



## Virginia Beach man wins scholarship to leadership summit

*Will meet with 150 emerging leaders from around the world*



*Reggie McCoy, a Department of Corrections probation and parole officer, has been a VGEA member for 10 years.*

A deputy chief probation and parole officer for the Department of Corrections is the recipient of the VGEA's \$500 scholarship to the Global Pathfinder Summit in Charlottesville.

Reginald "Reggie" McCoy, who lives and works in Virginia Beach, will join some 150 emerging young leaders from around the world at the May summit.

"Attending this event will help me gain more experience in leading from a global perspective," said McCoy. "It will give me a chance look and learn and talk to leaders from outside of where I sit. It should be a good balance because I'll be able to share my own experiences as I absorb knowledge from other leaders."

The Global Pathfinder Summit is part of the American Evolution commemoration, a celebration of the 400th anniversary of key historical events that occurred in Virginia in 1619 -- a pivotal year in the establishment of the first permanent English colony in North America.

The Charlottesville gathering is scheduled from May 20-24 on the University of Virginia campus. Fifty Virginians and 100 international leaders will spend five days discussing leadership development and global networking.



The scholarship was open to all of its members considered "millennials," that is, those born between the years 1981-1996. McCoy, 34, has been a member since he was hired by the state 10 years ago.

Topics at the summit include the impact of youth movements on global challenges, civic education, and the state of global

democracy today.

"The conference is designed to equip a generation of emerging leaders with the perspectives, strategies and tools necessary to create sustainable change in their local and global communities," said Marshall Terry, executive director of the VGEA. "We were impressed with Reggie's application and are confident he will be a great addition to the summit."

Those who wish to attend the week-long event can still apply. For information, visit [globalpathfindersummit.org](http://globalpathfindersummit.org) or contact Lindsey Horner at [Lidnsey.Horner@jyf.virginia.gov](mailto:Lidnsey.Horner@jyf.virginia.gov) or 757-253-5154.

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