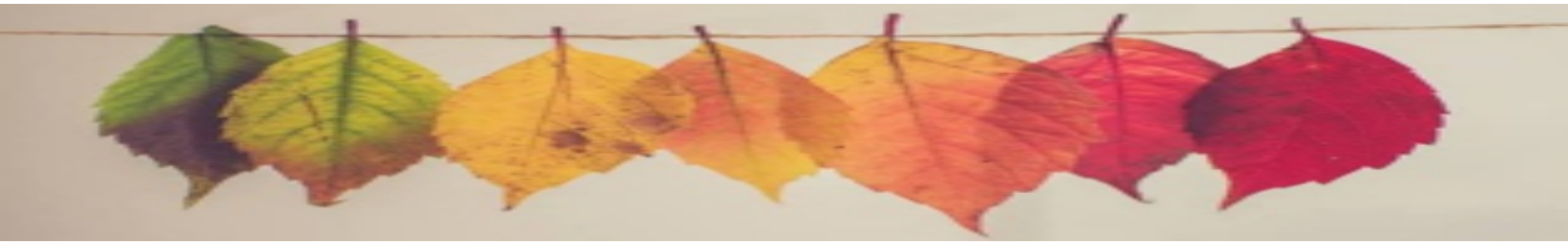
VPPA Quarterly Newsletter



Our Mission: *Provide quality services that actively support the Vision of the Virginia Probation and Parole Association by fostering leadership, advocacy and quality services to the membership and the community.*

Member Highlight: Stephanie MacDonald

The Virginia Probation and Parole Association is fortunate to have dedicated leaders who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the success of our organization. This month, we are proud to recognize **Stephanie MacDonald, former VPPA President** for her exceptional commitment and contributions.

Chief Stephanie MacDonald has been with VADOC for 26 years. She started as a volunteer at Radford in 1999, then in Warrenton until she was hired in July 2000 as a Surveillance Officer. A year later she was promoted to Probation Officer and remained a Probation Officer for 11 years. In 2012, she was promoted to Deputy Chief in Manassas and then to Chief in Culpeper in August 2016. Stephanie joined VPPA in Basic Skills in August 2000 and has been a member ever since. She has been to every VPPA conference since 2000, except for 2017. She has been involved in planning or planned almost every conference since 2013. She has served on the Board for many years as a Regional Representative, APPA Affiliate Representative, Vice President and most recently completed her second term as President.

Fun fact: Stephanie met her husband at a VPPA conference. He was a Senior Probation Officer in the tidewater area and in 2005 they started dating and married in 2007. "If it wasn't for VPPA I probably would not have met the love of my life. If it wasn't for VPPA I would not know the majority of the people I know across the state. The networking has allowed me to be successful in my job by building relationships with peers across the entire state."

Some of Stephanies accomplishments: Aside from "being Chief of the greatest District in the Virginia, I feel that being the President of VPPA has been a huge accomplishment. This is my second term, and I am very glad I have been given the opportunity to serve in this position for this Association. Planning the conferences has also been satisfying, while it is a lot of work, I enjoy the process and love talking and meeting people. I believe my involvement in VPPA also lead to me being nominated by our former Director to serve on the Board of Governor's for the American Correctional Association (ACA) representing Virginia and Probation from 2019 to 2023."

On behalf of the VPPA Board and membership, we extend our sincere appreciation to Stephanie for her hard work, professionalism, and continued dedication to the Association. We are grateful for all she has done to support VPPA and help make each year more successful than the last.

Thank you, Stephanie, for your outstanding service and leadership!

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Membership Form

VPPA Membership Application and Payroll Deduction Form



VPPA Awards:

K. Barry Sheeran Outstanding VPPA Member of the Year Award: Whitney Breeding

VPPA Support Person of the Year: OSA Veronica "Monica" Autiello. District 20

VPPA Leadership Award: CPO Kelli Brown, District 2

VPPA Oliver Achievement Award: OSA Frances Alley, District #15

VPPA Surveillance Officer of the Year: SO Melvin Rose, District #43

VPPA Karl Hellriegel Probation/Parole Officer of the Year: SPO Marianne Early, Brunswick CCAP

New VPPA Board Members:

Treasurer: Lekita Sykes, District 36
Secretary: Bianca Jones, District 25
President-Elect: Leigh Martin, District 13
Public Information Officer: Tamaria Wood-Faulks, District 30
Western Regional Representative: Melissa Jacobson, District 15
Central Regional Representatives: Chrishana Frye, Headquarters and Hayley Wright, District 32
Easter Regional Representatives: Alicia Cox, District 30, Lashonda Jones, District 4

What has VPPA been up to:

The VPPA's yearly conference was a tremendous success! Our committee members worked diligently to prepare for the event, and the training topics were highly relevant to the Mission and Vision of both VPPA and VADOC. We proudly welcomed our newly sworn-in VPPA Board Members! We also celebrated with all our VPPA Award recipients. Congratulations to each of you!
Thanks for all you do—please know you are appreciated.

Fall Merchandise Spotlight

Merchandise: https://govppa.org/merchandise/



Cooler weather is on its way-long sleave polo shirts and button-down shirts are available in the VPPA Merchandise Store. The colors are black, gray, navy, & white and various styles and material for both males and females. Gold badge shirts are also available, all include VPPA on the sleeve.



Grab a travel mug to keep your beverages hot, check out the different ones available in the VPPA Merchandise Store.