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Alliance Presents Awards at Annual Membership Meeting
— New Chairman and Officers also Recognized —

Williamsburg, VA —The Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance saluted outstanding members of the business community and recognized the organization's outgoing chair and new leadership during its Annual Membership Meeting, held Tuesday, September 28, at the Mason School of Business, The College of William & Mary. The Alliance annually pays tribute to distinguished members with awards. Honorees this year were:

- **Small-Business Person of the Year:** Will Melton, co-owner/operator of Computer Concepts of Williamsburg, LLC, for his positive impact on the community, substantial employee growth, increased sales, and excellent customer service.
- **Corporate Citizen of the Year: Busch Gardens and Water Country USA**, for its innovative ideas and long-term commitment to the growth of area tourism, as well as its significant contributions to charitable, civic, educational and environmental efforts benefiting our area.
- **Roll of the Drum Award:** Marshall Warner, executive vice president of Chesapeake Bank, in recognition of his outstanding service on behalf of both the community and the Alliance.
- **Military Citizens of the Year:** MK1 Virgil Collins, Coast Guard Training Center Yorktown; BM2 (SW) David P. Confessore, U.S. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown; and SSG Jack Holland, U.S. Army, Fort Eustis, for their exemplary military character and commitment to community service.
- **Ambassador of the Year:** Chris Kerner, account executive, A Logo for You, Inc.
- **Membership Star of the Year:** Mark Riley, authorized agent, New York Life Insurance Company.

The evening was the final Alliance event presided over by outgoing Chair Jim Golden. Golden formally passed the leadership gavel to incoming 2010-2011 Chair Joe Cantrell, vice president of finance, King's Creek Plantation. In accepting the gavel, Cantrell recognized the other officers of the Alliance for the upcoming year:

- Vice Chair, Tourism Interests: John Hallowell, president, Colonial Williamsburg Company – Hospitality Group
- Vice Chair, Business Interests: Kevin Walsh, president, Walsh Family Chiropractic Center, PC
- Treasurer: Marshall Warner, executive vice president of Chesapeake Bank
- Immediate Past Chair: Jim Golden, vice president for strategic initiatives at The College of William and Mary
- Alliance President/CEO: Dick Schreiber