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Generation Next: Inside the Youth Revolution taking over the Office of Elections



One characteristic that makes our office unique is how many young employees are on our team. More than half of our employees are under the age of 30. Each and every one of them provide perspectives to the operation that is valued and different. Let's get to know some of them!

Selna

To start out, my name is Selna and I am the public relations specialist. I started at the office three months ago after graduating in December. Before my time at the office, I was a political science student interested in international relations and media politics. I author Election Central, a general newsletter for the public and Election Insider, a newsletter for our Election Officers. In my free time, I enjoy making dinner for my friends and making ceramics.

Katherin

My name is Katherin and I am the executive assistant to the General Registrar. I graduated from VCU (go Rams!) in 2022 with a BS in criminal justice and a BA in Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness. I love to play volleyball and FPS games in my free time. I have been working for the Office of Elections for 2 years. My favorite thing about working here is the impact my work has on voters and my ability to represent the Latinx community in the City of Richmond.

Adrianna

Hello, My name is Adrianna and I'm a Precinct Manager. I've been at the Office of Elections for eight months. Previously, I was an assistant registrar working in Voter Registration. My tasks included data entry, scanning, and uploading documents. My goals for this year is learning a lot, being confident in my answers, and being confident in what I do. I'm excited on my new journey and everything that will come with it. I really enjoy working here. Everybody has been so nice and welcoming.

Proscovia

Greetings, my name is Proscovia, a Precinct manager. I joined the Office of Elections in September 2021 as a member of the Voter Registration. I recently moved to the Election Operations department. It is a blessing working here as everyone has been nothing but amazing. I am looking forward to the future.

Caitlin

Hi, my name is Caitlin. My journey in elections started in September 2019 when I served in the absentee department processing vote-by-mail ballots. In 2021, I was hired to work in Voter Registration and soon advanced to become the manager of the city's election officers. I was promoted to serve as the executive assistant to the Registrar and the City of Richmond's Electoral Board.

Lilly

Hi, my name is Lilly. I am a rising senior at Virginia Commonwealth University. I am a double major in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a concentration in US Government. Outside of work and school, I enjoy traveling, practicing yoga, running, and spending time with my family and friends. I have been with the Office of Elections for three incredible years. Advocating for voters has become a passion of mine, politics has become a passion of mine, and there is truly nothing like being apart of an office that is filled with amazing people who also feel the same.

Alexandra

Hello, I'm Alexandra and I've been working for the Office of Elections for eight months. My job is to maintain accurate voter records and facilitate efficient administrative processes. I'm committed to upholding the integrity of elections and ensuring every voice is heard in the democratic process. I'm looking forward to tackling future tasks with enthusiasm and contributing to the success of voter registration.

Emmoni

My name is Emmoni and I work in Voter Registration. I have been with the Office of Elections since September 2021. I previously worked with the Election Officer team where I was a Precinct Manager. My daily tasks include processing voter registration applications, and provide customer service to voters. I enjoy being a mom to my beautiful two-year-old daughter, Laila.

CeTia

My name is CeTia. I was born and raised in Richmond. I graduated from high school in the summer of 2017 and I started working in the Office of Elections shortly after. The job responsibilities I have held in the Office of Elections have been: working with election officers and voter registration. My current responsibility is working within the Absentee team. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling and spending time with my family and friends. I am also a proud dog parent, to a teacup yorkie named Bear.

Alexus

My name is Alexis and I was born and raised in Richmond. I have been working with the office since January 2022. I started in Voter Registration and recently transferred to the Absentee team. Before joining the office, I worked in the healthcare industry. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking and spending time with my family and friends.

Kara

I find joy in the simple pleasures of life, from my two cherished dogs to the quiet environment in my backyard tending to my chickens. When I'm not fishing in my pond or golfing, I enjoy spending time with my family as much as I can. After attending culinary school, I began my catering journey as a sous chef for seven rewarding years, but realized I had other interests. Driven by curiosity, I took an unexpected turn into the realm of politics. Fascinated by the behind-the-scenes, I was drawn to the importance of the unseen workings of elections and the opportunity to contribute to something impactful.

Christian

I'm Christian and I am honored to serve as the Elections Services Manager. Over the past four years, I've dedicated myself to the City of Richmond Office of Elections. My journey began humbly as an Election Technician within the very department I now lead. Each day in the Office of Elections is a testament to my dedication as a public servant, striving to facilitate the voting process for the residents of Richmond with efficiency and integrity.

Elena

Hey there! I'm Elena. I am passionate about making a difference, and serving others. I'm diving into the world of elections to empower voices and bring about positive change in the community. With a commitment to integrity and community engagement, I'm ready to contribute to the electoral process and advocate for the issues that matter. Looking forward to working with my team in the tech department and contributing to making an impact!

Ahmaad

My name is Ahmaad and I am a technician. I've been working at the Office of Elections for 3 years. My daily tasks include programming machines, picking up mail, and delivering voting equipment to precincts on Election Day. I'm from Hampton, Virginia, but I've spent a good portion of my life in Seaboard, North Carolina. I didn't see myself in this field until after COVID because I was always curious on how elections worked. So when the opportunity presented itself, I applied and was lucky enough to be hired. I know the future will be very bright. I look forward to it and advancing in my career.

Seth

My name is Seth and I'm from Ashtabula, Ohio. I've lived in Ohio, North Carolina, California and Virginia. When living in California, I started a business with my brother in the car industry. After moving back to Virginia, I also started my own business being a car detailer. I enjoyed working with cars because that's a passion of mine, but I enjoy it more as a hobby.

When I was hired at the office, I honestly didn't know what to expect. My time working here has brought me a sense of being a part of something bigger by helping the community to their right to vote. Working here has been a blessing. Everyone has been so welcoming and it's a nice change of pace to have co-workers around you working towards the same goals. I've always been looking for something that would help me feel fulfilled or I was making a difference. I can't wait to see what the future holds.

Lujain

My name is Lujain. I grew up in the Middle East and moved to the U.S. when I was 15. I'm a political science major at VCU. I'm interested in working in elections because I value the democratic process and believe every single person has the right to choose who governs them.

Nick

I am originally from New Jersey, but I have been living in Richmond for about 5 years now. Currently, I am a political science major and economics minor at VCU. I am interested in working in elections because I had a great high school government teacher who got me started down that path, and I'm glad she did!

Kaitlyn

My name is Kaitlyn and I am currently a second-year student at VCU, studying Political Science, but I will be transferring to University of Richmond starting in the Fall with the same course of study. I was born and raised in the greater Richmond area just outside of the city. After living in New Orleans for my freshman year, I knew that I had to return home. I am deeply interested in elections on the local level, even though my expertise is in areas of International Relations, because I believe that involvement on the global scale must first start locally.

Kalise

Hello! My name is Kalise. I am currently a Senior at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), where I'm studying Marketing with a minor in Sales. Growing up in Chesapeake, Virginia, I have always been drawn to art, design and community involvement. The opportunity to work in elections is deeply compelling to me as it allows me to combine both passions, community engagement and creativity. I am truly excited to be working with everyone this upcoming season and collectively making a difference!