average state SOL scores in every category

Va. Dept. of Education 2019 VIP Distinguished Achievement Award – Tunstall High School, John L. Hurt Elementary and Union Hall Elementary

Two (2) Pittsylvania County Elementary Schools recognized with the Commonwealth VIP Educational Excellence Award

FFA Chapter recognized as a National FFA Chapter Award winner and Superior Chapter receiving a Gold ranking and ranked one of the Top 10 chapters in the Commonwealth and Tunstall High received a 2018 National Gold Chapter Ranking

Graduate of Merit Program that recognizes volunteerism, extra-curricular activities and academic excellence

### **Complimentary Excellence in the City of Danville and Surrounding Area Public and Private Schools**

Galileo Magnet High School in Danville is an International Baccalaureate School and became a “National Blue Ribbon School by the US Dept of Education” in 2014, recognized as “Washington Posts America’s Top Challenging Schools” in 2017, U.S. News “Best High Schools” Bronze in 2017, The Daily Beast “Top High Schools” in 2014 and recipients of the “Wells Fargo Cup” in 2018 for Academics; seven consecutive years designated as as Wise High Schools in teaching financial literacy; 2018 Va High School League Scholastic Bowl State Champion

Additional Blue Ribbon Schools in the region - Forest Hills Elementary School 2013; Sacred Heart Private School 2006; Patrick Springs – 2010; Rich Acres Elementary School; Martinsville – 2011; Rocky Mount Elementary – 2011; Snow Creek Elementary – 2015

GWHS Career and Technical Education has increased workforce credentials by 32% in 2019 (from 689 to 910 credentials)

Go Tec (Great Opportunities in Technology and Engineering Careers) a workforce development approach, was awarded the largest grant to date from the GO Virginia Competitive Funding Pool to address current and future market demand in advanced manufacturing and IT building Career Connection Labs in the middle schools linked to in-demand occupations.

GWHS 1st Robotics Team National Finalists, 2017 & Teams in Pittsylvania County and Danville City Schools

Four (4) Nationally acclaimed private schools: Hargrave Military Academy, Chatham in Pittsylvania County; Chatham Hall, Chatham in Pittsylvania County; Sacred Heart, Danville; and Carlisle School, Martinsville