

Name: **Kyle Anderson**



Company/Organization: Farm Bureau Insurance of TN

Title/Position: Insurance Agent

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: Maryville High School; East Tennessee State University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Coram Deo Baptist Church – Elder; A Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee – Board of Directors; Blount County Public Library – Library Trustee; Blount County Chamber of Commerce – Member – Former Board of Directors; Blount County Young Professionals – Member – Former Chair; Blount County Parks & Rec – Basketball Player-Coach

Name: **David Barrett**



Company/Organization: 134th Air Refueling Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard

Title/Position: Commander, 134th Mission Support Group

Hometown: Knoxville, TN

Education: The Military College of South Carolina, The Citadel (B.S. Civil Engineering;) The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (M.S. Civil Engineering;) United States Army War College (M.S. Strategic Studies)

Community/Professional Affiliations: Registered Professional Engineer - State of Tennessee; The Citadel Alumni Association - Lifetime Member; Youth Leader - Knoxville First Church of God; Volunteer Stroke & Turn Official for local Swim Teams

Name: **Holly Bennett Clark, AMP**



Company/Organization: Clarkmore Lending powered by Edge Home Finance

Title/Position: Mortgage Loan Originator

Hometown: Greenville, Texas

Education: University of Arkansas; Accredited Mortgage Professional designation by Mortgage Bankers Association

Community/Professional Affiliations: Membership Chair & Future Leaders I committee member - Tennessee Mortgage Bankers Association; 2026 Knoxville Mortgage Bankers Association president circle award winner; 2026 TNMBA Mortgage Banker of the year award winner; volunteer teacher with TN Jr. Achievement; TN Farm Bureau Women's Group (Agriculture); National MBA Residential Future Leaders; TNMBA Future Leaders I&II Alumni Association

Name: **Chad Birge**



Company/Organization: Arconic Tennessee Operations

Title/Position: Director of Manufacturing/Plant Manager

Hometown: Lafayette, IN

Education: BS Mechanical Engineering, Purdue University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Certified Six Sigma Green Belt; volunteers locally at Community Food Connection, Second Harvest and Habitat for Humanity; helps with local youth sports; licensed pilot; enjoys boating on local lakes with his family.

Name: **Carissa Blackwell**



Company/Organization: State of Tennessee Department of Health

Title/Position: Blount County Health Director

Hometown: Alcoa, TN

Education: Alcoa High School-Diploma, Colorado Technical University Master's and Bachelor's-Healthcare Management

Community/Professional Affiliations: Alcoa City Schools Foundation-Board Member, Blount Benefits, Street Outreach Services- Volunteer

Name: **Jackson Blankenbeckler**



Company/Organization: Senior Helpers

Title/Position: Director of Business Development

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: A.S., Pellissippi State Community College and East Tennessee State University (undergraduate Studies)

Community/Professional Affiliations: Blount County Senior Action Committee Member, Blount County Health Initiative Member, Blount County Senior Resource Network Member, Blount Partnership Chamber Ambassador, Praise Lutheran Church of Maryville, PJ Parkinson's Support Group Facilitator

Name: **Beau Branton**



Company/Organization: Vienna Coffee Company

Title/Position: Director of Operations

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: Maryville High School; Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Maryville College;
Master of Arts, Government, Johns Hopkins University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Downtown Maryville Alliance Committee Member,
Maryville College Blount County Alumni Association Board Member

Name: **Derek Brawner**



Company/Organization: Northwestern Mutual

Title/Position: Financial Advisor

Hometown: Huntsville, TN

Education: University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Community/Professional Affiliations: Clark's Grove Church — Cub Scout Pack leader and Adult Sunday School teacher; F3 — Active member and peer leader in leadership and fitness initiatives emphasizing accountability and service; Blount County Chamber Early Education Task Force Member; KARM Men's Leadership Association (KMLA); University of Tennessee Herbert College of Agriculture Alumni Council Member.

