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COURTNEY JOHNSON

Let's take it back to the early 90's, when Courtney was a tiny little first grader bustling with energy. While her teacher was presenting end of the year awards, she received one described as "caring for all people and animals". Her teacher saw that, even though she was a kid, she put all her energy into helping and loving others regardless of background or differences. Courtney dreamed of changing the world one day, but being an analytical overthinker, she settled into a safe path of becoming an accountant, obtaining her Master's degree and becoming a Certified Public Accountant by age 25. Courtney landed an accounting job with Phoenix, a non-profit rehabilitation facility serving individuals with disabilities across North Alabama. It didn't take long for her to realize the impact her work could have on the consumers the company served. She poured her life into her work and quickly grew within the organization, becoming Chief Financial Officer in just a few years. Over the years, Courtney has achieved many accomplishments and greatly expanded her knowledge base. She worked with fraud examiners to reclassify fraudulent transactions and revise past financial statements while implementing strong internal controls. After taking over the Human Resources department, she diligently worked with attorneys, consultants, and auditors to revise the company's retirement plan to be in compliance with ERISA. Finally, in response to federal contract changes, Courtney took on the responsibility of implementing a whole cyber security program compliant with DoD and NIST expectations. While her expertise is in accounting, she is constantly finding ways to use that skill to positively impact others. With her passion to change the world, her heart the size of the moon, and her dedication to her work, Courtney makes a great contribution to numerous non-profits across the Huntsville community.



JEN DICARLO

Jen DiCarlo is a long-time resident of Madison, Alabama and has been active in the Huntsville community for over twenty years. After graduating from Bob Jones High School, Jen received her Bachelor's Degree from Auburn University in the Studio Art program. She returned to Huntsville where she began her career at the US Space and Rocket Center and eventually became the Program Manager in Camp Operations of Space Camp and Aviation Challenge. After seven years of commitment to the future scientists and engineers that attended these programs, Jen had the opportunity to join the leadership team at Apple where she worked with their innovative technology, ever-evolving customer base, and eclectic staff. Her time at Apple helped her develop the technological skills she needed to fill a diverse role at Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center where she has been a director since 2015. Jen teaches her students how to express themselves through visual art, serves as the outreach director at Merrimack Hall and coordinates the team of volunteers that play a vital role in the success of this unique program. Jen is a graduate of Connect 20 and has been volunteering with Leadership Greater Huntsville since completing the Connect Program.



GARY HENDERSON

Gary Henderson Jr. is an Arkansas Native who relocated to Huntsville 8 years ago in the pursuit of his now wife, Katelyn Henderson. Early on in Gary's life he developed a strong passion in leadership and operations. Gary took on a successful career in Senior Retail Operations with multiple destination retailers. In 2017 Gary was hired as the first team member for Google Fiber in Huntsville to help launch the city and turn it into a national example. Outside of his dedication to work he has an amazing family, Katelyn, Lilly, and Carson. They have created several digital platforms sharing their journey, such as We Are Huntsville and Secondary Adventure. Others have described Gary as determined, ambitious, helpful, extroverted, and a strong advocate of servant leadership.



JULIA CHERRY

Julia moved to Huntsville from Macon, GA in 2012 to attend the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts in 2016. Upon graduation, Julia took a long vacation and moved to the Outer Banks to work as a Vacation Planning Specialist. After working through the summer, Julia realized her love for the Rocket City was undeniable and made the move back to Huntsville. In April 2017, Julia accepted the Communication Coordinator position with the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama, serving 13-counties. After two years with the BBB, Julia was promoted to Director of Communications, Marketing & Events. Julia is actively involved in the Ambassador Program at the Huntsville/Madison Chamber and currently serves as the Social Chair for Rotaract Club of Huntsville. When the weather is nice, Julia enjoys taking her eleven-year-old rescue, Hindley, on walks around Five Points & Monte Sano. She also enjoys being around any body of water and sunshine, hiking, biking and exploring local farmers markets.

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PROGRAM DATES 2021-2022

Orientation

Wednesday, August 18, 2021
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Friday, August 20, 2021

Human Services

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Public Safety

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Local Economic Development

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Education

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Local Government

Thursday, January 13, 2022

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Health & Wellness

Thursday, March 10, 2022

I Heart HSV

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Impact Retreat

Wednesday, May 11, 2022
Thursday, May 12, 2022
Friday, May 13, 2022
out of town

Graduation

Thursday, May 19, 2022



DR. RANDY BARBOUR

Education Program Coordinator | Harris Home for Children

Randy, a Huntsville native, currently serves as the Education Program Coordinator for Harris Home for Children, a group home for foster children. Randy holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Cornell University (2010), a Master of Business Administration from the University of Alabama in Huntsville (2014), and a Master of Arts (2017) and Doctoral (2020) degree in Community Psychology from Wichita State University. Randy has served as a tutor and mentor for middle and high school students for the last 5 years and is a life coach. Randy is a member of the Huntsville Delta Theta Lambda Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Additionally, Randy is a fourth-generation member of Church Street Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America located in Downtown Huntsville. He lives in Hazel Green, Alabama with his dog, Jaxon, a giant schnauzer.



