

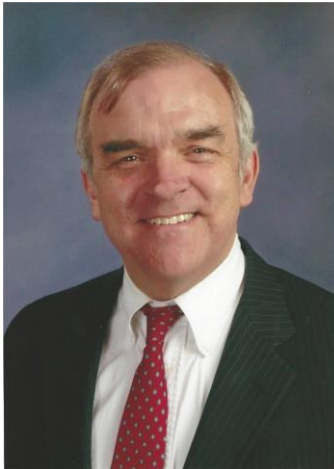
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Samuel “Sam” C. P. Baldwin, Jr.



Sam Baldwin was born in Baltimore in 1957. He is one of five children. His father was, like his father before, a self employed lawyer. Sam’s mother was a stay at home homemaker. Sam was taught by nuns in Catholic grade school and by lay teachers at an all-boys Episcopal high school.

Sam has been steadily employed since the 7th grade and takes pride in this fact and the accomplishments achieved in every activity and place of employment. He believes he has always learned something about working with others and running a successful business each step along the way.

Sam met his wife, Janice Briscoe, in law school and jumped at the opportunity to move to St. Mary's County to start a family and pursue a legal career. After working a few years with other attorneys, he opened his own law firm around 1990.

His wife joined Sam around 1994 and they have worked together as law partners since that date.

Both Sam and his wife have been heavily involved in various community and civic organizations. As with their employment, they take pride in what they have been able to accomplish with their community involvement. Sam believes in the power of collaboration with others – be it individuals or organizations. He believes that his membership in Leadership Southern Maryland Class of 2016 is another step in learning how to bring groups of individuals, businesses, and organizations together to form a better community.

Laura Boonchaisri



Laura Boonchaisri is currently the Publicity and Outreach Coordinator for St. Mary's County Library where she promotes community awareness of library services and programs through communication with the media, area organizations, local businesses, customers and residents.

Laura graduated from Brigham Young University's School of Fine Arts & Communications with a BA in Advertising and a Business Management minor. Laura previously worked at the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development for four years as the Economic Development Coordinator. While with the Department she worked closely with new and existing businesses by assisting with business plans, marketing plans, business strategies, location information as well as working as the point of contact for demographic and economic data.

Prior to working for St. Mary's County Government, Laura worked for Calvert County’s Economic Development, Proton Communications, and Computer Psychology. Laura strives to help people through education and awareness, both in a workplace setting as well as through volunteer work.

Laura has lived in Southern Maryland for over twelve years; her family lives in the Dunkirk,

Md. area. Laura relocated to St. Mary's County in 2010 and currently lives in Great Mills with her husband and dog. They love to explore Southern Maryland and partake of the many historic locations, festivals and local charm. In Laura's spare time, she enjoys traveling internationally and experiencing new cultures, religions and cuisines.

Teresa Brannigan MSN, RN



Teresa is originally from Minnesota and moved to the Washington, D.C. area after she graduated from St. Olaf College with a BSN in 1986. Her career in nursing includes orthopedics, neurosurgery ICU, Trauma ICU, MedStar Trauma Flight Nurse, Emergency Room Director, Nurse Manager at Civista Medical Center, now Charles Regional Medical Center, Director of Nursing at Civista, Director of Hospice House at Charles County Hospice and her current position as Director of Hospice and Palliative Care at Hospice of St. Mary's.

She obtained her MSN degree from The Catholic University of America in 1999. Most of her career has been spent in the Washington, D.C. area until moving to St. Mary's County in 2005.

Having grown up in a very small town in Minnesota, it was a natural transition to move away from the city back into a more rural setting where she currently lives with her husband, Pat, and daughter, Megan.

Since taking over as the Director of Hospice, her responsibilities have not only been focused on running the department, but also in fundraising and directly engaging groups in the community to provide education and support. In addition to her nursing career she has also been an active volunteer, participating in a medical mission trip to Cairo, Egypt (2003); medical mission trip to Kenya (2002); the Service Project Leader for Mclean Bible Church in 2003 (responsible for coordination of a health fair in inner city Washington, D.C.); summer camp nurse; volunteering at her daughter's school; and, has raised funds for the Avon Breast Cancer Walk multiple times.

Linda Colina



Linda Colina is the President and CEO of Technology Solutions, Inc. (TSI), a small 8(a) woman-owned business providing program management and consulting services to government and commercial clients since 2002. Born in Oceanside, California to a military family, she has lived across the United States, including Puerto Rico, finally moving and settling in Southern Maryland in 1997.

