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Chelsea Arvin

I am the Scheduling Supervisor for fixed route at WeGo Public Transit. Prior to my current position, I worked as a bus operator, trainer and supervisor. With a decade of transit experience in various positions, I have acquired strong leadership skills with a commitment to hard work.

Within our organization, it has been a privilege to be a part of various projects including Transit Signal Priority, Mobility on Demand- multimodal plans, and various Community Outreach events. As an experienced transit professional with a demonstrated history of working in operations, I seek to make a positive impact on the community I serve through the work I do. For this reason, I look forward to participating in TCLA to deepen my understanding of how I can be a contributing team member in the transit industry through planning and

implementing strategies to improve public transit.



Jeanette Barker

Fundraiser, strategist, marketer, public relations professional with a passion for building stronger communities. As an effective fundraiser, Jeanette has lead and aligned teams towards multi-faceted goals in organizational strategy, community relations, stakeholder cultivation and stewardship to achieve fund development and build value. Jeanette is a leader who prioritizes empathy, trust, and collaboration. As a developer of financial- and

social-capital and vision mover, she enjoys the strategic and creative exploration of opportunities and challenges to create measurable, positive growth and improvement. As VP of Strategic Development with the Nashville Downtown Partnership, she directs communications and markets the neighborhood as Nashville's premier neighborhood in which to live, work, play and invest.



Alyson Bennett

I am a Nashville native. I have enjoyed watching the progress in Nashville but think that transit has not been given the attention and funding necessary. I am very interested in understanding the intricacies of transit implementation and how those efforts ultimately make our city better for live, work and play. I communicate regularly with real estate professionals, investors and developers and want to be an educated voice for transit in those conversations.



Scotty Bernick

My name is Scotty Bernick and I'm a Landscape Architect at RaganSmith. I first moved to Nashville in 2004 for an internship and moved back permanently in 2006. As we land plan throughout all of Middle TN, I'm naturally interested in Transit and how we can incorporate connectivity and best plan for future transit opportunities. I'm excited to learn about some of the current initiatives. Being virtual this year, I felt it's the best year to attend the sessions (I do have two planning commission meetings that will require me to briefly step out of the virtual transit meeting). I look forward to getting involved.



Crystal Cheng

Hi All! I'm a Civil Engineering student at Vanderbilt University passionate about designing sustainable and equitable transportation systems. I've worked in DC on transit projects in the DMV area and I'm currently an intern with MoveVU, Vanderbilt's strategic transportation plan that aims to create a more walkable campus and reduce the drive alone rates to campus.



Danielle Dobbs

I'm a young professional who's interested in learning more and becoming an advocate for Middle Tennessee transit.



Karen Estrada

I have been an Operations Supervisor for WeGo Public Transit for the last 5 years. I truly enjoy my career and always willing to always learn new things. I have an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. I have a 13-year-old daughter. I enjoy shopping, football games, and making memories on vacation.



Wyatt Jackson

I grew up south of Nashville, in Brentwood, Tennessee. After graduating from Ole Miss in 2020, I started working at Calvert Street Group as a campaign coordinator. When I'm not working on grassroots campaigns I enjoy laughing with friends and watching live music in Nashville.



Karen Johnson

Karen Johnson is Davidson County's Register of Deeds, elected in 2018, the first woman and African American to hold the position. Graduated from Tennessee State University (BBA) and Trevecca University (MBA). Worked at the corporate manager level (HCA, Shoney's Inc.) and for the State of Tennessee and Mercy Health at the director level.

She was elected twice to Metro Council, once to the School Board. She is also an alumna of Leadership Nashville.

Karen's professional memberships include International Association of Government Officials, TN Land Title Association, PRIA, County

Officials Association of TN, TN Registers Association, Public Records Commission, Lawyers Association of Women – Marion Griffith Chapter, Nashville Women's Breakfast Club, Coalition of 100 Black Women Metro Nashville Chapter.

She has served on dozens of boards and organizations, including the National League of Cities Board, TN Women's Political Caucus (president), TN Woman Suffrage Monument, Women in Municipal Government, TN Municipal League.



Joan Kite

I am the Communication and Media Relations Specialist for the College of Agriculture at Tennessee State University and have worked there for the past 5 years. In December of 2019, I was hit by a car and almost died. Since then, I have used WeGo consistently as I am temporarily disabled and can not drive. I have access to the WeGo disability service but only use it when I have to. Otherwise, I take the regular bus. I practice yoga regularly, eat mostly plants, have two cats, like to read, and enjoy Nashville's various cultural events.



Patrick Lynn

Patrick Lynn joined Calvert Street in July 2021 as Vice President. Patrick has more than twenty years of experience in issue advocacy and strategic communications at the local, state and federal level. He is a former policy and legislative advisor to Missouri's last three Democratic governors. Today, Patrick is a strategist for companies, organizations, and ballot initiatives. He assists them in developing engaging campaigns to educate the public and build support for their issues. Born in Texas, Patrick grew up in Harry Truman's hometown of Independence, and

studied history and law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. With his spouse Becky, he has two children, Anna and Adam.



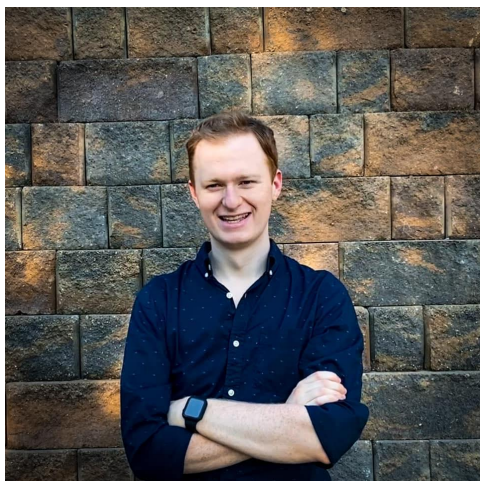
Truman McDaniel

I am a student at Vanderbilt. I am an intern for the MoveVU office and am passionate about public transit and pedestrian safety. I'm from Nolensville, TN and am excited to be apart of the TCLA.



