



Virginia Juvenile Justice Association State Board Election 2015

At the annual business meeting of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association, held on November 3, 2015 at the Double Tree Hotel in Richmond, Virginia, the members listed below were nominated to hold state office for two-year terms beginning in January 2016. In accordance with VJJA Bylaws, ballots will be distributed electronically. Please vote for one candidate per office (space is provided for write-in candidates). All ballots must be submitted on-line by midnight December 15, 2015, to be counted. Thank you for participating in the election process. Results will be published in the next issue of the *Advocate*. **Demian Futterman, Election Commissioner**

Candidate Biographies for Uncontested Races



Candidate for President

SAMANTHA HIGGINS
VADJJ – 25th District Court Service Unit
Valley District Member

Samantha (Sam) has served as a district officer since 1999. In addition to her district post, Sam serves as VJJA's Director of Membership and the VJJA Fall Institute's Conference Registrar. Sam is employed as a Probation Supervisor with the 25th District Court Service Unit, supervising staff in Lexington, Covington and Botetourt branches. Prior to her promotion to Supervisor, Sam was a Probation/Parole and Intake Officer in that district. Sam was awarded VJJA's 2011 Meritorious Award in the Area of Community Service. She is a graduate of Southern Seminary Junior College, James Madison University and Radford University, earning an associate's degree in business administration, a bachelor's degree in public administration and a master's degree in criminal justice. She has been a DJJ employee for 18 years and a member of VJJA for 18 years. VJJA and other association experiences includes budgeting, fundraising, event planning, organizing, leading, delegating and supervision to support the association's mission, vision and values. Sam has served the VJJA Board in many capacities since 1999 not only supporting the membership and the conference, but has had a significant role in supporting the VJJA infrastructure. Sam values the origins of VJOA/VJJA and the significance of VJJA today. She looks to move VJJA forward building upon its already solid foundation.



Candidate for Treasurer

JOE YOUNG
New River Valley Juvenile Detention
Southwest District Member

A life-long resident of Christiansburg, Joe previously served as VJJA's Southwest Chair. He has been employed by the New River Valley Juvenile Detention Center for 18 years and serves as its Director. Joe graduated Radford University with a BS in Criminal Justice. In 2010 he completed his MBA through Averett University. Joe is a Certified USDOJ PREA Auditor and is proud to be a two-time recipient of VJJA's Robert E. Shepherd Professional Development Scholarship.

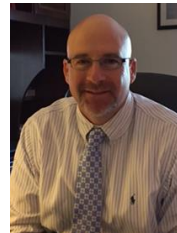
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Candidate for Vice President

ANTOINETTE "TONI" CRAIG
VADJJ – Suffolk Court Service Unit
Tidewater District Member

Toni is the Supervisor in the Suffolk Court Service Unit where she has been employed for the past 24 years. Prior to her employment with the Department of Juvenile Justice, she worked for the Department of Corrections and Jackson-Feild Homes. Toni supervises the Probation Officers in the Suffolk office that handle intake, diversion, probation and parole. Toni is a member of the Suffolk Best Practices Team and has assisted in arranging several conferences over the past three years for social workers, probation officers, judges, attorneys, school personnel, and other community partners. Toni also serves on the Suffolk Gang Task Force, Region 5 Suicide Prevention Task Force, Eastern Region Parole training committee, and Western Tidewater Re-entry Council. Toni has been an active member of the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association for many years and was awarded the Robert E. Shepherd Professional Development scholarship in 2011. Toni has previously served as Vice Chair for the Tidewater District. For the past six years, under three different presidents, has served as Vice President on the executive board of directors. Toni serves on the Tidewater District Local Advisory Board and is a key player in the organization and implementation of the annual Spring Conference. Toni has also been a primary contributor in the planning of the VJJA Fall conference and for two years was the Chair of the Institute Planning Committee. Toni was born to a military family, living overseas and coast to coast. She earned her bachelor's degree in Sociology from Washington State University. Toni resides in Chesapeake with her husband Jay, dogs Moose and Keira, and kitten Tinkerbell. Her son Jace is a student at James Madison University. When time permits, the family enjoys camping throughout Virginia and surrounding states, as well as traveling throughout the United States and the Caribbean.



Candidate for Vice President

KEVEN MEEKS
VADJJ – Martinsville Court Service Unit
Blue Ridge District Member

Kevin has been working with "at promise" youth for over 20 years. He is originally from Covington, VA. After his active service in The United States Marine Corps he accepted a job with The Virginia Baptist Children's Home as a counselor in their wilderness program at Camp on Craig. It was during this time he discovered his passion for working with youth. Kevin then started his career with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice as a Juvenile Correctional Officer at Natural Bridge Juvenile Correctional Facility. A year later, he had an opportunity to go to work at Discovery House, a DJJ halfway house for paroled and committed youth, as a Correctional Institution Rehabilitation Counselor. Kevin then transitioned to the 24th District Court Service Unit in Lynchburg, VA, where he performed probation, parole and intake duties. He later served as a Supervisor in the 24th District for nine years. In 2013, he was named the Court Service Unit Director of the 21st District CSU in Martinsville, VA, where he still serves today. In addition to his membership in the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association, Kevin is also a member of the Court Service Unit Directors Association, the Virginia Gang Investigators Association and serves on the Youth Council for the Workforce Investment Board. Kevin is an alumna of Roanoke College and currently lives in Forest, VA with his wife Christy and their children.



Candidate for Secretary

AMANDA "MANDY" MOSELEY
The Hughes Center
Blue Ridge District Member

Amanda Moseley has been employed at The Hughes Center in Danville for over eight years. As the director of business development, she takes on many responsibilities overseeing admissions, public relations, marketing, and customer service. Previously, Mandy worked as a program manager at a boys' therapeutic group home in North Carolina, an outpatient mental health counselor, a CSA coordinator in Campbell and Appomattox Counties, and a juvenile probation and intake officer in the 24th District. Mandy remains passionate about her work with families and communities. She is the chair of the board of directors of Harvest Outreach Center, a not-for-profit organization providing a variety of services to at-risk students and their families in the central Virginia region. In April 2015, the Lynchburg Area Counselor's Association named her Community Advocate of the Year. Born in Lynchburg, and raised in Campbell County, Mandy has lived in several states along the east coast but returned to Virginia and currently makes her home in Altavista with her brindle Boxer, Rodney. Mandy earned a bachelor's degree from Radford University and a master's degree in counseling from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. Her service to VJJA includes two years as the elected secretary in the Blue Ridge District, six years as the elected state secretary to the VJJA Executive Board of Directors (serving under three presidents), and two years as the appointed Chair of Corporate Sponsorships.



Candidate for Secretary

KRYSTAL GLOVER
Alpha Counsellors
Tidewater District Member

Krystal R. Glover is Qualified Mental Health Provider working with children and adults in multiple domains in the public sectors at Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc. She is the Chief Operations Officer, handling fiscal duties for nine years, as well as the Director of Transitional Housing for DJJ consumers and markets, interviews, and qualifies applicants for placement in program services. Krystal has been a member of VJJA since 2010. Her passion is helping individuals overcome to a better understanding and seek to overcome mental and psychological barriers. She has a great talent to understand and learn. She has been working in the field of counseling since 1997. Krystal is presently attending Southern New Hampshire University, working towards her Professional License. She always draws upon her secret weapon in working in her professional domain: an unparalleled network of contacts and resources that can open doors like magic. Krystal loves "finding the needle in a haystack" and "connecting the dots" as well as being known as an "out of the box" type thinker.