

# PORTSMOUTH PARTNERSHIP

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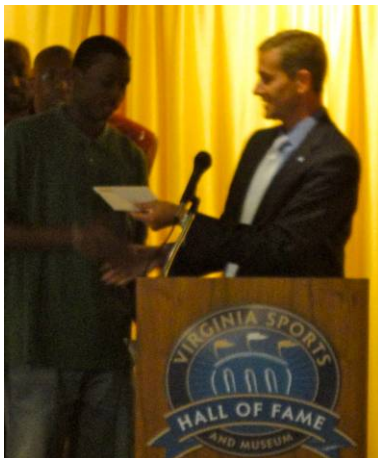
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The Norcom Greyhounds, twice AAA State champions, and Partnership President Phil Rudisill at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame

## PARTNERSHIP CONGRATULATES VIRGINIA AAA CHAMP GREYHOUNDS

The **I. C. Norcom High School AAA Champ Greyhounds** were treated to lunch at a special Portsmouth Partnership meeting held in their honor at the **Virginia Sports Hall of Fame** on April 11. Superintendent Dr. David Stuckwisch, I. C. Norcom Principal Lynn Briley and Coach Leon Goolsby were on hand as the Greyhounds were congratulated on their second straight state championship after their 54 – 45 victory over L.C. Bird at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond.



Partnership President Phil Rudisill and Team Captain DeCarlos Anderson

**Team Captain DeCarlos Anderson** received special recognition as Phil Rudisill, President of the Partnership, presented him with a \$500 scholarship which will be sent to the college of his choice.

**Portsmouth's Channel 47** was on hand to record the event and, afterwards, the team was treated to free use of the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame's facilities and exhibits.



I. C. Norcom Principal Lynn Briley (l) and Phil Rudisill

# KIRSTEN TYNCH RECEIVES LEFCOE ALUMNI AWARD



Kirsten Tynch (l) receives her award from ex-Pres Diane Griffin

2003 Lefcoe Grad Kirsten Tynch was presented the 2010 Lefcoe Leadership Alumni Award at the Partnership's special meeting on April 11.

A bright, energetic and natural leader, Kirsten is also a tireless volunteer. In 2007 she helped to produce a Lefcoe-inspired, city-wide Free Health Fair at I. C. Norcom High School which drew over 300 people. Participants were screened for blood pressure, body fat and glucose levels, and were treated to exercise, cooking and informational presentations. Tynch currently serves on Portsmouth's Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee, the Downtown Design Committee, the Portsmouth Partnership's Transportation Committee, HRCC's Portsmouth Division board and Portsmouth's Relay for Life team, and is a past board member of the Lefcoe Alumni Association.

As chair of the Virginia section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers she persuaded the organization to shun both Norfolk and Virginia Beach as potential sites for its 2010 annual conference in favor of Portsmouth. As a result, over 300 engineers and spouses discovered Olde Towne – many for the first time. Also in 2010, *Inside Business* magazine chose Kirsten as a finalist for its "Women in Business" award.

Kirsten lives in Park View with her husband and fellow Lefcoe Alumnus, Jack, and their son, Logan - doubtless a future Lefcoe participant. They are expecting their second child.

# BOB WILLIAMS SELECTED PORTSMOUTH'S 2010 FIRST CITIZEN

Former Portsmouth Partnership President Bob Williams was awarded Portsmouth's 2010 First Citizen distinction on April 14<sup>th</sup> at Portsmouth's Renaissance Hotel. Nearly 400 people attended the Portsmouth Service League-sponsored event, with proceeds benefitting the Portsmouth Humane Shelter and the OASIS Social Ministry.

A formidable combination of creativity, drive and optimism, Bob has left his fingerprints in both the public and private sectors with notable success. Although in recent years he is best known for his wildly successful Harbour View development in North Suffolk, his current efforts are breathing life into and around the new TCC campus at Victory Crossing, and solving the gnarliest of challenges with the development of a new downtown Courthouse complex, representing a home-run solution for both the city and its courts.

A former President of the Partnership, Bob's most recent contribution to the organization has been through his role as President of its Partnership Development Foundation. A 501 c 3 corporation whose mission is to enhance the Partnership's financial viability and further its mission through the purchase and sale of under-performing real estate in the city, the PDF's current project has involved the purchase of a 5 acre site in Churchland. Half of the parcel has recently been sold to Royal Farms. The remaining parcel is currently listed for sale.

As First Citizen, Williams joins a group which includes current Partnership members Herb Haneman, Junius Williams, Bob Aston, David Tynch, Diane Griffin, Bill Kline and Don Comer; former members Brad Cherry, Ward Robinett, Ernie Hardee and Michael Blachman; and long-time Lefcoe instructor Horace Savage. The Partnership extends its sincere thanks to Bob for his many selfless contributions, and its congratulations on an award that is richly deserved.



2010 Portsmouth First Citizen Bob Williams



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