Linda first became active in the community as the Special Assistant to the Chair of the Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board from 2001 to 2003. She has supported several local political and judicial campaigns, is on the Advisory Council for the St. Mary's Juvenile Drug Court and the Board of Directors for Healthshare of St. Mary's.

Linda is also a volunteer and fundraiser for the Historic St. Mary's City Foundation and Historic Sotterley Plantation.

Linda lives in Hollywood, MD with her husband, Mike, and is the proud mother of four adult children and grandmother of five. Linda enjoys traveling with her husband and spending time with their blended family.

Amy Cricchi



Amy Cricchi is currently the Director of Admissions for St. Mary's Ryken High School. She previously served for two years as the International Programs Director at the school, which was a most fascinating position. Prior to joining the St. Mary's Ryken community Amy's career focus was in sales and account management. She has achieved demonstrated success selling in diverse arenas including Manufacturing, Human Resources, Information Management, and Healthcare, and has had the benefit of working for industry leaders such as ADP, Novartis and Iron Mountain.

Amy has been recognized for strong interpersonal skills, open communications, mentoring team members to optimum performance, and a focus on client satisfaction. Her strong record of achieving sales goals has allowed her to earn numerous awards including multiple Presidents' Club awards and Rookie of the Year.

Amy was born and raised in Thurmont, Maryland, a small town in northern Frederick County. She attended Thomas Johnson High School and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Sociology from Towson University. While at Towson Amy interned at Parents Anonymous of Maryland and St. Joseph's Hospital, and was an active member of Alpha Phi International.

Amy currently resides in Leonardtown with her husband, Steve, and they love being devoted parents to an 11year old chocolate lab. When she is not working, Amy enjoys travel, golf, live music, and a healthy dose of reality television. Having relocated from Baltimore City, she is excited to learn more about ways to give back to her new community.

Michael Cummings



Michael Cummings is Director of Admissions at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Cummings holds an Executive Master's in Leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business and a MA in Education Policy and Administration from The Catholic University of America.

He received his BA in Journalism/Mass Communications from St. Bonaventure University (NY). Prior to his role at St. Mary's, Cummings was Assistant Dean of Admissions for Georgetown's School of Continuing Studies. He has held similar roles in Admissions and Financial Aid at The Catholic University of America, the University of Maryland, and Cazenovia College (NY). He is a member of the National Association of College

Admissions Counseling (NACAC) and the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admissions Counseling (PCACAC). Cummings has presented on admissions growth, changes, and strategy at multiple conferences over the past two years. He also completed an international residency in Cape Town, South Africa related to transition and change leadership in schools.

A New York native, Michael, his wife Jenny, and daughters Aoife and Fiona, reside in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

Michael “Mike” DeManss



Mr. DeManss is an accomplished leader with over 40 years of progressively more responsible leadership and managerial experience. His leadership skills were first developed as a young man starting when he achieved Eagle Scout rank in the Boy Scouts of America. He was awarded 8 varsity letters in High School, selected as captain of both Football and Lacrosse teams, National Honor Society member, and Scholar Athlete. This set a solid foundation for an appointment and then to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy with the class of 1973 and a class motto of “non-sibi/not for self”.

DeManss’ commissioned service in the U.S. Navy was cut short due to service connected disabling injuries. He joined BAE Systems as a test engineer, promoted to supervisor, selected to start up and direct the Warminster Operations, and obtained a Masters of Business Administration, with highest honors. Following BRAC he rebuilt the

Warminster’s efforts in Southern Maryland. He was certified as a Program Management Professional, promoted to Director of the Air Systems Department, and listed in Who’s Who in Executive Management. After 32 years, he joined Eagle Systems as Vice President, Business Development and then started DeManss & Associates LLC, a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business.

He volunteers as: President of the local U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Chapter; Member of the Lexington Park Rotary Club and Paul Harris Fellow, Disabled American Veterans, The Pax Partnership, Southern Maryland Strategic Roundtable, Pax River Museum, and Knights of Columbus; as well as past President of the St Mary’s Ryken High School Boosters and current Stadium Lacrosse announcer.