ELIZABETH BENFORD

Commercial Banking Associate | CB&S Bank

Elizabeth just recently accepted a position as a Commercial Banking Associate with CB&S Bank in downtown Huntsville. Prior to CB&S, she spent a year with The Orthopaedic Center as a Marketing Representative and worked on maintaining and growing referring physician quotas, advancing digital marketing, streamlining communication, and contributing to the evolution of TOC's marketing approach. Elizabeth is passionate about developing strong relationships through her communication and interpersonal skills. Elizabeth graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Professional Marketing. In her spare time, she enjoys baking and spending time with her friends and family. She currently resides in Huntsville, where she moved to from Phil Campbell after graduating from the University of North Alabama.



JOY BOGGS

Vice President/Senior Relationship Manager | FirstBank

Joy is a Senior Relationship Manager, Vice President with FirstBank in Huntsville, AL. Joy started in the financial industry in 2005 and has held various positions during the last fifteen years. Her current role as Senior Relationship Manager is to develop strong relationships with Commercial and Industrial companies in North Alabama by helping them achieve their business goals. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Finance from Park University- Camp Pendleton, CA. Joy has graduated from Leadership Shoals as well as Cullman County Leadership Program. She is an active member of the Alabama Trucking Association, BOMA, and NALCOM of Huntsville. She also serves as a board member for Free 2 Teach. Joy and her family relocated to North Alabama ten years ago, while her husband was active duty in the United States Marine Corps. They currently reside in Madison with their three boys, Tanner, Hudson, and Carter.



JASMINE BURTON

Executive Assistant to the Head of School | Randolph School

Jasmine Burton serves as the Executive Assistant to the Head of School at the Randolph School in South Huntsville. In addition to managing logistics for the school's Board of Trustees, she oversees communications, research, and internal relations for the Office of the Head of School. Jasmine received a degree in Public Relations from Auburn University, where she still serves on the Public Relations Advisory Council for the College of Liberal Arts. Prior to the Randolph School, Jasmine worked within the hospitality industry as a Sales and Marketing Manager for Marriott brands and Great Wolf Resorts. For two years, Jasmine played an integral role in the LaGrange-Troup Co. (Georgia) Young Professionals organization as the VP of Programs and Events. She looks forward to delving deeper into all that Greater Huntsville offers and can't wait to use her experience to support this incredible city's continuous growth.



ANDREW BYRD

Senior Project Manager | Jim Cooper Construction Company, Inc.

Andrew was born and raised in North Alabama just outside of Huntsville. He grew up in a very mission-oriented Church. It was through these mission trips that he developed an interest in Construction. He followed that interest through college and graduated from Auburn University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in Building Construction Science. Following graduation, he was hired as a Project Manager at Cooper Construction. Cooper specializes in Industrial / Warehouse Distribution, Commercial, and Multi-Family developments in the private sector. After managing projects as both Assistant PM, and as Project Manager he was promoted to Senior Project Manager in Cooper's Industrial Division. He was given the opportunity to return home to Huntsville, AL and open a branch office for Cooper. Andrew and his family left Birmingham and moved back to Huntsville in June of 2020. Presently he works as the office lead for Cooper Construction's Huntsville location.



GABE COBB

IT Manager | Davidson Homes, LLC

Gabriel is a 10 year veteran in the IT industry in Huntsville. He started his career as a DoD contractor, but has since moved to the Private Sector. In his time as an IT professional, Gabriel has worked with many outstanding businesses in the Greater HSV area to include Wilson Lumber, Lee Builders, Willowbrook Baptist Church, Solid Waste Disposal Authority (SWDA), HSV Rotary Club, and Phoenix Services to name a few. He currently works as the IT Manager at Davidson Homes, one of the largest community home builders in the southeastern region of the U.S. In his free time, Gabriel enjoys playing music, Running Dungeons and Dragons campaigns, and spending time being goof with his daughter Kiera.



SETH CROCHET

In-House Counsel | Radiance Technologies, Inc.

Seth moved to Huntsville with his wife and two daughters in the summer of 2017. While his wife hails from Huntsville, Seth is actually a native of Florida. Even in the short time he has been here, he has seen Huntsville grow, and he and his wife look forward to raising their children here. Seth is the In-House counsel at Radiance Technologies, Inc. and is proud to work for such a great company. Seth holds a Juris Doctorate from Barry University and an Undergraduate Degree in Political Science from the University of West Florida. He currently serves on the National Children's Advocacy Center Board of Directors, and has since May of 2020. In his spare time Seth enjoys spending time with his family and anything outdoors.



