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Brain Injury Association of Virginia to Promote Concussion Advocacy at Legacy Dinner

Richmond, VA: The Brain Injury Association of Virginia is set to hold its Inaugural Legacy Dinner to celebrate and promote concussion advocacy. The event will be held Saturday, April, 6th at 6:00p at the Jepson Alumni Center on the University of Richmond campus.

“For over 36 years, the Brain Injury Association of Virginia has been the leading voice on brain injury,” Brain Injury Association of Virginia Executive Director Anne McDonnell said. “We are thrilled to host this year’s Legacy Dinner to continue our conversation around concussion, and recognize individuals who have made huge impacts in our community.”

This year’s Legacy Dinner will kick-off with a cocktail hour, followed by a seated dinner and an awards ceremony recognizing individuals who have shown leadership in the brain injury community. This year’s Keynote Speaker and Award Winners are:

- **Keynote Speaker – Dr. Harold Young:** Dr. Young is the Director of the Harold F. Young Neurosurgical Center at MCV. He is a Professor and James and Frances McGlothlin Chair for the Department of Neurosurgery at VCU. He has worked many years in the brain injury community, has won countless awards, and is recognized as one of the leading brain injury physicians amongst his peers.
- **Legislator of the Year – Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn:** Delegate Filler-Corn serves in the Virginia House of Delegates representing the 41ST District. She has patroned and supported several bills and budget amendments to improve the lives of those who have sustained concussions. The Legislator of the Year award is given to a legislator in the House or Senate who has shown leadership that has been vital to the brain injury community.
- **Weinstock Award – Patti Goodall:** Patti recently retired as the Director of Brain Injury Services at the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services. She has had a long and admirable career in disability services and supports, and was one of the first Supported Employment specialists in the country. The Weinstock Award recognizes people who are dedicated, committed, and raise public awareness on behalf of people with brain injuries.
- **Legacy Award – Dr. Nathan Zasler:** Dr. Zasler is the CEO and Medical Director of the Concussion Centre of Virginia; Tree of Life. He has worked tirelessly to be a force within the rehabilitation community. The Legacy Award recognizes significant, long-term contributions of lasting impact to the field of brain injury.

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Founded in 1983 by families and concerned professionals, the Brain Injury Association of Virginia (BIAV) is the only statewide non-profit organization in Virginia exclusively dedicated to serving individuals with brain injury, their families and those that care for and about them. Over 10,000 people find help from BIAV each year. Our primary programs are: Information and referral helpline, outreach and family support, education and training, public awareness, advocacy, and Camp Bruce McCoy. Visit www.biaav.net to learn more.