Ruby Hawks



Born and raised in St. Mary's County, Ruby Hawks ventured out of Southern Maryland in 2002 when she was accepted into Towson University. City life was new and exciting, and Ruby decided to stay in the area after graduation. Hired out of college by Design by Five (D5), she quickly began working in downtown Baltimore. D5 had a sole client, Deutsche Bank, one of the largest and wealthiest financial firms in the world. There she worked on-site with the client designing high-end marketing collateral aimed at a high-net-worth audience. Ruby began a solid career foundation at D5, and was awarded "Above & Beyond" (the company's "Employee of the Year" award) for two consecutive years.

In 2010, true love brought the self-proclaimed city girl back to her Southern Maryland roots. Soon thereafter, Ruby was hired at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital as a Marketing & PR Specialist, where she continues to work today. Honored as Associate of the Month for

MedStar St. Mary's in August 2013, she is an organized and effective team player who handles numerous duties in a busy and fast-paced marketing environment. In addition to her everyday responsibilities, Ruby voluntarily sits on and makes significant contributions to the Hand Hygiene Committee and the Wellness Committee at the hospital and also supports the Foundation Gala Committee.

Outside of work, Ruby is a devoted wife to her husband, Steve, and mother to their two-year-old daughter, Avery. In her spare time, she continues to work as a freelance designer, something Ruby has pursued for more than 10 years.

David Hupp



David is a life-long resident of Charles County where he attended school, volunteered, and is now employed. David earned an Associates degree in both English and Business Administration from the College of Southern Maryland as well as his Bachelors in Business Administration from Towson University and finally an MBA in Business Administration from University of Baltimore/Towson University in 2011.

David is the Clinical Outcomes Analyst for University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center where he is responsible for generating monthly report cards/dashboards utilizing Six Sigma methodologies that drive clinical outcomes.

David also is an active member of the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department where he supports his community as a Firefighter and EMT.

Anthony “Tony” Jones



Tony Jones has served as the Public Information Officer for St. Mary's County, MD Government since September 2011. He came to St. Mary's from North Carolina with extensive experience in federal and state government communications and broadcast journalism. Prior to his current role he served as a writer/editor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the aftermath of storms and tornadoes, which affected North Carolina in April 2011. There he wrote and edited a variety of items, including news releases, media advisories, and organizational reports.

Tony has also worked for the U.S. Census Bureau as a media specialist. His duties included the role of North Carolina spokesman for the 2010 Census, various media relations activities, coordination of census promotions and conducting media training for census employees.

His broadcast journalism career spanned more than a dozen years where he was an anchor, reporter, photographer and producer in TV markets including New York City, Baton Rouge, Raleigh, Mobile and Elmira, New York. Some of the events he covered include the 2007 march on Jena, Louisiana and the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005-2007. He also provided live reports for CNN during Hurricane Isabel in 2003.

The New York City native was also an adjunct instructor with New York University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies' TV News Production workshop.

Tony earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Arts from the New York Institute of Technology. He is an avid sports fan, enjoys traveling and music.

Roberta “Robbie” Loker



Robbie Loker is a multi-faceted southern Maryland jewel. At any time she can be a mortgage professional specializing in loans for older homeowners, a concierge of senior services to baby boomers and their parents, a budding personal stylist and a relentless advocate for the power of volunteering. With all of these facets you'll undoubtedly find traces of Robbie's dry humor.

The thirty-three years Robbie spent as a public servant at local departments of social services in Charles, St. Mary's and Prince George's counties gave her insight into a side of society few ever know. Working with local agencies and nonprofits was key in providing a safety net for those with needs the government could not meet. A new appreciation for the critical role nonprofits played took hold.

During this time, Robbie became aware of the natural relationship between social services and health care. An invitation to join the local hospital board created another growth opportunity - personally and professionally - in hospital governance.

Choosing an encore career in the mortgage industry was a leap of faith. Robbie soon learned that a reverse mortgage transaction was not dissimilar to government assistance programs with their acronyms and ever-changing guidelines. Once again she found herself helping families in need.

If there is an underlying philosophy in this brief biography, it could be summed up in a quote attributed to John D. Rockefeller. "I believe that every right implies a responsibility, every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty."

Kathleen "Kat" McClernan-Walz



Kathleen McClernan-Walz was born and raised in Maryland. She is a 2004 graduate of the University of Arizona and a 2007 graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law. She was admitted to the Maryland Bar in December 2007.

McClernan-Walz began her work history with numerous internships including a National Space Club Scholar at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Her work at Goddard was of such high value, she was hired as a graduate student intern and published in the Journal of Geophysical Research for an article entitled "The 2-D Curvature of Large Angle Interplanetary MHD Discontinuity Surfaces: IMP-8 and WIND Observations" by R.P. Lepping, C.-C. Wu and K. McClernan (Vol. 108 #A7, 1279, July 9, 2003).