HEATHER CROW

Administrative Director | UAB- Huntsville Regional Medical Campus

Heather serves as Administrative Director and Compliance Officer for the UAB-Huntsville Regional Medical Campus. In her role, Heather provides strategic leadership for facility and clinic operations. Heather is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves locally with the Junior League of Huntsville. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Health Administration from Auburn University as well as a Master's of Business Administration and a Master's of Health Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Heather is a native of Athens, Alabama and is proud to call Huntsville home for the past year and a half. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor activities and exploring new restaurants with her husband, Jordan.



ZAUNKLAY FINNILA

Owner/Physician | Avalon Family Care

Zaunklay is the physician and owner of Avalon Family Care. He has worked in many fields including retail, research and development, communications, and medicine to name a few. He graduated from his master's program in physiology and biophysics and continued on to medical school where he also took to leadership positions to help better the student body. After graduating he moved to Huntsville where he finished his residency in family medicine and started Avalon Family Care. He and his wife are developing new ways to practice medicine in the Huntsville community. He is also a current ambassador for the Madison and Huntsville chamber of commerce.



TAYLOR FOX

Business Development Manager, Staffing & Recruiting | Warren Averett, LLC

Taylor established Warren Averett's Staffing & Recruiting office for the Huntsville market in 2016. Utilizing his business development, recruiting and accounting background, Taylor and his team focus their recruiting efforts in the accounting/finance, IT and engineering fields connecting clients to top talent. Taylor is a lifelong resident of Huntsville where he was born, raised, attended college, and now works. Taylor impacts the growth of the Firm daily through building and developing new client relationships as well as assisting others in their efforts to expand services to our existing clients.



JENNIFER FROST

Lead Analyst | Torch Technologies

Jennifer has been an employee - owner at Torch Technologies for two years. She began her career in Birmingham focusing on IT Risk in the Financial Services Industry before relocating to her hometown of Huntsville, AL. Jennifer is currently a Lead Analyst in Corporate Operations at Torch. Jennifer graduated from The University of Alabama with a BS in Mechanical Engineering and MBA/MS in Management Information Systems. She is married to John Frost, who serves as the Head Baseball Coach at Decatur High School.



SAM GREENE

Director of Outreach | Madison County Commission, District 6

Sam was born and raised in Marion, Alabama, where he graduated from Marion Military Institute. He moved to the Huntsville area and graduated from Alabama A&M University where he studied Political Science and History. During his time as an undergrad, Sam was active in bringing awareness and action to various civic causes. He organized the "One Thousand Student March" to address and combat violence. He also promoted voter education, engagement, and participation by forming coalitions of student organizations to register over 2,000 students to vote. Years later, Sam returned to "The Hill" to pursue a master's degree in Environmental Planning, focusing his thesis work on groundwater contamination and brownfield remediation and during the course of his studies, he presented research findings before the U.S. Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and the American Association of Planners. Sam's love for Alabama runs deep as shown by his ongoing commitment of service to his fellow Alabamians. After completing his undergraduate studies, he served the people of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District as an outreach coordinator and legislative assistant during the 112th and 113th sessions of the United States Congress. In his first six weeks on the job, he was able to successfully secure 5 million dollars for the City of Uniontown, Alabama, to address the water and sewer contamination catastrophe that plagued the city. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Office for Alabama praised Sam for his work on behalf of the people in the district. Sam is an alumnus of the Delta Regional Authority Industrial Development Institute, and also served on the Black Belt Action Commission worked with various state and local leaders addressing the concerns of rural Alabamians. He later accepted a position Director of Operations for Rural Health Medical where he oversaw the daily operations of five medical offices throughout central Alabama. After returning to Huntsville, Sam picked up in where he left off in remaining highly active and engaged in his community. He has served as a board director of the James A. Lane Club of the Boys & Girls Club, and during the summer, he can be found on the baseball diamond, usually at Stoner Field, mentoring boys and girls and calling balls and strikes as an umpire for the Huntsville Youth Baseball League. He recently served as a member of the Medical Clinic Board of the City of Huntsville as well as on the Advisory Commission on Accessibility. Sam currently serves as Director of Outreach/Government Affairs Madison County Commission District 6 Office. Sam currently resides in Huntsville with his wife (Kelsey) and children (Gavin, Katherine, & Elizabeth).



TOM GRIFFIN

AVP, Digital Channels Experience | Redstone Federal Credit Union

Tom is a graduate of UAH and is currently employed by Redstone Federal Credit Union as the Assistant Vice President of Digital Channels Experience. He has 15+ years of experience in the technology field, and leads a team of employees who administer all of the member facing digital channels for the credit union. Tom is married to his wife Kate of 12 years and has 2 children, Henry and Allie.



