## VAPT'S 2018 ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



## TANYA MARIE DECKARD York County

As VAPT's first Adult Continuing Education Scholarship recipient, Ms. Deckard began her pupil transportation career as a bus driver. She later became certified as a Department of Education (DOE) trainer and was ultimately promoted to the position of Transportation Supervisor. In 2016 she successfully passed the NAPT certification exam and became a Certified Supervisor of Transportation (CSPT).

Recently honored by the York County Transportation Department with the APPLE award for dedication to students, Tonya is also a recipient of the John T. Hanna award for traffic safety for work on the "smoking bus" fire evacuation training for school bus drivers. She recently received the Governor's Award in transportation safety for her work in pupil transportation.

An active member of VAPT for four years, Tanya was instrumental in the planning and successful execution of the organization's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrated last year.

Balancing work and family, Tanya has been attending classes at Liberty University in pursuit of an undergraduate degree in business administration. She will use her VAPT scholarship to continue this pursuit.