Colin McLaren

For the past year, I have worked as a Campaign Coordinator at Calvert Street Group. I also regularly contract with the Markham Group on political advance assignments, political campaigns, and corporate event production. I attended Texas Tech University and received a BBA in Finance. During the 2020 election cycle, I served as Texas Deputy Director of Special Project and Events on the Biden for President Campaign.

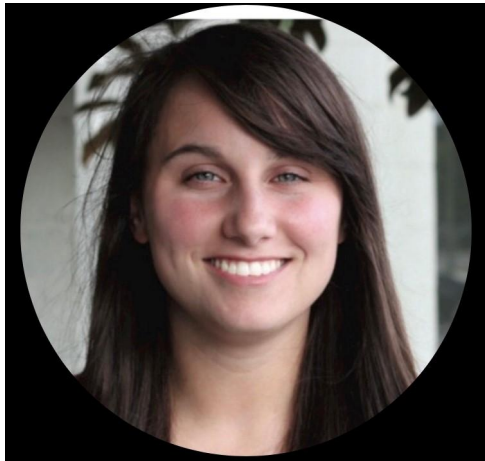


Gavin Mummert

I am a 24-year-old young professional who has been living in Nashville since 2016. I became involved in advocating for better while I was a student at Belmont University and during my time serving as Student Body President there.

I now work in downtown Nashville and both my co-workers and I have lamented the lack of good transit

in Nashville. I look forward to learning more about Nashville's transit history and also meeting like-minded individuals with whom I hope to campaign to make Nashville into a more walkable city in the years to come.



Mattie Neely

I am a Civil Engineer working for the City of Lebanon in the Engineering department.



Nadia Marie Roumanos

I am a Nashville transplant that translocated in May 2018 to complete my graduate degree at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Before COVID struck the country, I was taking the bus every single day to work or school for almost two consecutive years on Nolensville Pike into downtown (on the 52A bus route).

Coming from the Northeast, I was shocked at the limited options of public transit in Middle Tennessee. Although Metro North has reduced their rides for Connecticut prior to the pandemic, they still run more frequently than Music City Star.

I am a public transportation advocate and from partaking in Nashville Emerging Leaders in 2020 I understand the importance of making investments that will benefit the whole community. By taking these classes, I can better advocate plans to my peers that will assist our progeny.



Erica Saeger

Erica has been with Crosslin for 16 years. During that time, she has participated in the audits of a variety of industries including not-for-profit entities, government, transit agencies, higher education, religious organizations, distribution, manufacturing and many other business entities.

Erica is the chair of our firm's Fun Committee, which is responsible for various outings for team members and their families, as well as luncheons and other firm celebrations. Erica is the Treasurer and serves on the EC for both the Komen Central TN Affiliate's Board and Nashville CABLE's Board. Erica is also a non-voting member of The Healing Trust Board and serves on both the Audit and Fin. & Invest. Committees. In 2017, Erica was selected as a winner for the inaugural Employee of the Year awards by the NBJ in the Company Culture Category. She was named the 2018 Delta

Zeta Greek Woman of the Year, a 2019 NELA finalist, and has been selected for the 2022 Leadership Goodlettsville Class.



Elizabeth Shipley

I am a Mother of 2 smart, talented, creative girls. I graduated from the Illinois Institute of Art with a focus on Interior Design. My passion is people & the environment! I have found my greatest happiness comes from getting to know others & bringing them together. My current job allows me to do just that. Being the only Coworking Space in Gallatin, I help cultivate the culture in my building, can be active in the community, & offer a welcoming & accepting environment for all who visit. My husband's career has taken us from Chicago to Iowa City, to France, & now Gallatin. This gives me a unique perspective on how transit can help bring communities together to give our neighbors & friends access to jobs, culture, history,

entertainment, food, education, & nature.

My favorite vacation spot is the woods. I will do anything to protect & preserve this beautiful natural resource. We compost & recycle; around town we walk, bike, drive electric vehicles; & we love to hug a tree on a hike!



Christian Snelgrove

I am a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's graduate Planning program. I'm a Transit Planner in WSP's Nashville office, and I am looking to get plugged into transit in Nashville, Middle Tennessee, and the state as a whole. I'm looking to network and learn about the challenges that transit providers face, and how I can adapt my expertise/services to better meet their needs.

Prior to graduate school, I worked in TDOT's Long Range Planning Division doing GIS and data visualization. I helped lay the technical groundwork for various TDOT planning initiatives, such as the

regional transportation plans that TDOT is working with RPOs to prepare. While at TDOT, I developed a passion for giving people options in how they access their communities. While at UNC, I became particularly interested in transit. Outside of work I enjoy computer hardware, geocaching, and I am teaching myself guitar (pure coincidence with my move to Nashville, I swear).



Teresa Vander Molen

Teresa Vander Molen joined Barge Design Solutions, Inc., as a Creative Lead in the firm's Business Services Group in 2019. Vander Molen's nearly 20 years of marketing and branding experience spans manufacturing, health care, tourism, and higher education sectors, with emphasis on driving awareness and engagement through visual storytelling.

Vander Molen earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Design from Eastern Kentucky University, where she graduated with honors. Her work has been recognized by the American Advertising Federation, Graphic Design USA, and the Kentucky Press Association.