WILL GUTHRIE

Director of Facilities | Huntsville Hospital Health System

Will is the Director of Facilities at Huntsville Hospital Health System working alongside the support service department and leadership throughout the health system. Will brings to the table a strong, perhaps unique, academic record with specialized management degrees in construction and healthcare management, backed by a passion for community. Will has a proven record of community focus through his experiences with being a fourth year staff member at AnyTown Alabama, a multi-year junior board member at the Lakeshore Foundation, a founding member of Community Affairs Committee - Young Partners, and a multi-year member of the AnyTown Alabama Advisory Board. He enjoys connecting different ideas from diverse perspectives and is driven by a desire to make systems, processes, and products more effective and efficient. He looks forward to connecting with other leaders in Huntsville.



KALENE HANSON

Industrial Engineer | Nothrop Grumman

Kalene is an active member in a wide variety of non-profit and social groups in the Huntsville area. She is an industrial engineer with Northrop Grumman by day and a volunteer Wish Granter with Make-A-Wish Alabama. When not playing fairy godmother to Wish Kids or helping to plan the Wish Night fundraiser, she is active with the Junior League of Huntsville and A New Leash on Life. As a regular volunteer with the animal shelter, she has improved fundraising and helped save money by creating an organization system where donated pet food is sorted according to expiration date, thus reducing the overall waste. Kalene strives to make the community better through creative means and inspiring others to be all that they can be.



ANDRE HINDS

Senior Consultant/Cybersecurity Engineer | Deloitte & Touche LLP

Andrew is a cybersecurity consulting professional with expertise in cyber risk assessment, risk quantification, and cybersecurity strategy. He is highly passionate about national security with a focus on creating functional, analytically driven solutions for clients in the defense and commercial sectors. Andre is also passionate about supporting the local Huntsville and greater Alabama community and has engaged with organizations like ASCTE and Boys and Girls Club of North Alabama.



PORTIA HINES

Mental Health Services Coordinator | Madison County Schools

Portia is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Alabama. She has provided mental health services in a variety of clinical settings during her 13 years of experience within the field. Currently, she is the Mental Health Services Coordinator for Madison County Schools and the owner of My Journey Solutions, LLC. where she provides mental healthcare services.



LASHAWN JACKSON

Post-Award Specialist | HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology

LaShawn, a native of Tuskegee, Alabama, serves as the Post-Award Specialist for HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology. She has over 10 years of experience managing federal grants and contracts. LaShawn holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Media Arts from Clark Atlanta University and a Master of Public Administration from Strayer University. LaShawn is a member of the Society of Research Administrators International (SRAI), the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), and the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association (CAUAA). She resides in Madison with her husband and daughter.



AMBERLY KIMBROUGH

Events Coordinator | Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce

Amberly currently serves as the Events Coordinator for the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce. In this role she helps develop and coordinate large events that support Chamber members and the community, ranging from elected government official updates to awards shows. Originally from California, Amberly and her Huntsville-native husband have settled in the Rocket City with their cat, Cleopatra. When she's not busy working, she spends her time experimenting in the kitchen and planning parties.



ETHAN KITCHENS

Controller | Crestwood Medical Center

Ethan is the Controller at Crestwood Medical Center and has served in various aspects of healthcare finance for the past 5 years. Prior to his return to Alabama in 2017, Ethan worked at Ernst & Young's Nashville practice with exposure to large regional and global clients such as Hospital Corporation of America, Nissan USA, UL, and Tennessee Valley Authority. Ethan is a graduate of The University of Alabama and the University of North Alabama. Ethan and his wife Teri have two children, Charlie and Olivia, and are active members of the Beltline Church of Christ in Decatur, AL.



PHILLIP KRAUSE

Project Manager | Croy Engineering

Phillip is a Project Manager at Croy Engineering, where he leads his team of engineers in the design of local infrastructure and commercial/residential properties. Phillip is very active in his church, leading as the Head Deacon, and Administration Team Lead for over 5 years. Before he moved to Huntsville in 2009, he actively volunteered at his local fire department as a driver/firefighter. Phillip is an avid woodworker, a father of two precious little girls, and happily married to his wife of 11 years.



BLAKE LANDRY

Associate Broker / Team Lead of KEYFINDERS Group | RE/MAX Alliance

Blake leads a top producing real estate team, KEYFINDERS Group at RE/MAX Alliance. His group serves the Huntsville and surrounding North Alabama markets. Blake began his real estate career in 2005. He has since been involved in many different levels of training, education, recruiting, leadership, and growth within the local real estate community. He believes that to flourish and thrive within our own passions, we must continuously invest in others. He has served on numerous education committees within both the Keller Williams Realty and RE/MAX organizations, served on multiple teams within the Agent Leadership Council, and led task forces contributing to Education, Finance and Policy at the Huntsville Area Association of Realtors. He also donates his time and resources to local charities like The Downtown Rescue Mission, THRIVE, HRC Alabama, Christmas Charities Year Round, American Cancer Society, Children's Miracle Network, and A New Leash on Life.