Kathleen began her professional career as an attorney with the Maryland Office of the Public Defender in 2007. She first served in St. Mary's County where she defended over 4,000 criminal and traffic cases. In 2011, she was promoted to Washington County where she defended major felony cases. Kathleen returned to St. Mary's County after marrying Roger Walz, a federal employee for the Navy. She is now a private attorney handling cases involving a wide range of topics from criminal to family law in both District and Circuit Court.

Kathleen volunteers her spare time as the President of the St. Mary's County Bar Association and as the Mock Trial Coach for Leonardtown High School.

Joseph “Mort” Mortensen



Joseph "Mort" Mortensen, a native of Albion, Nebraska, joined the U.S. Federal Civil Service in April 2009 and assigned as the Director, Test & Evaluation at the Navy's Training Systems Division in Orlando, Florida. Transferring to Southern Maryland in June 2011, Mortensen joined Naval Air Systems Command. In August 2012, he was assigned to his current position as Chief of Staff, Test & Evaluation Group and Director, Test & Evaluation Staff Office.

Prior to his federal Civil Service, Mortensen enjoyed a 29-year Marine Corps career retiring as a Colonel in May 2009. His aviation experience as a Naval Aviator included twelve years in aircraft and weapon systems test and evaluation as a test pilot.

Mortensen served in a wide variety of leadership positions that included Commander, Naval Test Wing Atlantic; Commanding Officer, Air Test & Evaluation Squadron 23; and in staff assignments at the Squadron, Group, Battalion, and Joint Force levels.

Mortensen received an Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from the University of Nebraska and Masters in Aviation Systems from the University of Tennessee. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School, and completed a fellowship at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies.

Mortensen is an Associate Fellow of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots and a member of the National Eagle Scout Association.

Mortensen and his wife, Denise, live in Leonardtown, Maryland. They have two sons, Ryan and Aaron. His daughter, Kristin, and her husband live in San Diego, California.

Jennifer Normyle



Jennifer Normyle is currently a Software Supervisor working for Smarttronix. Prior to that she was a Senior Software Engineer with Wyle for 16 years, and a civil servant at Patuxent River NAS for 10 years. Jennifer earned her BS in Mathematics from Bucknell University in 1987 and her MS from Virginia Tech in 1992. In the past, Jennifer taught Mathematics at the College of Southern Maryland (called Charles County Community College at the time) in the evenings. Jennifer is the Middle School Youth leader of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church and has served on the church council many different times, as Recording Secretary, Member at Large, and Treasurer. She, husband Dennis, and two daughters enjoy spending time on their boat, at the beach, and reading.

Katherine “Katie” O’Malley-Simpson



Katie O'Malley-Simpson is a director-level communication professional with experience in newspapers and public education. Katie knew by high school that she wanted to be a reporter and writer when she grew up, and for more than 30 years she has been on the job in Charles County as a reporter, editor, graphic designer, webmaster, leader, crisis manager, writer, spokesperson and community volunteer.

Katie jump-started her career writing sports stories for her high school newspaper where she later became editor. She attended college, earned a degree in journalism and along the way served as a sports information officer and writer. Katie began calling Charles County home at age 23 after landing a reporting job at the Maryland Independent. She spent the next 16 years working at the local newspaper, filling the roles of reporter, news editor, managing editor and finally editor-in-chief.

In 1994, Katie accepted a public relations job with Charles County Public Schools where she co-developed the school system's first website while serving as a graphic designer, writer and editor. Later, she was promoted to her current position as Director of Communications/Media Relations to guide the school system's website, television station and public image.

If you asked Katie's closest friends to describe her, they might use words like quirky, driven, community-minded, compassionate, strong and memorable. Katie and her husband, Tom, live in Port Tobacco along with a dog and a cat left behind by their two adult children.

Maurice Patterson



Maurice Patterson was born in Petersburg, VA. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Aerospace Engineering in 2010 from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, and is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Engineering Management with a focus in Systems Engineering at the George Washington University, Washington, DC.

