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Association of Fundraising Professionals Maryland Chapter Announces New Board of Directors

Baltimore, Md. — February, 2026 — The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Maryland Chapter announced its new Board of Directors for 2026, bringing together a diverse group of experienced fundraising professionals dedicated to advancing ethical philanthropy, professional development, and community impact across the state.

The Board represents leaders from nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and the private sector who will guide the chapter's strategic direction, programs, and member engagement throughout the year.

2026 AFP Maryland Chapter Board of Directors

- **President:** Todd Troester, Director of Development, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service
- **President-Elect:** Caitlin Christ, CFRE, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and College Foundation, Carroll Community College
- **Immediate Past President:** Emily Hamsher Kindred, CFRE, Senior Director of Development, The Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering
- **Vice President, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:** Chelsea Brown, Founder and Principal Strategist, The Black Mill
- **Vice President, Professional Advancement:** Kat Parker-Thomas, CFRE, Vice President of Philanthropy, Maryland Food Bank
- **Vice President, Government Relations:** Kathleen Gregory, CFRE, Director of Development, Public Justice Center
- **Treasurer:** Danielle DeVeau Crawford, CFRE, Director of Development for Neurosciences, University of Maryland Medicine
- **Secretary:** Stephanie Benedetti, Chief Advancement Officer, Everymind
- **National Philanthropy Day Chair:** Christina Bauer, CFRE, Director of Development, Health Care for the Homeless
- **Communications Chair:** Ishmael M. Mayhew, Marketing Manager, Everstand

- **Mentorship Chair:** Marlo Jacobson, Director of Advancement, The Maryland School for the Blind
- **Programs Chair:** Robyn Dammers, CFRE, Director of Development, The League for People with Disabilities
- **Roundtables Chair:** Sheronda Nixon Booker, Director of Major Gifts, Benedict College
- **Sponsorship Chair:** Burnham “Turk” Lewis, Director of Development, The Treatment and Learning Centers

At-Large Members

- Katharina Acosta, CFRE, Director of Development, Maryland Legal Aid
- Chrissy Thornton, President & CEO, Associated Black Charities
- Leanna Frick, Senior Director of Advancement, Blue Water Baltimore
- Valerie S. Williams, Chief Advancement Officer, American Visionary Arts Museum
- Katrin DeCamp, MA, Director of Annual Giving, Catholic Charities of Baltimore
- Michele Minicozzi, M.Ed., CAP, Director of Development, St. Mary’s Ryken High School
- Richard Hastings, MBA, Managing Director, Carter
- Whitney Brimfield, Founder, Spark Point Fundraising

“The strength of AFP Maryland lies in the collective expertise and leadership of its volunteers,” said Todd Troester, President of AFP Maryland. “This board reflects a shared commitment to ethical fundraising, inclusive leadership, and supporting professionals who advance philanthropy throughout our communities.”

AFP Maryland provides education, networking opportunities, mentorship, and advocacy for fundraising professionals statewide.

About AFP Maryland

The Association of Fundraising Professionals Maryland Chapter advances philanthropy across the state by fostering the growth and development of a culturally diverse community of fundraising professionals. Through education, networking, and leadership development, AFP Maryland encourages ethical fundraising, sound nonprofit management, and a culture of giving

and volunteering that strengthens nonprofits and the communities they serve throughout Maryland.

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