LIA LOMBARDO

Executive Financial Analyst | Hexagon PPM

Lia is an Executive Financial Analyst for Hexagon PPM, where she has worked for 8 years. In this role, she serves as the FP&A lead for the North America region, working directly with executive management across departments to provide regional consolidation of financial reporting and analysis. Lia earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Accounting from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and is also CPA certified in the state of Alabama. She enjoys volunteering in her community, where she is an active member of the Junior League of Huntsville and serves on the Board of Directors for Madison Visionary Partners. During her free time, Lia enjoys training for half marathons and finding new places to explore in her travels.



KELLY MASTERS

Attorney Advisor | Department of the Army

After more than a decade long career in law enforcement, which included time as an Air Marshal and a Drug Enforcement Agent, Kelly Masters entered law school at the age of 38 - a career she had dreamed of since the age of nine. After a short stint as an assistant district attorney in Talladega County, she took a job with the Department of the Army - where she is currently employed. Ms. Masters does not have any children; however, she adopted, and raised, her younger brother right after she graduated high school.



DANIELLE MAZUR

Quality Assurance and Training Specialist | IronMountain Solutions

Danielle is a native of Junction City, Kansas, and has been resident of the greater Huntsville area since 2008. She currently works as the Quality Assurance and Training Specialist at IronMountain Solutions where she serves on multiple volunteer committees and is Co-Chair of the Employee Peaks Fund Board of Directors. Danielle graduated from Maryville University with a Master of Business Administration in 2020, Athens State University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science Business Management, and Calhoun Community College in 2009 with an Associate of Applied Science Child Development. She is an active member of The American Society for Quality (ASQ) and holds five ASQ Certifications. Danielle and her husband Ryan have three children; Madison, Allie, and Landon.



MATT MCCUTCHEON

Director of Governmental Affairs and Workforce Development | Huntsville Madison County Builders Association

Matt, a native of North Alabama, attended the University of Alabama where he earned his B.A. in Criminal Justice and a Master's in Public Administration. Matt began his professional career working in the Office of the Chancellor for the University of Alabama System. Matt currently serves as the Director of Governmental Affairs and Workforce Development for the Huntsville Madison County Builders Association. Matt's days now revolve around meetings with elected officials, regulatory agencies, and community groups discussing policy implications on the building industry and filling the skilled trade labor gap. As a former childhood cancer survivor, Matt is heavily involved with Smile-a-Mile, a nonprofit that provides programming to the children and families affected by childhood cancer. In his free time, you might easily find Matt working on a wood project in his garage or enjoying a beer at a local brewery.



APRIL MCDANIEL

AST, Flight Data Systems/ Data Management Coordinator | Marshall Space Flight Center

April McDaniel, a native of Seattle, Washington, is a Data Management Coordinator at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center. April moved to Huntsville to attend Alabama A&M University, where she earned a bachelor's of science degree in Computer Science and a master's of engineering degree in Materiel and Systems Engineering. April has ten years of experience with NASA and has supported both the Space Launch System program and the International Space Station program. April is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Rho Chi Omega Chapter, where she enjoys serving the greater Huntsville and Madison communities with her sorority. April loves children and enjoys spending time pouring into our future leaders.



AMBER MCKINLEY

Interior Designer | Chapman Sisson Architects

Amber is an Interior Designer at Chapman Sisson Architects, where she also serves as a leader and shareholder in the company. During her time there, she has led the interior design portion of several local projects, including Huntsville Hospital's new Orthopedic and Spine Tower. She has also been a part of the company's Serve Team, which is tasked with using company resources to serve the community. She is passionate about serving in the community and is currently volunteering as a Court Appointed Juvenile Advocate (CAJA) for Madison County. She attended the University of Alabama in 2012-2016, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in Interior Design and a minor in Business Management. She and her husband Trey moved to Huntsville in 2017, and have been avid Huntsvillians ever since. They enjoy biking and exploring the area with friends and their two dogs.



JILLIAN MILES

Talent Management Consultant | Horizon Point Consulting, Inc.

Jillian is a talent management consultant with a background in higher education and in industry. As an educator, she designed, taught, and facilitated university courses and career development programs in the fields of management, human resources, entrepreneurship, and organizational development. Her industry experience includes HR and leadership consulting, recruitment and selection, and training and development. Jillian highly values community involvement and serves as an active volunteer leader and member of local and national professional and civic organizations. She is currently the State Secretary and State Conference Chair for the Alabama Society for Human Resource Management, Training Vice President Elect for Junior League of Huntsville, and serves on the National Scholarship Committee for the Delta Zeta Foundation. She is also an active member of the North Alabama Society for Human Resource Management and the National Career Development Association.



SUZANNE MOHLER

Configuration Management Analyst & Engineering Review Board Administrator | Modern Technology Solutions, Inc.