In his spare time Mr. Patterson has been an active member of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Southern Maryland Professionals Chapter, serving on the executive board previously as the Secretary, Programs Chair, Telecommunications Chair, and currently serves in the role of President. He was also appointed to serve as Telecommunications Chair for the NSBE Region II Professionals Executive Board for the 2013-2014 year and currently

serves as Secretary for the 2014-2015 NSBE year. He has also been active in the community with NSBE by participating in youth summits with the Patriots Technology League, workshops with NSBE Jr., judging at various STEM competitions throughout the region, tutoring students in

Computer Aided Design and Flight Simulators at NAVAIR, cleaning up roads with Adopt-A-Highway, and renovating homes with Christmas in April. In fall of 2013, Mr. Patterson joined Basketball 4 L.Y.F.E., as a mentor and tutor. In 2014, Mr. Patterson became Lifetime Member #224 in NSBE.

Mr. Patterson currently resides in Lexington Park, MD.

Larisa Pfeiffer



Larisa Pfeiffer is a business and community driven professional. Larisa is a recipient of both Innovator and Leadership Awards from the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) due to substantially increasing programs, revenue and enrollments as the Business and Information Technology Program Coordinator. She is currently working as the college's Community Relations Coordinator while obtaining a master's degree in communication and public relations from Southern New Hampshire University.

An alumna of the University of Maryland, she earned her bachelor's degree in business management. Larisa also holds the designation of Certified Program Planner (CPP). A true believer of lifelong learning; she enjoys engaging in new adventures that are personally and professionally challenging as well as those that allow her to be a good steward of the opportunities at her disposal.

A daughter of a career military officer, Larisa has traveled abroad extensively and has a unique attachment to the Southern Maryland community. Becoming a resident in 1990 allowed her to finally put down roots and have a permanent place to call "home." Since her arrival she has embraced volunteer activities that range from chairing fundraising events for Friends of Hospice to being a reading buddy in the public school system.

Her professional journey has allowed her to create a unique resume, which includes working closely with seriously wounded soldiers from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and their families, to creating educational programs that enhance the workforce development needs of the tri-county area.

A resident of Charles County with property on the Wicomico River, Larisa is particularly interested in the health of our farming communities and our waterways. She and her husband, Steve, have three children.

Carrie Plymire



Carrie Plymire has been a resident of Calvert County since July of 2013. She came to Southern Maryland to become the Director of Calvert Library. She brings an enthusiasm for community building and a commitment to exceptional customer service at the library's four locations.

Prior to working for Calvert Library, Carrie worked at Washington County Free Library and Western Maryland Regional Libraries in Hagerstown, Maryland. She was the Technical Services Supervisor and guided the library's migration to a new software system.

Carrie earned her Master's in Library and Information Sciences from Drexel University, an institution with a great reputation for a rigorous and tech-oriented degree. Her undergraduate degree was done at St. John's College where students study the "Great Books" of the western

world. The emphasis on critical analysis and intense discussion has served her well in her leadership roles.

Carrie has been deeply involved in the Maryland Library Association and has served as president of the Leadership Development Division, silent auction chair, Conference Director, VP/President Elect, President and the highly coveted post of Past-President. She is also serving a three-year term on the Public Library Association's Legislation and Advocacy Committee. Carrie is a graduate of the Maryland Library Leadership Institute and Leadership Washington County where she also served on the board and as Board Secretary.

Carrie lives with her husband and their cat near the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. In her spare time, she loves to cook, garden, and of course, read.

Anthony "Pooch" Pucciarella



A retired Commander and Navy Pilot, Tony's leadership background in business, corporate strategy, aviation, and engineering has created a unique skill set that answers unmet needs in the unmanned systems industry.

Tony graduated from the Ohio State University with a BS in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, and received his MBA from Loyola's Executive Program. Additionally, he is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) with extensive experience in managing complex projects both large and small. Tony has been a leader in the military and general aviation industry for over 25 years. He served as the Airspace Integration Certification Lead for the Navy's Triton UAS program and lead the development of the

program's safety case for Sense and Avoid (SAA). Tony remains in-tune with ongoing rulemaking for UAS and currently co-leads a volunteer workgroup supporting the larger Detect and Avoid (DAA) workgroup on FAA Special Committee 228 (SC-228).

Tony served as Fleet Integration Lead and Chief Pilot for the Navy's C-37 (Gulfstream V) program, is certified as an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), and is rated in aircraft ranging from the iconic B-25

to the fastest business jets flying today. Tony is currently using his leadership experience and business skills to solve difficult integration issues in unmanned systems and in the commercialization of UAS.

A resident of Calvert County for over twenty years, Tony enjoys living in Southern Maryland with his wife and two children.

