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Jane Snead Returns!

Tim Catherman, Director, Aging Operations

To ensure a smooth transition with contracts, amendments, funding allocations, Jane Snead has agreed to return for approximately two days each week. Jane can be reached at (804) 662-9329 or at Jane.Snead@dars.virginia.gov.

Deadline to Switch to Electronic Federal Benefit Payments

Kathy Miller, RN, MSW, Director of Programs

Seniors and others who still receive their federal benefit payments by paper check are required by law to switch to an electronic payment option by March 1, 2013. Check recipients can switch to direct deposit or the Direct Express Debit MasterCard card by calling the US Treasury Electronic Solution Center at **(800) 333-1795**, Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST.

For direct deposit, people can also sign up online [here](#) or at their bank or credit union.

The US Department of the Treasury's *Go Direct*® campaign offers [free materials](#) and [information](#)

To download or order materials, go to www.GoDirect.org.

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Medication Safety Webinar

Ellen M. Nau, MA, Program Coordinator

Sponsored by the National Council on Aging (NCOA), this webinar will discuss medication safety among older adults and present information on the HomeMeds program. HomeMeds is an evidence-based, technology-enabled intervention that addresses medication safety among older adults by connecting homecare and other community-based services to health care providers. The program meets the Administration on Aging's highest-level criteria for evidence based programs. The webinar will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 3:00 P.M. Until 4:00 P.M.

For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.ncoa.org/calendar-of-events/medication-management.html>

DARS/VDA Welcomes New Employee

Leonard Eshmont, IT Director VDA

VDA Division of DARS would like to welcome Annette Sherman to its team effective 2/25/2013. Annette will be the team coordinator on multiple projects related to the NWD initiative and other DARS systems.

Annette served 20 years in the United States Air Force in various roles such as a propellant transfer specialist (fuel systems) on Titan II Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, a maintenance planner and scheduler for Titan II missiles, a logistics/war planner, and finally as a Logistics business systems analyst and project manager. Annette lived in many places during her military career and is not a Virginia native, but says that of all the places she's lived, Virginia feels most like home so she decided to come back after retiring from the Air Force in 1999.

Annette also brings with her eight years experience working at the Department of Social Services (VDSS). At VDSS she worked as a senior business systems analyst on the Adult Services/Adult Protective Services system (ASAPS), the Virginia Newcomer Information System (VNIS), the online Medicaid Application for Adults system, the Security Access Management System (SAMS), the Child Care Management System (VaCMS), and most recently the Central Registry System (CRS).

Annette has an A.A. S. degree in Logistics Management, a B.S. in Computer Information Systems, and a Master of Information Systems degree. She is certified as a Business Systems Analyst through Inquestra Learning. She is a member of the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA.). Annette can be reach by phone at (804) 662-9317. Welcome Annette!



VCU Department of Gerontology

AGE Virginia Awards 2013

James A. Rothrock, Commissioner

February 21, 2013

Save the Date!

AGE Virginia Awards

Saturday April 6th

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa

Join the VCU Department of Gerontology for our annual AGE Virginia Awards Ceremony. This year, we will again be giving out our student awards as well as our ACE, TIME and Commonwealth Awards. We will also be featuring select student projects. Guests will be able to view current student projects, interact with the individual student and/or teams who are implementing these projects and select a recipient who will be awarded a mini-grant to implement the project.

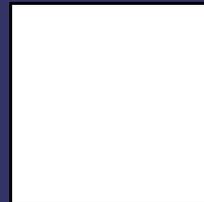
There is no cost to attend the AGE Virginia Awards and we are pleased to offer sponsorship and table host opportunities.

Please contact agingstudies@vcu.edu to secure your space or for more information on sponsorship opportunities to support our student scholarship initiatives.

Please also consider submitting nominees for our ACE, TIME and Commonwealth Awards. The ACE Award is presented to an individual or organization who showcases excellence in the field of Advocacy and Community Engagement in Gerontology. Last year's recipient was Dr. Patricia W. Slattum. The TIME Award is presented to an individual or organization who represents excellence in Theoretical Innovation and Maintaining Evidence-Based Practice in the field of Gerontology. Last year's recipient was A Grace Place Adult Care Center. The Commonwealth Award is presented to

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an older adult who personifies optimal aging and generativity. Last year's recipient was Guy M. Kinman, Jr.

Please submit nominees to agingstudies@vcu.edu with a brief biography and description of qualifications.