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Katrina Homel – Co-President

Katrina M. Homel is an Associate Attorney at Hill Wallack LLP, where she is a member of the Employment & Labor, School and Municipal Law practice groups. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the New Jersey State Bar Association, and serves as Assistant Editor of the Young Lawyers Division newsletter, *Dictum*. She also serves as Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey. Following law school, she was a Legal Fellow at the D.C. Public Charter

School Board. She earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. During law school, she was a legal intern at the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Project Vote and Community Legal Services of Philadelphia. Additionally, she participated in the D.C. Street Law and the International Women's Human Rights Clinics at Georgetown Law. She was Executive Editor of the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy and Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper, the *Law Weekly*. Before law school, she served as an AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) in Washington, D.C. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa with General and Departmental Honors from Vassar College, where she earned a B.A. in Political Science. Ms. Homel is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.



Samantha A. McGraw, Co-President

Since September 2012, Samantha has worked for Sustainable Jersey, a non-profit voluntary certification program for New Jersey municipalities and schools in sustainability, based out of The College of New Jersey. As a Program Manager, she manages the municipal and school certification programs, along with the small grants program. She also serves as the primary point of contact for New Jersey municipalities participating in Sustainable Jersey. She provides program and technical assistance for municipalities and outside organizations about the program and

certification process, maintains the Sustainable Jersey websites and contact databases, and supports a variety of task forces. Samantha is also a Senior Fellow of the Environmental Leadership Program. In her spare time she enjoys riding her bike, baking, and playing with her two cats, April and Coda. Samantha serves as the chair of the Communications Committee and Co-Chair of the Nominating Committee. Samantha holds a B.S. in Meteorology from Millersville University, and a M.A. in Political Science from Colorado State University.

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Raya Arbiol – Vice President

Raya holds a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication and an Associate's Degree in Health Science. She is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Business Administration, with specialization in Healthcare Management and Operations Management. Taking command of an operation or project, then guiding it to new performance levels, is Raya's utmost strength. Her experience encompasses project and program management, strategic planning, resource utilization, patient/client satisfaction, patient safety, performance improvement, leadership & training, and cost reduction. Her ability to analyze needs and create unique solutions designed to yield an efficient and effective outcome has proven to be one of her greatest assets. Credited with significantly impacting bottom-line viability, Raya excels at streamlining less-than-efficient procedures to boost patient satisfaction and performance improvement. Proactive management of crucial external relationships allowed her to rationalize processes.

Raya is currently working as Program Coordinator at Rutgers University – Division of HIV Prevention Community Planning & Development Initiative. She has more than 12 years of teaching experience, in different capacities, under her belt. Raya's experiences in the HIV/AIDS field include supervising an HIV Testing & Counseling site, technical assistance, Effective Behavioral Intervention training, and basic skills training.



Alyssa Johnson – Vice President

Alyssa Johnson is a Marketing Intelligence Analyst with Munich Re America in Princeton responsible for market research, data management and strategy development. Prior to that, she spent two years as a Pricing Actuary following completion of Munich Re's 2.5 year training and development rotational program. She has a passion for change and innovation, participating in numerous innovation projects and initiatives at her company and ultimately prompting her desire to undergo certification training as a Design Thinking Moderator, which she completed in early 2016. Alyssa's previous interaction with the YWCA has been through the Breast Cancer Resource Center with which she has participated in numerous events, such as their annual In the Pink Fashion Show and Paddle for Pink Dragon Boat Festival fundraising events. Alyssa currently resides in Lawrence Township with her new husband, whom she wed in June 2016. She enjoys traveling, hiking, exploring the area, spending time with family and any opportunity to be outdoors when the weather is nice. Alyssa is an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Bryn Mawr College.

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LaKitha Murray, Vice President

In the fall of 2014, LaKitha Murray was named the Senior Associate Director of Athletics for Internal Affairs and Senior Woman Administrator at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ).

Murray serves as a key member of the department's leadership team, undertaking the responsibility for management of compliance with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) and TCNJ rules and regulations. She is the liaison with admissions, oversees and monitors the scheduling of competitions, serves as event administrator and provides guidance for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Prior to her appointment at TCNJ, Murray was the Assistant Commissioner for Championships/Senior Woman Administrator for the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC). She oversaw the scheduling and operation of the championships department, its budget and staff. She also negotiated contracts for Olympic sport championships, oversaw marketing and promotions of championships, reviewed compliance and evaluated student-athlete eligibility for competition in championships.

Murray began her tenure at the Southwestern Athletic Conference in April of 2010. She was the Sports Management Administrator before becoming Director of Championships. In that role, Murray planned all championship events, developed conference schedules and oversaw budget and financial reports. In addition, she planned and coordinated the SWAC Hall of Fame reception.

A graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Murray earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in communication management with a minor in mass communications in 2008. She also was a student-athlete at UAB, playing four seasons for the women's basketball team. She continued her education at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, where she earned a Master of Science in human environmental science – sport management.

She is also a graduate of the NCCA Leadership Institute (2015) and has attended the NCAA Division III Institute for Administrative Advancement, National Association of Collegiate Women's Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) Leadership Symposium, Collegiate Athletics Leadership Symposium and NCAA Effective Facilitation Workshop.

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Katie Bruce, Secretary

Katie Bruce works as a Youth Services Librarian at the Princeton Public Library serving children, teenagers, and the families of Princeton. Although her primary focus at the library is development and management of the children's and teen print and digital collections, she participates in everything from baby storytime to librarian visits to local schools to management of teen summer volunteering opportunities. Connecting with the local community is one of Katie's favorite aspects of her job as a librarian and she looks forward to doing that in a new and meaningful way as a member of the Next Gen board! Katie grew up in Central Illinois and has both undergraduate and master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She relocated to New Jersey in 2010, originally living "down the shore" in Wildwood Crest, and moved to the Princeton area in 2014. In her spare time, Katie likes getting back to the beach when she can, baking, reading, and exploring things to do and see in Central Jersey.



Michelle M. Aurich, Treasurer

Michelle M. Aurich currently works as the Talent Acquisition Specialist at WithumSmith+Brown in Princeton. After graduating from the Rutgers Business School with a B.S. in Accounting, she has spent her entire professional life working at Withum and has experienced several of its practice areas. She first began her career as a Staff Accountant in the general accounting practice then put those skills to use in the Forensic & Valuation Services group as a Senior Associate. For the last year, Michelle has used all that she has learned about the firm, its culture, and its services to find outstanding accounting professionals interested in building a career at Withum. As a result of her career change, Michelle is back at her alma mater working towards obtaining a Master Degree in Human Resource Management.

Mrs. Aurich is a mentor to Liquid Church's Somerset County high school girls group and at the Rutgers University Business School. She served as the treasurer of International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) New Jersey Chapter from 2014 through 2017. Lastly, she is on the programming committee for WithumSmith+Brown's Women's Leadership Development Initiative (WLDI).

As a retired Captain of the Philadelphia Eagles Cheerleaders and the wife of a Princeton University football coach, in the Fall you can find her cheering on the Tigers on Saturdays and the Eagles on Sundays. Michelle and her husband, Andrew, live in Princeton and enjoy walking around town with their dog, Milo.

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Corrine E. Cooke

Corrine E. Cooke is a Shareholder in the Family Law Department at Stark & Stark, where she concentrates her practice on all aspects of divorce proceedings, including issues regarding custody, alimony, child support, and equitable distribution. She also handles post-judgment litigation including modification applications, emancipation applications, college contribution issues, and domestic violence matters. Corrine has been trained by the Administrative Offices of the Courts of New Jersey and NJICLE in Mediation. She is also trained in Collaborative

Divorce. She is a member of the South Jersey Divorce Professionals Practice Group and the Mid-Jersey Collaborative Law Alliance.

Corrine was born and raised in Ewing, New Jersey. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Economics from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and her law degree from Villanova University School of Law. Prior to joining Stark & Stark, Corrine was a law clerk to The Honorable Michael J. Haas, J.S.C. in the Family Part of Burlington County Superior Court.

Corrine is also member of the Board of Directors of Dress for Success Central New Jersey, and chairs the Event Committee for Dress for Success. She also chairs the Women's Initiative at Stark & Stark, and is a former Co-Chair of the Women Lawyers Committee of the Mercer County Bar Association. She has also been selected as a Rising Star by Thompson Reuters for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017, which is a designation limited to 2.5% of attorneys 40 years old or younger that have been practicing law less than 10 years. In her spare time, Corrine enjoys traveling, swimming, and spending time with her husband.



Anne Hoover

Anne is a Corporate Attorney at the law firm Fox Rothschild LLP in Princeton, where she represents clients in a wide range of matter such as start-up needs, entity formation, management, growth, and various transactions such as mergers, acquisitions, and sales. Anne grew up in Lawrenceville, New Jersey and attended Lawrence High School. She went to undergrad at Penn State and Rutgers University Law in Camden.

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Caitlin Kolczynski

Caitlin is a Senior Financial Analyst at the Mercadien Group in Hamilton, NJ, where she is a member of the firm's Family Office and Individual Services niche. Caitlin works closely with high net worth individuals, preparing projects and forecasts, as well as supporting the daily management of clients' closely-held businesses. She assists clients in understanding their financial needs and goals and executes strategic financial plans. Prior to joining Mercadien, Ms. Kolczynski worked as an analyst at a business valuation firm in Princeton, where she conducted full valuation assignments for privately held operating and investment companies. She worked with companies in several industries analyzing sales and mergers, corporate planning, and financial and tax reporting. Caitlin graduated from The College of New Jersey with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance with a minor in Management. She currently resides in Bordentown, NJ.