As a native to Huntsville, Suzanne has continued to take on new challenges since returning to the Tennessee Valley in 2014. Suzanne is currently a Configuration Management Analyst at Modern Technology Solutions Inc. Prior to her time at MTSI, Suzanne served as the Director of Special Events as Huntsville Hospital Foundation. She continues to support the Liz Hurley Ribbon Run and loves the ability to work and support other nonprofits within the Huntsville community. Suzanne is a South Huntsville resident and an active member at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. She is married to Mark Mohler and they have two children, Harper (7) and Grant (4).



JORDAN MOORE

Founder/CEO | Red Cardinal Effect, LLC

Jordan is the founder and CEO of Red Cardinal Effect LLC. There he works closely with nonprofits, politicians, government contractors, small business and entertainers throughout their branding development process. Jordan has strong ties and investments within his Huntsville community as well as passion. Jordan has taught and worked within the Huntsville City school and private school system for more than 10 years. Jordan has worked microbiology and phlebotomy at Huntsville Hospital where he has been awarded multiple awards and performed cost effective strategies. Jordan, also known as #ChillCity, uses his platform in acting, music and modeling to not only help nonprofits attract community awareness, but to bring awareness to productive community solutions, nationwide.



DANIEL OWEN

Director of Communications | Huntsville Museum of Art

Daniel is the Director of Communications for the Huntsville Museum of Art. A North Alabama native, Daniel is excited to return home after attending school, living, and working in Tuscaloosa. Previously, he worked in digital marketing for Tuscaloosa Tourism & Sports (TTS) and served on the board of directors for the Arts Council of Tuscaloosa. Daniel acted as TTS's United Way Employee Campaign Champion in 2018 and 2019, securing donations from all TTS employees both years as well as coordinating TTS involvement in United Way's Day of Action. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama with an M.A. in Communications Studies and a B.A. in Advertising. Daniel and his wife Erin are expecting their first child in September 2021.



SAM PARK

Project Surveyor | Garver

Born and raised in Huntsville, Sam Park serves the region as a project surveyor for Garver, a multi-disciplined engineering firm. As a surveyor, Sam collects the necessary data to kickstart and bring Huntsville's most essential infrastructure projects to life. Also a certified commercial drone pilot, Sam often uses his drone skills to survey and map projects across North Alabama. A graduate of Troy University, Sam takes pride in giving back to the state he's called home for 25 years. He is involved in community service work through both Jackson Way Baptist Church and a self-led community group that regularly scopes out ways to uplift the residents of Huntsville. Sam looks forward to continuing to find ways to develop his leadership skills and serve his hometown.



TAYLOR PRESLEY

Intermediate Engineer | Mission Driven Research

Taylor is an aerospace engineer and entrepreneur in Huntsville. He supports the Missile Defense Agency's Targets and Countermeasures Directorate specializing in threat systems engineering and target requirements. In 2017 he was awarded the HubZone Employee of the Year. Taylor volunteers at Manna House and Whitesburg Christian Academy helping kids with STEM projects.



RACHEL REID

Work-Based Learning Coordinator | Calhoun Community College

A Pennsylvania native, Rachel received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Communication in 2011 from Stevenson University in Owings Mills, Maryland. Her professional experience includes event planning, public relations, marketing, and career development. A Calhoun Community College employee since 2015, Rachel is a certified Global Career Development Facilitator and Work-Based Learning Coordinator on Calhoun's Decatur campus. She has a true passion for helping students and alumni, as well as members of the Greater Huntsville community, find their passions and secure gainful employment. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, traveling, and spending time with her daughter and her three rambunctious pups: Tucker, Cherry, and Nova.



RISHA SANDERSON

Development Manager | HEALS, Inc.

Risha is the Development Manager for HEALS, Inc. She is responsible for all fundraising efforts, marketing, and events. Risha was raised in Fountain Hills, AZ. She earned her Undergraduate Degree in Communications from the University of Washington. Throughout her career she worked in various roles of public relations, marketing, event planning, fundraising. Despite consistently relocating due to her husband's career with the USAF, Risha assimilated to each community and was repeatedly recognized by the Chamber of Commerce, city government, and local editorials for support and leadership of community actions. In 2016, Risha and her family moved to Huntsville. She took on the position as Development Manager for The EarlyWorks Family of Museums to manage the capital campaign to restore Constitution Hall Park. After a successful campaign, she accepted a position with HEALS in January 2020. Risha is the proud mother of three children; her son, Bennett, stepdaughter, Macey, & Chihuahua, Hendrix.



DEONDRA SCOTT

ServiceNow Consultant | Deloitte & Touche LLP

Deondra is currently a ServiceNow Consultant at Deloitte & Touche LLP. She started her career as a Biomedical Field Engineer at Omnicell, which allowed her to play a role in the adoption of automation into the sterile compounding process at multiple hospitals across the United States—including Huntsville Hospital. In her spare time, she has actively encouraged women and young girls to enter STEM careers by participating in programs such as the National Society of Black Engineers Summer Engineering Experience for Kids, Black Girls Code Mentorship programs, and Girls Dream Code speaking events. Deondra graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in Birmingham, AL where she received her Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering.