Thomas T. “TQ” Quattlebaum



As the managing director for Titan Gemini Group, LLC, a management consulting firm, Quattlebaum works with clients to launch a start-up business or increase their current business through growth or expansion options.

Previously, Quattlebaum was a professional sales executive and business development manager with more than 27 years of experience at the Global Services Division at the International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation as well as the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) Institute’s Strategic Relations and Alliances Division serving as global technology alliance director.

Quattlebaum earned a bachelor’s degree in physics with a concentration in mathematics from Siena College in Loudonville, New York. He earned master’s degrees in industrial and management engineering, and business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He is a life

member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and last year was named as the Omega Man of the Year for the third time in his 28 years of service within the fraternity. In addition, Quattlebaum has been involved with the Prince Hall F&A Masonic Order of Capital City Lodge No. 78 and the Consistory No. 90, both located in Albany, New York.

Quattlebaum was recently elected as the president of the John Lancaster & W. Cecil Short Charity Foundation named in honor of two outstanding citizens of Southern Maryland who are known for their achievements in the area of education and community service. In 2012, the organization established a \$15,000 endowment with CSM.

Michelle Reeves



Michelle is the Promotions and Programs Manager for The Wills Group, Inc. and is responsible for the effective management of the marketing functions, advertising, and promotions affecting the SMO Motor Fuels, PEH, and DASH IN Food Stores organizations.

Michelle spent 13 years with Blockbuster Video, Inc. She started in 1993 as a Sales Associate in Florida while in college. She quickly worked her way up to Shift Supervisor, Assistant Manager, Store Manager, and finally District Training Manager. Her job took her from Florida to California to Maryland, running multi-million dollar retail stores, improving the profitability of struggling stores, and conducting region-wide training sessions.

Looking for a change of pace Michelle came to work for The Wills Group in 2005. Her experience led her to the position of Franchise Training Manager where she taught DASH IN Training for over a year before moving on to a Retail Area Manager position with DASH IN. After several years in that role she took over the Southern Maryland territory as a Wholesale Area Manager working for SMO Motor Fuels. In late 2012, Michelle was promoted to her current position of Promotions and Programs Manager. In this role, she oversees the development and implementation of broad, market-wide customer service promotions and advertising campaigns, including REP Value Days, DASH IN Mobile App and Website, and Fuel Rewards Network initiatives.

Michelle has been married to husband, Scott for 11 years. When not at work her very active children, Jacob (age 10) and Ryan (age 8) keep her busy with school and sports activities.

Bill Reuter



Bill was born in Shamokin, Pennsylvania. He attended the University of Pennsylvania on an NROTC scholarship and graduated with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering in 1976. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy and received orders to Flight School. He was designated as a Naval Aviator in 1977 and assigned to Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Three (HS-3) aboard the USS Forrestal. In 1981, he reported to Air Test and Evaluation Squadron One (VX-1) where he served as Operational Test Director for the LAM PS MK III/SH-60B Weapons System. In 1984, he left active duty, accepted a Reserve commission, and flew with the Naval Air Reserve. He served in increasingly responsible positions in HS-75 and HSL-94 culminating in a successful command tour at HSL-94. In that same year, he joined DCS Corporation as a Flight Test Engineer.

While at DCS, he served as a Branch Manager, Site Manager, Department Manager, and eventually a Division Manager responsible for DCS offices in Patuxent River, China Lake and Fort Walton Beach. His last position was as Executive VP/Chief Administrative Officer reporting to the CEO. He retired from DCS after thirty years. In his third career, he joined First Command Financial Services as a Financial Advisor.

He is married to the former Lucille Bardell who recently retired from the St. Mary's School System after 32 years of teaching Math at Esperanza Middle School. They have one son, Ryan, who works in investment banking in Baltimore.

Robin Salanon



Ms. Salanon is an honor's graduate from Hofstra University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration.

In 1987, Ms. Salanon served as EEO coordinator of Special Emphasis Programs, including Recruitment and Federal Women's Program Manager at Naval Air Development Center, Warminster, PA. She implemented a minority recruitment program and served as Corresponding Secretary for the Philadelphia FWP Managers' Council. In 1991, she worked as a Staffing Specialist and later as a Training Specialist, leading the re-training program resulting from the BRAC decision to transfer work to Patuxent River, MD.

In 1995, Ms. Salanon transferred to Patuxent River and was responsible for technical/supervisory training. In 1997, she became a manager for the Administrative Division providing customer service to base employees.