Claire Pinciario

Claire Pinciario graduated from Princeton University in 2013, where she majored in Sociology and was a member of the women's soccer team. After graduation, Claire traveled throughout South America and while she was in Peru, volunteered for The Sacred Valley Project, which provides housing and educational resources to low-income girls who live in the Andes Mountains and are looking to continue their education. Claire currently works as an Admission Officer at Princeton University. She is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the NEXT GEN Board!



Shernelle Pringle

Shernelle Pringle attended Rutgers University where she double-majored in Biology and Political Science. Her love for science landed her a career at Colgate-Palmolive Company Technology Center in Piscataway, NJ where she works on developing the next generation of Personal Care products. In her spare time, Shernelle enjoys reading, tennis, soccer and spending time with her younger siblings. She is also grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the NEXT GEN Board!

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Kristen Prentice

Kristen Prentice is excited to join the NEXT GEN Board at the YWCA Princeton. Kristen grew up locally and is an alumna of the Montgomery Township School District. After graduating high school, Kristen went to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), where she double majored in Special Education and History. Kristen graduated with her undergraduate degrees in 2011, and with her master's in 2012.

After graduation, Kristen was a middle school special education teacher at Green Brook Township Middle School for three years, and now works at the Montgomery Upper Middle School. She has taught a variety of grade levels and subject areas. In addition to teaching, Kristen also manages the aquatics programs at the Hopewell Tennis and Swim Center, and is an assistant swim coach for the Montgomery High School swim team.

In her spare time, Kristen loves to read, go to barre class, and play with her two dogs, Cooper and Brody, who are mini-goldendoodles. She is also extremely active in the Junior League of Greater Princeton. Currently, she is the co-chair of the Holiday Showhouse, the JLGP's largest fundraising event. Kristen hopes that her experience in the Junior League will help her in her role on the NEXT GEN Board.



Amy Russo

Amy is a Scientist at Colgate-Palmolive Company Technology Center in Piscataway, NJ. Having graduated with a Molecular Biology degree from Colgate University in 2009, she worked for two years at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. She subsequently earned her Master's degree from Vanderbilt University in Cell and Developmental Biology before moving back to the Princeton area in 2014 to pursue a career in industry. A travel enthusiast, she has lived in 5 different countries and counting. In her free time she enjoys dancing, singing, and

tennis.

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Amanda Sileo

As a Film and Screen Studies Major with a minor in Communications, Amanda Sileo used her degree to pursue a career in film publicity with Donna Daniels Public Relations, where she worked and became a seasoned publicist over 5 years.

Her true passions being feminism, working for equal rights, and social justice; she secured a position at Womanspace, a Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault organization in Mercer County. There, she held a part-time position as a Resident Assistant Substitute at their shelter, as well as one in administration, and volunteered for over a year. She was trained on the hotlines and is proficient in coping and support strategies, DBT skills, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Human Trafficking issues and completed 80 hours of training on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

For a short time she used her PR skills to market and advocate for Women's Empowerment and fighting racism as a Communications and Marketing Manager for the YWCA of Princeton and is a new member of the NEXT GEN Board.

Amanda has been very active in the #MeToo movement writing Op-Eds and was interviewed by Fox 29 Philly. She is now freelance writing on women's issues, looking to start work on a documentary about rape culture, continue advocacy work, and trying to make an impact.



Allison Simi

Allison Simi is a graduate student at Princeton University in the Chemical & Biological Engineering Department. She came to Princeton in 2012 after earning a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT. Her research uses engineering approaches to tackle challenges in oncology.

Outside of research, Allison is frequently involved in the development of various administrative programs. Most recently she served on the program development and pre-event programming teams for the second annual Princeton Research Day, a campus-wide event which gives Princeton University researchers the opportunity to present their work.

A native of West Windsor, Allison is a Jersey girl at heart. She enjoys spending time with her family, most of whom are still local. In her spare time Allison is either teaching group fitness classes at the gym or trying a new recipe in the kitchen.

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Amber Yates

Amber Yates moved to Ewing, New Jersey from Salem, NJ. She studied Communication with a concentration in public relations and journalism, receiving a B.A. at Monmouth University. She moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FL and pursued her M.S in Leadership at Nova Southeastern University. While in Florida gaining her Leadership degree, she picked up her passion for helping others understand the power of leading and engaging with the community. Moving back to New Jersey, She joined and volunteered at Table to Table Delivering: Food to Those Who Need It

Most in the Ironbound section of Newark, NJ. She seeks to gain ample experience and growth in helping others. She seeks to improve the quality of life for others in her community by giving back. Amber currently works at The College of New Jersey as the Assistant to the CIO/VP of Information Technology. She resides in Ewing, NJ.