**Virginia Academy of Science *Scientist Awards Program 2024***

SUMMARY of Awardees

**Wildlife and Biodiversity Award to Dr. W. Mark Fork at Virginia Tech**

The awardee is a person who in the last five years has worked in Virginia and the science community accomplishing outstanding research or wildlife management that has benefited the wildlife and biodiversity within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Environmental Science Award to Dr. R. Christian Jones at George Mason University**

The awardee is a person who in the last five years has worked in Virginia and the science community accomplishing outstanding research or environmental science practice that has benefited the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Life Science Award to Dr. Frank Aylward at Virginia Tech**

The awardee is a person who in the last five years has worked in Virginia and the science community accomplishing outstanding research in life sciences that has benefited the Commonwealth of Virginia. Life sciences include biology, botany, and zoology.

**Physical Science Award to Dr. Charles Hyde at Old Dominion University**

The awardee is a person who in the last five years has worked in Virginia and the science community accomplishing outstanding research in physical sciences, such as chemistry, physics, and geology, that has benefited the Commonwealth of Virginia.