In 1998, she became the Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, authored policies, removed barriers to equal employment, and spoke at local forums to help strengthen the link between the Base and community. In 2000, she implemented the Administrative Services Division Most Efficient Organization and led the Administrative Commercial Activities Study.

From 2003-2009, Ms. Salanon led various NAVAIR efforts including Workforce Shaping and Command Staffing. She headed the NAVAIR Personnel Policy and Programs Division and led the National Recruiting program successfully recruiting 75 journey level professionals.

From 2010-present, Ms. Salanon has served as the Director, NAWCAD Total Force Strategy and Management Department, managing broad-spectrum HR programs for PAX River/Lakehurst employees. She was the recipient of the DoN Meritorious Civilian Service Award, several Commanders' Awards, the DoN Civilian HR Award for Excellence and numerous performance awards.

Gladys B. Steptoe



Gladys B. Steptoe is a Contracting Officer for the Department of the Navy. She has been in the acquisition career field for over 14 years. Gladys is recognized in the contracting community as a subject matter expert. She began her career at the Naval Air Systems Command in Patuxent River Maryland, as an intern in the Mechanicsville Internship program.

After several years at the Naval Air Warfare Center, Steptoe accepted a position with the Navy Engineering Logistics Office in Suitland, Maryland. During her contracting career, Mrs. Steptoe has worked on many highly visible programs (i.e. F-18, E2-C2, V-22, etc.). She is currently supporting the Office of Naval Intelligence in Suitland, Maryland.

Not only does Steptoe have government experience, she has private industry experience as well. She served as the President of Neany, Inc., an aeronautical small business, and also worked as the communications manager for Air-Shields a neonatal intensive care equipment manufacturer.

Gladys earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Cabrini College with the honors of Magna Cum Laude, and earned her Master of Science degree from Florida Institute of Technology in Acquisition and Contract Management. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management at Northcentral University.

Steptoe resides in Hollywood Maryland with her husband, Steven. She has been a resident of St. Mary's county for over 15 years.

Kasia Sweeney



Kasia Sweeney is a seasoned healthcare executive with more than 20 years of experience in the industry. She holds a bachelor's degree in health administration and policy from UMBC; a graduate certificate from Johns Hopkins University; and is completing an MBA at Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School.

Ms. Sweeney has spent the last 15 years at Calvert Memorial Hospital, where she serves as Associate Vice President for Corporate Communication and Client Service. She is a member of the health system executive team and oversees strategic marketing, public affairs, media relations, patient advocacy, and fundraising for Calvert Memorial Hospital and its subsidiaries.

In 2008, she was given the Beacon Award, the health system's highest award for leadership excellence.

Ms. Sweeney led the development and operations of the Sheldon E. Goldberg Center for Breast Care at Calvert Memorial, a comprehensive breast care center serving Southern Maryland. During her five-year tenure as the center's administrative leader, she raised funds for and acquired a new stereotactic biopsy unit, a dedicated breast ultrasound unit and the first 3D mammography equipment in Southern Maryland. She was recognized for her breast cancer efforts at the Calvert County Women of the World Luncheon in 2011.

Ms. Sweeney is an active member of the Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development and the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. She also serves on the Our Lady Star of the Sea School Advisory Board, Calvert County Community Health Roundtable and has coached youth soccer and basketball in the local area. She lives in Lusby with her husband and three children.

Frank Taylor



Born in Leonardtown to Francis and Loretta Taylor, Frank Taylor attended school at Little Flower Elementary in Great Mills and graduated from Ryken High School Class of 1967. He attended Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, North Carolina, earning a BA in Business and Economics in 1971. After serving in the US Navy, Frank began a banking career that spans 7 years with Maryland Bank and Trust, Annapolis Federal and First National Bank of Maryland. In 1982 he returned to the family propane gas business where he currently serves as President.

Frank is married to the former Susan J. Davis from Montgomery County who is a graduate of St. Mary's College of Maryland and together they have raised three children, Scott, Suzanne and Sara. Frank and Susan are currently the proud grandparents of Olivia and Jack Taylor who are the children of their son, Scott , and his wife Karen.

Frank has had the pleasure of serving the community on many Boards and Commissions. He currently is a member of Old Line Bank's Board of Directors and has served on the Calvert Marine Museum's Board of Governors, where he remains on the Finance Committee.

Frank enjoys spending time with his family and also enjoys the outdoors; especially playing golf and boating when ever time permits.