SHAWNESSY SCOTT

Cybersecurity Analyst | Dynetics, Inc.

Shawnessy is an enthusiastic, passionate community volunteer that loves working with youth and connecting them with opportunities for mentoring and outreach. A native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, she graduated with Honors from The University of Alabama in Computer Engineering and moved to the Rocket City in 2003... and never left! Shawnessy has been an advocate for Cybersecurity education and diversity in STEM, and can often be found seeking out the next generation of Cyber/IT hopefuls at events like U.S. Cyber Camp and visiting high school and college campuses to encourage aspiring engineers and Cyber hopefuls. Shawnessy also has a Masters from Iowa State University in Information Assurance Engineering and is a committed lifelong learner, encouraging bright mentees and colleagues to take advantage of every opportunity. Shawnessy Scott is also a dedicated member of The Rock Family Worship Center, actively serving in both Girls Ministries and local outreach since 2007.



BRAD SEAL

Manager | Torch Technologies

Brad is a manager at Torch Technologies where he has worked for 15 years and leads a multi-disciplinary team of engineers, physicists, mathematicians, and software developers focusing on thermal simulation, modeling and simulation, and scene rendering technologies. He is a North Alabama native and grew up in Trinity before moving to Huntsville in college. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Aerospace from the University of Alabama in Huntsville in 2005. In his spare time, Brad is actively involved in his church doing A/V support and teaching classes for youth and teens and counts woodworking and board gaming as his primary hobbies. He and his wonderful wife, Jennifer, have three kids, Kaylee, Carson, and Aaron.



JOHN SIMMS

Project Coordinator - Mobile Medical Unit and Community Health Initiative
Huntsville Hospital

John is a Project Coordinator at Huntsville Hospital, overseeing the Mobile Medical Unit and the Community Health Initiative. These two innovative outreach programs improve the health care of underserved and at-risk populations in our community. Outside of his official hospital duties, John also serves on the LifeSaver Club Steering Committee, which helps translate employee donations into needed medical equipment. Recently, he accepted an advisory board position with the hospital's hospice agency, Caring For Life. John lives Owens Cross Roads, Alabama with his wife Beth, their 3-year-old son Whit, their one-month-old son Henry, and their 9 year-old-dog Hank. He is also completing his MBA in Health Care Management in December 2021. In his limited spare time, John loves spending time with his family, cooking, fishing, listening to music, gardening, reading, brewing beer, and exercising. John and his family love spending time together in the outdoors.



GABBY SIMS

Registered Nurse | Huntsville Hospital

Gabrielle is an infectiously, enthusiastic registered nurse with a passion for empowering those around her to reach their full potential in providing quality services, demonstrating ownership, and thriving in business. Her achievements include a strong sense of leadership and patience in all that she does, and is modeled through her membership in the Nu Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, church, and family. Her overall passions include understanding the needs of the community and best practices to execute fulfillment of those passions as they apply to healthcare, youth, and minorities.



RACHEL SMITH

Huntsville Site Coordinator | Raytheon Technologies

Rachel is the Huntsville Site Coordinator at Raytheon Technologies in Huntsville. She is new to Huntsville, having just moved to the area in January 2021, but she is enjoying the new challenges and adventures in the area. Rachel's formal education and background is in Human Resources and she will continue that passion by pursuing a Masters of Science in Human Resources Management at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Rachel is eager to get involved with organizations within the community local to Huntsville as her primary goal is to help others.



MICHAEL STANLEY

Investment Associate | Keel Point, LLC

Michael has been an Investment Associate at Keel Point since June of 2021. Previously, he developed new territories for a Toxicology company and flew F-18F Super Hornets for the US Navy. He has deployed to Afghanistan and the South Pacific with Strike Fighter Squadron Two and once with US Navy SEALs in support of a Joint Task Force. He has an MBA from the University of Alabama as well as a BS in History from the United States Naval Academy. Michael brings focus, energy, and leadership ability to the Keel Point Team. He is currently working through his Series certifications. Michael is originally from Corinth, MS. He and his wife Katherine relocated to Huntsville in 2021, and have two daughters: Imogene and Amelia. Michael is an avid outdoorsman and coach for his girls' teams. Michael is a relationship builder with infectious energy and a client focus.



TAMMY STATHAM

Aerospace Engineer | NASA Marshall Space Flight Center

Tamara is currently working as an Aerospace Engineer at NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. In this role, she supports trajectory analyses for NASA's Space Launch System (SLS) and Human Landing System (HLS) programs. Currently, she serves as the HLS Deputy Discipline Lead for Flight Mechanics. Prior to her position with NASA, she worked with Jacobs Technology supporting SLS trajectory development, and with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command supporting small satellite technology development for communication and imaging applications. She is an active member of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) where she is currently the Region II Deputy Director for Young Professionals, promoting young professional aerospace involvement in the South East United States. Tamara has a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder.



