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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.



Corrine E. Cooke

Corrine E. Cooke is a Family Law attorney 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 was born and raised in Ewing, New Jersey. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Business 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, where she was trained by the Administrative Offices of the Courts of New Jersey in Mediation. She is also trained in collaborative divorce and is a member of South Jersey Collaborative Divorce Professionals.

Corrine is a member of the Board of Directors of Dress for Success Mercer County, 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

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by Thompson Reuters for 2014, 2015, and 2016, 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, Tom, and their puppy, Charlie.



Alison DiDonato – Vice President

Alison DiDonato received her BA in Art History and International Relations from American University in 2014 and went on to complete an MA in Arts Management, Policy, and Practice at the University of Manchester in Manchester, UK. She is currently the Development Associate at the Arts Council of Princeton, a nonprofit community arts organization, and previously has worked as a program coordinator for nonprofit organization In Place of War, which works toward mobilizing grassroots artistic production in former sites of conflict. The focus of her academic research and her passion is the social impact of the arts, and ensuring equal access to cultural opportunities for under-served members of the community.



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. 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 and New Jersey. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of New Jersey.

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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.



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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Alicia Kim - Treasurer

Alicia Kim is an Account Executive at Feinstein Kean Healthcare in Parsippany, NJ, where she implements strategic communication efforts for clients in the healthcare industry. Prior to moving to Princeton, Alicia lived in Washington, DC, where she served at a healthcare association. With experience in media relations, social media, issues management and event planning, Alicia is looking forward to using her communications skills to help YWCA Princeton achieve its mission. Alicia grew up in Chicago and is a graduate of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI.



Samantha A. McGraw

For over the last three and a half years 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. Samantha manages both certification programs, and is 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. She is looking forward to serving as an inaugural member of the NEXT Gen Board, learning about the Board's roles and responsibilities, and working toward the YWCA's mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. 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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LaKitha Murray

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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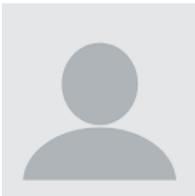
Elizabeth Pierre – Co-President

Elizabeth is Training and Education Program Officer at ICAP at Columbia University, where she develops and coordinates training and technical assistance activities, with a focus on global health research training programs. Prior to joining ICAP, Elizabeth worked as the Outreach and Education Coordinator for the Breast Cancer Resource Center at the YWCA-Princeton and as a Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist at SAFE in New Jersey. She has also worked for Partners in Health in Rwanda and currently serves as Adjunct Professor at Kean University, where she teaches Human Sexuality and Nutrition. She holds a MPH and Global Health Certificate from Drexel University and a Project Management Professional Certification. Her work has always focused on health equity, social justice, and women’s empowerment, as she is dedicated to making a social impact through her career.



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!



Kristen Prentice - Secretary

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.

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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.



Samantha Stern-Leaphart

Samantha currently lives in Pennington, NJ with her husband, toddler, and two cats. After growing up in California, Hawaii, and Virginia, Samantha traveled to upstate New York and earned her bachelor's degree in English at the University of Rochester. She then enrolled in an English PhD program at Rutgers University, where she fell in love with both her future husband and the lovely state of New Jersey. After discovering a passion for being in the classroom, Samantha left the program with a master's degree and pursued a career in independent school education. She currently lives and works at The Pennington School, a day/boarding school in central NJ, as an English teacher, hall parent, class dean, and Director of Multicultural Affairs. Samantha is especially passionate about education and social justice, but her hobbies also include reading, exploring New Jersey with her family and keeping up with her New Yorker subscription.