Angela Walters



Angela Walters, public information specialist, is responsible for delivering internal and external strategic communication and media relations plans and products that support Calvert County Government. She serves as a key team member in support of employee communications. She also assists as departmental liaison with external groups such as the media, business interests, community groups and the general public.

Ms. Walters holds a B.A. degree in Communications from the American University. She has completed numerous continuing education courses in media relations, crisis communications and publication design. Prior to joining the department, Ms. Walters was the manager of strategic leadership support and site contract lead for

OMNITEC Solutions, a defense contractor at NAS Patuxent River. In that role, Ms. Walters served as the lead speech writer and supported all leadership communication efforts for the Commander of the Naval Air Systems Command.

Before working for the Navy, Ms. Walters began working in Calvert County in 1992 as editor of the Calvert Independent. She moved from there to the corporate communications staff at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, becoming the supervisor of nuclear communication for the company's growing nuclear fleet.

A 20-year resident of Calvert County, Ms. Walters has more than 25 years of communication experience. She also serves as the public affairs officer (volunteer) for the Maryland Fire and Rescue Services Memorial; director of communications (volunteer) for the Lucius Seneca Wellness Group (501.c); and is a member of the National Society of Professional Journalists. She is the former president of the board of directors for the Adult Day Care of Calvert County and former secretary of the Maryland Pro-Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Kelly Williams



Kelly Williams is the Corporate Director of Human Resources for The Cherry Cove Group. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA., she began college at Norfolk State University in Norfolk VA., majoring in Business Management.

In 1999, Kelly moved to Los Angeles, CA, and then relocated to Great Mills, MD in 2003. She began working for Spring Ridge Middle School, then transitioned to Eagan, McAllister & Associates, Inc. as support for NAVAIRHQ Air 7.0 & 7.3 Total Force Strategy & Management Development Division (TFMD), while earning her AAS degree in Management Development at the College of Southern Maryland.

Kelly began her career with Cherry Cove in November of 2007, bringing many of the practices they still utilize in the company today

making Cherry Cove a community leader in management services. Kelly has continued her education and is now pursuing her BS in Human Resource Management with the University of Maryland University College.

Kelly held memberships and leadership roles in organizations such as Sigma Alpha Pi Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success and Young Professionals Initiatives of St. Mary's County as their Membership Chair in 2009-2011. Kelly is an active member of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) since 2008. She has volunteered in many events as a Board Member of MD SHRM and Southern Maryland Workforce Investment Board (SMWIB) since April of 2013. Kelly is also a member of the Human Resource Association of Southern Maryland (HRASM) since 2007 and held the position of the 2013 - 2014 Chapter President.

Angel Wright



Angel Wright is the Director of Human Resources at The Arc of Southern Maryland. She received her BS in Business Administration from University of Maryland Eastern Shore and her MA in Human Resources Development from Bowie State University. Wright is an energetic HR professional, who fulfills her HR responsibilities at any given time as a trainer, mediator, investigator, and always a compassionate active listener.

She believes in leading by the five core values of Compassion, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, and Passion for overseeing and directing Human Resources functions.

Wright poses the following qualifications; Designing, Developing, and Evaluating training plan curricula and methodology and essential

Human Resources policies procedures and practices such as EEO, work place safety, benefit administration and compensation.

Wright has appropriately 7 years of experience working with EEO investigation and Human Recourses. She has a diverse background in the Human Services field and wealth of knowledge in Human Resources.

Wright is a member of the business organization GAMMA PHI DELTA Iota (GPD). As a member of GPD, she has participated in various community volunteer events, to include feeding the homeless and volunteering at local nursing facilities. Wright, has volunteer with programs presented by the Ballet Arts Academy, where her daughter attends ballet. Wright is a well rounded individual that enjoys being involved in community activities.

Christian “Chris” Zimmerman



Christian is the Director of Financial Assistance and Veterans Benefits at the College of Southern Maryland where he is responsible for the administration of the institution’s financial aid programs. In this capacity, Christian works closely with students and their families in funding their education.

Prior to joining the College of Southern Maryland in 2010, he worked as a Management Associate for The Student Loan Corporation, a division of Citibank and as the Assistant Director of Student Financial Aid at Washington College in Chestertown, MD.

Christian received his Master’s Degree in Business Administration from the Robert H Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland, College Park. Christian received a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management & Economics and a Master’s Degree in History from Washington College.

Christian lives in Lusby with his wife Amanda, son Andrew, and two miniature schnauzers.

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