

FIRST PITCH | CHRISTOPHER WASHINGTON

Sergeant Washington is a Police Sergeant with the Virginia Beach Police Department, where he serves as the first-line supervisor for the Support Division's Youth Services Unit.

With over 17 years of experience in law enforcement, Sergeant Washington has led initiatives that unite the police and community through engagement, training, and mentorship.

Known for his practical and relatable approach, he has received numerous accolades throughout his career. He was awarded the 2016 Officer of the Year by both the 4th Precinct CAC and the Rotary Club, earned the Life Saving Award in 2021, and was recognized as a 2024 Neptune Festival Hometown Hero.

NATIONAL ANTHEM | ERIN DUBOISE

Erin DuBose, a Hampton Roads native, is in her ninth year teaching chorus at Plaza Middle School in Virginia Beach.

An Old Dominion University honors graduate with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, she was a F. Ludwig Diehn Scholarship recipient and performed with the Diehn Chorale.

Driven by a lifelong passion for teaching and music, Ms. DuBose helps her students develop strong vocal technique and a deep appreciation for choral literature. Under her direction, her choirs consistently earn annual Superior ratings at the District Choral Assessment.



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Celebrating Excellence in Virginia Beach

In April, we invited the community to help us recognize the BEST of Virginia Beach City and Schools, and once again, the response was overwhelming in the best possible way. Employees from across the City of Virginia Beach and Virginia Beach City Public Schools were nominated by coworkers, supervisors, friends, families, and community members — each story shining a light on the people who make a difference every single day.

From classrooms and public safety to public works and support services, these individuals represent the heart of our community. Their dedication, compassion, leadership, and commitment to service help make Virginia Beach a better place to live, work, and learn. Many go above and beyond without expecting recognition, simply because they care deeply about the people they serve.

At Beach Municipal FCU, we are proud to celebrate the individuals who embody excellence in action and demonstrate what it truly means to serve others. It is an honor to recognize the following outstanding employees whose hard work, positive impact, and unwavering commitment continue to strengthen our city and schools every day.

MPO CHRISTOPHER CURRY

Master Police Officer | Virginia Beach Police Department

MPO Curry has been a Virginia Beach Police Officer for 13 years. During his career, he has served in several units, including Patrol in the 2nd and 4th precincts, the Oceanfront Community Policing Unit, and as a K9 Handler. MPO Curry says the best part of his role is keeping the city safe for his family and yours.

KEYONA EDWARDS

Special Education Teacher | Windsor Woods Elementary

Keyona Edwards is a Special Education teacher at Windsor Woods Elementary School and has worked for Virginia Beach Public Schools for 13 years. She says the best part of being a Special Educator is watching each student reach milestones at their own pace and in their own way. She especially enjoys seeing the excitement and pride they feel when, through hard work and determination, they overcome a skill that once challenged them.

JACLYN GUEVARA

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher | Fairfield Elementary School

Jaclyn Guevara comes from a family of public servants, and that background inspired her passion for helping others and serving the community. She has worked in Early Childhood Special Education for the past three years and has been a volunteer with the Princess Anne Courthouse Volunteer Rescue Squad for the past five years. “I’m proud to be what my students know as a ‘community helper’!”

LARMAYA USHER

Development Specialist | Virginia Beach Library Development Office

Larmaya Usher brings more than 2.5 years of service to the City of Virginia Beach and transitioned to the Department of Libraries last year, where she now leads the Development Team.

As the Development Specialist for the Virginia Beach Library Foundation, Larmaya cultivates and strengthens relationships with funders, donors, and strategic partners to support and elevate the Virginia Beach library system.

Her favorite thing about her role is helping to ensure the City’s libraries continue to thrive. Get your library card today!

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