



## 2018-19 ELECTION of BOARD OFFICERS

### David Ford ~ PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE



David Julius Ford, Jr., Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS

David Julius Ford, Jr. holds a B.A. in Psychology and an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, both from Wake Forest University. In May 2014, he earned his Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision at Old Dominion University. Dr. Ford is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) in North Carolina and Virginia. He is a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS). Dr. Ford recently completed his third year as an Assistant Professor of Counselor Education in the Department of Graduate Psychology at James Madison University, where he serves as the faculty adviser to the Nu Lambda chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and the JMU Gospel Choir.

Dr. Ford's professional interests are Black Greek life; multicultural issues; college students; African American males in higher education; addictions counseling; supervision; group work; qualitative research; the LGBTQQIA community; Intersectionality; and persons living with HIV/AIDS. He has experience as an instructor for undergraduate human services courses and has taught graduate courses on career counseling, testing and assessment, clinical mental health counseling, addictions counseling, practicum supervision, and group counseling. He has also taught a doctoral-level dissertation course and a doctoral-level course in grant-writing and program evaluation. He has six years providing clinical supervision to Master's-level and Doctoral-level students and to LPC residents. He is one of 24 inaugural fellows of the NBCC Minority Fellowship Program. Dr. Ford is a classically-trained pianist and is a proud and active member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. As an undergraduate, he had the privilege of taking a class taught by the late Dr. Maya Angelou. Dr. Ford currently lives in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

### Rebecca Kaderli ~ PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE



It is an honor to be nominated for VCA President-Elect and humbling to be counted among VCA's leaders after an 88 year tradition of organizational excellence. It has been my privilege over the past year to serve on the VCA Executive Committee as your Secretary, and on the Board of Directors for the last five years. Thank you. It is a great time to be a member of VCA. We have an outstanding reputation as a 5 Star Branch of the American Counseling Association and are proud of our current and historical commitment to advocacy, born in legislation for Virginia to be the first state in the nation to license counselors. Our School Counselors have made strides in mental health screenings and reduction of suspension lengths. Our professional development events are outstanding. We are celebrating diversity like never before. I work long and hard as a counselor and I love my job. As a Licensed Professional Counselor for the Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, I was just awarded the 2018 Champion Award for Advocacy, for effectively and appropriately advocating for an underserved population.

I have worked side by side since 2012 with our School Counselors in the Richmond Area Counselors Association and presented to our local Counselor Education Programs. My work is a reason to get up in the morning, and, because I love my work, I love VCA...the organization that exists to promote the counseling profession. I have a vision: a vibrant VCA with a fresh, new look. This starts with a website makeover increasing user friendliness. VCA will put social media to work to develop a robust public impact. We will continue the fine VCA tradition of strategic planning, but with some updates. Our current

plan has 5 goals and 26 strategies. We will streamline this plan to create achievable outcomes, and then we will achieve them. If each year, the new president ensured that the initiatives of the last administration were carried forward, concurrently with new ideas, this organization would accomplish more than any of us can imagine. I envision working with the incoming Board to propel the current initiatives of VCA into the future. My work in the role of VCA Parliamentarian has helped me understand how we keep business moving. VCA's future is not about my personal goals as a president, but about the organization's constant forward motion and progress, with each generation of leadership carrying out and adding to the legacy before it. That is my vision. Vibrant, Forward Focused, Strong. Thank you for your consideration for VCA President-Elect. Rebecca Kaderli, LPC, NCC, has served on the Board of Directors for VCA since 2013, in the positions of VCA Parliamentarian, Secretary-Elect, Secretary, and multi-year President of the Richmond Area Counselors Association. She has served three years each on the Awards Committee and Convention Programs Committee. She twice received the Richmond Area Chapter Member of the Year award and is the creator of the RACA Spring Symposium, just completing its third and most successful year. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified Counselor, and Registered Supervisor. She holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from South University, and Bachelors in Psychology from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Affiliations include the American Counseling Association, Virginia Counselors Association, Richmond Area Counselors Association, Virginia Clinical Counselors Association, National Alliance of Mental Illness, and Chi Sigma Iota. Rebecca lives in Glen Allen, Virginia, with her sportscaster husband and tweenage daughter. She is a voracious reader of period romance novels and a novice power lifter.

## **Michael Trexler ~ SECRETARY-ELECT CANDIDATE**



As my VA-ASERVIC presidency term comes to an end, I would like to continue my service to VCA in a greater capacity. Over the past year, I have been actively involved in both my division and VCA at-large, and have worked closely with the VCA Director, Member Services & Operations to accomplish an ethics webinar. My role as a division president has primarily been administrative in nature, and I believe this, in addition to my position as Director of Liberty University's counseling center, has prepared me to serve at this state level.

As Secretary-Elect, I would like to see my creative, organizational, and administrative skills utilized to help advance and accomplish VCA's strategic plan. Moreover, I would like to work with other board members to review our written documents to ensure accuracy and consistency.

**Dr. LaConda Fanning ~ TREASURER-ELECT CANDIDATE**



Hello! My name is LaConda G. Ambrose Fanning. I am currently serving as the Chair on the Professional Development Committee for the Virginia Counselors Association. I am honored to pursue a nomination to run for Treasurer-Elect of VCA. For the upcoming 2018-19 term, I would be honored to serve the Virginia Counselors Association as treasurer-elect. I bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise with administration, fiscal management, organizational oversight and collaborative networking. I have had the opportunity to successfully maintain and grow my own clinical mental health organization, to clinically direct the Norfolk branch of Christian Psychotherapy services, and to be the pastor of administration in my local church. I understand the importance of consistency and oversight in day-to-day financial responsibility and accountability coupled with the integrity and ethics that shape the overarching vision of the VCA.

My vision is to create and maintain a fiscally sound Virginia Counselors Association by addressing common operational needs and imperatives in an efficient and innovative manner through shared scalable, best-practices-based solutions. It is my goal to assist with monitoring fiduciary oversight and provide outstanding service that provides value to, and instills confidence by, the organization's executive board, committees, and members-at-large. My vision and goals can be achieved through shared solutions and a shared foundation that integrate the values of the VCA to include service, integrity, innovation, people, and respect.

**Dr. Terri Mason ~ TREASURER-ELECT CANDIDATE**



My vision is to support the growth of the Virginia Counselors Association as a home for ALL Counselors in Virginia. My goal is to achieve growth through strong and responsible fiscal management and continuing to find ways to bring in revenue for the organization.

I would like to be the next VCA Treasurer because I have a strong sense of fiscal responsibility and understand the importance of transparency and strong financial management to ensure the future of Virginia Counselors Association. I have experience with the VCA budget as a VCA Board Member and Executive Board Member for the last three years. Additionally, I have worked closely with the Virginia Association of Specialists in Group Work budget as I have overseen the planning of and budget for VASGW's annual Group A Rama conference.