

Virginia Beach Awards & Accolades

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2013

Awards

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- Meet the Team – Silver
- Love the Moment Campaign - Bronze
- Southeast Tourism Society (STS) Shine Example Awards for Niche Marketing, Weddings
- Smart Meetings Platinum Choice Award
- Richmond PRSA Capital Awards
 - Online Pressroom Redesign – Certificate of Merit
 - Virginia Beach’s 2012 Love the Moment Campaign – Certificate of Merit
- Hampton Roads PRSA Pinnacle Awards
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2012

Awards

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- CSM of the Year (Teri Wiley), Successful Meetings and Event Service Professionals Association (ESPA)
- Virginia Beach Convention Center, Convene's "Best in Show"
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- Successful Meetings Pinnacle Award

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2011

Awards

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