



## 2026 VCC “SWEET ADELINE of the YEAR”

It is that time of year again! Please use this form to nominate your choice for **VCC Sweet Adeline of the Year (SAY) 2026**.

Your nomination should recommend a current VCC member who has (in your opinion) impacted the chorus the most by either their leadership, contributions, participation, and/or dedication to the chorus over the past fiscal year (May 2025 – April 2026). As we all know, a great deal goes on behind the scenes, and many of us contribute to the chorus in many ways. Recognizing those “unsung heroes” is what this award is all about.

***Please submit your completed nomination form to Sarah McGinnis no later than MARCH 24, 2026.***

Please consider your decision carefully and evaluate our wonderful VCC Members according to our VCC Mission and Vision Statement and four Core Values as outlined in the About Us page of our website:

**JOY** – We value JOY by creating a welcoming and safe environment that fosters feelings of well-being, contentment, and delight. We share our love of singing for our audiences. We seek to bring out the best in people. We experience an intense feeling of happiness deep in our souls when we sing with freedom and ring chords. Even when challenges arise, our joy for music and singing together keep us going. When we share our love of singing, we are fulfilled by bringing happiness to others. Through artistic expression, we feel valued, heard, and accepted. We thoroughly enjoy continued learning and opportunities to grow. Joy is the root and the result of everything we do – through good times and challenging times, joy remains an invaluable presence within the chorus.

**DEDICATION** – Each member of VCC is expected to be a team player who is dedicated to achieving and upholding our musical excellence through disciplined learning and regular attendance. We are continuous learners who strive towards self-improvement. We are focused and prepared for everything we commit to. We take ownership and personal responsibility of ourselves to fully contribute to the ensemble, which in turn creates overall success of the chorus; this means we practice music and vocal skills outside of rehearsal, so our scheduled time together is efficient and productive to move us forward together. We rise above challenges and are flexible in the face of changes, in order to make the most of any situation. Through our dedication we meet the goals of the chorus.

**CAMARADERIE** – We value kindness, compassion, and understanding in our efforts to provide an inclusive, loving, and supportive environment for learning about and making music. We seek to create an inclusive culture among our members where we celebrate differences and are united by our love for making music and having meaningful artistic experiences. Each singer is a valued member of the team, and we seek to uplift and encourage one another to be the best version of ourselves across each season of life.

**STEWARDSHIP** – We are each responsible for the sustainability and success of the chorus, so VCC relies on teamwork, collaboration, and co-creation to fulfill the mission, vision, and goals of the chorus. We work together and take responsibility for doing all we can to move the chorus forward as an artistic ensemble and non-profit organization. We recognize that each of us offers unique skills, ideas, and talents that can benefit the chorus, and we share those qualities with generosity when we know we are able to by volunteering and serving



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in leadership positions. Through mentorship and educational opportunities, we foster skill development and leadership growth in an effort to grow and improve as individuals, as a musical ensemble, and as an organization. We all want to be part of something greater than ourselves, so we take care of our people, our spaces, the equipment we use, and the music we make with pride and care.



### VIRGINIA COAST CHORUS Mission and Vision Statement

1. VCC is committed to achieving musical excellence through continued music education while never losing sight of the joy of the journey.
2. VCC promotes community awareness of the barbershop art form through performances at quality venues.
3. VCC members demonstrate commitment to the chorus by consistent attendance and behaviors that exemplify respect for each other and our leadership.
4. VCC fosters a sense of belonging and personal value by embracing diversity and building on the individual strengths of each other.
5. VCC provides its members the opportunity to experience the joy of singing.
6. VCC is committed to maintaining financial stability to enable achievement of all other goals.

#### COMPLETE LIST OF FORMER VCC SWEET ADELINES OF THE YEAR:

|      |   |      |                                 |
|------|---|------|---------------------------------|
| 2025 | Sarah McGinnis  | 2006 | Charlotte Loadwick              |
| 2024 | Betty Zattiero  | 2005 | Kathie Parker                   |
| 2023 | Audrey Renn   | 2004 | Jamie Stafford                  |
| 2022 | Cheri Danner  | 2003 | Cindy Sieloff                   |
| 2021 | Jill Motcheck   | 2002 | Debbie Meadows                  |
| 2020 | Carol Buckalew  | 2001 | Betty Mausolf                   |
| 2019 | Windy Maynard   | 2000 | Ann Wilkinson and<br>Betty Buss |
| 2018 | Cathy Flynn   | 1999 | Jackie Hall                     |
| 2017 | Judy Kaplowitz  | 1998 | Cheri Danner                    |
| 2016 | Michelle Hartman  | 1997 | Pat Koscher                     |
| 2015 | Kathy Naughton  | 1996 | Rose Adell Vosler               |
| 2014 | Emily Christman, Deb<br>Lawrence, and Bettina<br>McDougal | 1995 | Virginia Sivils                 |
| 2013 | Carey Searce  | 1994 | Cathy Allen                     |
| 2012 | Betsy Smith   | 1993 | Susan Huff                      |
| 2011 | Denise Martin   | 1992 | Emily Palmer                    |
| 2010 | Beth Brooker  | 1991 | Fran Klara                      |
| 2009 | Lori Shelley  |      |                                 |
| 2008 | Anne Wolpert  |      |                                 |
| 2007 | Colleen Wood  |      |                                 |



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### NOMINATION FORM

Remember, VCC SAY winners in the *past five years are not eligible*. That list includes Sarah McGinnis (2025), Betty Zattiero (2024), Audrey Renn-Cutchin (2023), Cheri Danner (2022), and Jill Motcheck (2021). See previous page for the complete list of SAY recipients.

**PLEASE TYPE UP YOUR RESPONSES for the COMMITTEE.**

**NOMINEE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Justification for Nomination:**

JOY –

DEDICATION –

CAMARADERIE –

STEWARDSHIP –