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Scholarship Recipient Spotlight – Where are they Now?

Emily Wavering

In 2014, I was extremely fortunate to be selected as a recipient of the Mary Blackwell Barnes Memorial Scholarship, and even then, I had almost no awareness that I would find such a fulfilling career in public finance. At that time, I was Master's in Public Policy candidate at the College of William & Mary with a Bachelor's degree in economics from St. Mary's College of Maryland with an interest in affordable housing policy, and the stubborn hope that I would find a career path that would channel my policy interests and allow me put my degrees to good use.



As I would later discover, public finance was that career path. I now work as a Community Development Research Analyst at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, where I research community investment initiatives and public finance activity at the state and local level. After just eight months in the workforce, my understanding of the importance of public finance has grown exponentially, as has my awareness of all that I still have to learn in this important and dynamic field.

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Member Spotlight

Megan Martz Gilliland

Megan Martz Gilliland is a partner in Christian & Barton's public sector and business law groups. Her legal practice focuses on traditional municipal bond issuance, federal securities and tax laws, and state and local governance matters for clients that include borrowers, issuers, lenders and underwriters involved in various tax-exempt and taxable bond transactions. She also assists clients with general corporate business, non-profit and tax-related matters.

Megan graduated from The College of William and Mary with majors in Economics and English, from the University of Richmond School of Law, and received a Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. She has been recognized as a Virginia Rising Star in the Bonds/Government Finance category annually since 2010, and is a former chair of the Business Law Section of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. She has been a member of the Virginia Women in Public Finance Executive Council since 2013, and has served as co-chair of both the Scholarship and the Mentoring committees. When Megan is not busy with work, she is busy keeping up with her two young children!



Linda Abravanel

Linda Abravanel has over 25 years of government and commercial banking experience. She has been a Senior Relationship Manager in Well's Fargo's Government and Institutional Banking Group for over 17 years. She currently manages the banking services relationship for local municipalities, states and authorities in the Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC Metropolitan area. She brings excellent experience to government clients specializing in solutions through public finance, treasury services, tax-exempt financings, liquidity facilities, direct purchase financings, investment management, and insurance. Linda is a member of the Executive Board of The Women in Public Finance Association- VA chapter; and active member and former Board Executive of the Metropolitan Washington Area Government Finance Officers Association. She is also a member of the Maryland Government Finance Officers Association and the Virginia Government Officers Association. At Wells Fargo, Linda serves on the Washington DC Volunteer Chapter Council and the DC Chapter of the Women's Team Member Network Executive Committee. Linda is also an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and volunteers for their various veterans and educational programs. She also volunteers at her children's schools.



Linda is a graduate of North Carolina State University majoring in Economics and Business Management. To access Linda via email, please use: Linda.abravanel1@WellsFargo.com

Upcoming Events

See website for future event details

Leadership Series Events

Leadership Series #1 with Guest Speaker Barbara Donnellan

Thursday, February 25th from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Southern Railway Tap House
111 Virginia Street, Suite 100, Richmond, VA 23219



Leadership Series #2 with Guest Speaker Cori Shephard, of the SEC

April 2016
Washington, D.C. (TBD)

Spring VGFOA Conference Events

Cocktails and Appetizers with Guest Speaker Heather Johnston

May 4th, 2016 from 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
The Attic at Waterman's Surfside Grille
415 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451



Fun Run/Walk

Funds will be used for our scholarship program
May 5th, 2016 at 6:00 am
Virginia Beach (TBD)

Summer & Fall Events

Wine Tour and Tasting

July 2016
Stafford, VA (TBD)



Annual Signature Event

September 2016
Richmond, VA (TBD)

Fall VGFOA Conference Event

Evening Event

Oct. 26th, 2016
Richmond, VA (TBD)



Virginia WPF Photo Album

2015 Signature Reception



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