SETH THOMPSON

Aerospace Engineer | Troy 7, Inc.

Seth is currently a trajectory analyst at Troy 7 working on the SLS program working on the ESSCA contractors for Jacobs-JSEG and serving as task lead for the mission analysis design team. Before working on SLS, Seth served as a trajectory analyst for Troy 7, working at the Missile Defense Agency. During that time, he participated in multiple MDA missions as support for flight tests and post-mission analysis. Seth served as a lecturer at the University of Alabama in Huntsville for the Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering Department while working on a Ph.D. Seth enlisted in the United States Marine Corps Reserves while a freshman in college. Seth served one year of active duty for Operation Enduring Freedom as a field radio operator. Seth is passionate about human and scientific space exploration as well as lifelong learning.



KIMBERLY TOWNSEND

Realtor | @Homes Realty Group

Kimberly is a Licensed Realtor with @Homes Realty Group, a relationship-based boutique brokerage firm located in Providence of Huntsville, AL. Representing clients throughout the Huntsville Metro Area Kimberly's focus is on educating buyers as they search for the right home. She has been in sales for a total of 12 years and is passionate about people and relationships. Kimberly has a creative background holding a Bachelor's of Fine Arts and Communication Degree from the University of Memphis. Kimberly and her husband Kenneth Jr. have two children Kayden and Kenneth III.



AMANDA TURNAGE

Associate | Loftin Holt LLP

Amanda is an attorney at Loftin Holt LLP. She regularly helps develop employee policies, procedures, and handbooks. She helps clients solve their employment related problems including workplace investigations, termination and disciplinary decisions, and accommodation requests. Amanda also works on litigation matters in state and federal courts around the country. She has represented clients in a variety of matters, including labor and employment discrimination claims, Title IX claims, workers' compensation retaliation claims, commercial and contractual disputes, shareholder oppression and squeeze out, drug and medical device defense, and False Claims Act litigation.



MIKE WALLER

Vice President, Strategic Development | Aetos Systems, Inc.

Born in Huntsville, Michael has been involved in civic and philanthropic activities since a young age to including his Eagle Scout project for the Green Mountain Volunteer Fire Department which is still benefiting the safety and security of the Green Mountain residents today eighteen years later. He is a graduate of Grissom High School and The University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Business. After graduation he returned home to Huntsville where he was able to support many DoD and Federal Civilian agencies over the last decade meet or exceed their information technology and engineering initiatives and modernization priorities. As an active member of the Huntsville community still today Michael has supported several local, regional, and national charitable events large and small through financial giving or through giving free time including leading a golf tournament raising awareness and funds for our nations wounded veterans mental and physical health.



CAMERON WEST

Financial Advisor | Raymond James

Cameron is a financial advisor with Raymond James and owner of Besso's Coffee. After several years advising exclusively for financial advisors across 4 states, Cameron decided to begin working with individuals. He met his wife, Heather, and graduated from Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN. They returned to Henderson a decade later to open Besso's Coffee. Cameron believes financial stress often leads to problems in relationships. To help combat this, Cameron teaches a financial management class for congregations and couples. Cameron and Heather live in Madison with their son, Braxton, and dog, Zoey.



TIM WRIGHT

Project Manager | General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems

Tim is a Project Manager for General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems. He has worked for the defense sector for the last 7 years. Prior to moving to Huntsville, Tim spent the majority of his life nestled in the foot hills of the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia. He attended Emory & Henry College and ultimately received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Intermont College. He then went on to get his MBA from King University. When he is not working for the advancement of our war fighters, he can usually be found at a band concert where his son plays trumpet or on the softball field where his daughter plays pitcher and first base. He also enjoys hiking, biking, and kayaking.



BRIAN WYSOCK

Regional Manager | TTL, Inc.

Brian was born and raised in the Chase area of Huntsville. He spent many years playing hockey and refereeing in the Huntsville Amateur Hockey Association before graduating from Buckhorn High School in 2005. He moved away to the University of Alabama and graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. After spending 8 years in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with TTL, Inc., including 3 years of volunteer service with the City of Northport Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Wysock was asked to move back home and open the Huntsville office of TTL, Inc. He is married to his wife, Anna, herself a graduate of Grissom High School, and they have two children Grayson and Caroline.



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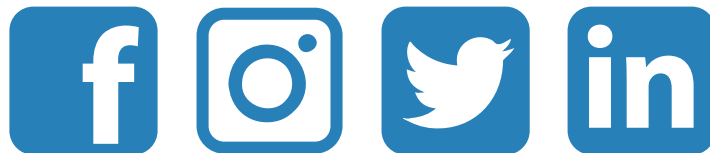
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