Name: **Kelsey Love Caughron**



Company/Organization: Clayton

Title/Position: Team Member Experience Program Manager

Hometown: Alcoa

Education: University of Tennessee Knoxville

Community/Professional Affiliations: PTO Vice President of Alcoa Intermediate School, PTO Social Media and Graphics at Alcoa Elementary School, PTO Social Media and Graphics at Alcoa Middle School, Program Owner for recognition programs within Vanderbilt Mortgage and Silverton Mortgage.

Name: **Pamela Coleman**



Company/Organization: McNabb Center

Title/Position: Assistant Director of Development

Hometown: Knoxville, TN

Education: M.A. Social Entrepreneurship, Carson Newman University; B.A. Psychology and Religion, Carson Newman University; Karns High School

Community/Professional Affiliations: Big BBQ Bash Event Coordinator, Fellowship Church, Junior League of Knoxville

Name: **Elizabeth Ek**



Company/Organization: Stride

Title/Position: Program Manager

Hometown: Toledo, Ohio now Alcoa, TN

Education: BS, M.Ed.

Community/Professional Affiliations: The Morning Cup, Toastmasters; Foothills
Community Players

Name: **Brooke Everett**



Company/Organization: Alcoa City Schools

Title/Position: Health Science Program Instructor, Alcoa High School

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: William Blount High School, Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Education Specialist degree from Lincoln Memorial University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Clark's Grove Cumberland Presbyterian Church - Elder - Pianist - VBS co-director - Women's Ministry President; Secret Safe Place for Newborns of Tennessee - Board Member, Education Committee member; Scouting America - Adult Volunteer; Soul Train Ministry - Volunteer; Lads 2 Leaders - Volunteer

Name: **Krysti Franklin**



Company/Organization: J. Danforth Mercantile/The Landmark and Massey Properties

Title/Position: Managing Partner for JDM/The Landmark, Design for Massey Properties

Hometown: Olathe, KS

Education: Professional Affiliations: John F. Kennedy High School diploma, Sacramento City College courses with continuing professional coursework in Interior Design and Artificial Intelligence applications for Interior Design.

Name: **Grace Galyon**



Company/Organization: ICC International

Title/Position: Director of Marketing

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: William Blount High School, Pellissippi State, Tusculum University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Blount Co. Habitat for Humanity - Construction Couture Committee Member & Judge, Past Participant; United Way of Blount County - Clay Shoot Committee; EASA (Electrical Apparatus Service Association); Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games - Past Vice President & Board Member

Name: **Kyle Harris**



Company/Organization: Maryville City Schools

Title/Position: Principal, Maryville Academy

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: BA, Maryville College; MS, University of Tennessee; Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Springbrook Vineyard Church, Little League coach

Name: **Dr. April Herron**



Company/Organization: Blount County Schools

Title/Position: Chief of Elementary Instruction

Hometown: Fresno, Ca & Louisville, TN

Education: William Blount High School 2002; TN Tech University: Bachelors in Elementary Education 2006; Lincoln Memorial University: Masters & Educational Specialist Degrees in Instructional Supervision 2008-2009; University of Tennessee: Teaching Endorsements in K-8 & 6-12 Special Education; Doctorate in Educational Leadership 2025

Community/Professional Affiliations: Foothills Church Partner, FC Students Volunteer, TAASE Board of Directors 2025 East Region Representative; Governors Academy of School Leadership (GASL) Mentor; LMU Education Advisory Council Member

Name: **Jina Holtzclaw**



Company/Organization: Clayton Homes / Netforge Technology Solutions

Title/Position: Sr Network Engineer / Founder

Hometown: Walland, TN

Education: ITT Technical Institute - AAS in Computer Networking Systems;
Certified Range Safety Officer (RSO); First Aid/CPR/AED certified

Community/Professional Affiliations: Vice President on the Board of Directors for the FBI Knoxville Citizens Academy Alumni Association; Women in Tech; Knoxville Technology Council; Knoxville Technology Alliance; Blount County Sheriff's Office Citizens Academy alumni; McGhee Tyson Airport Aviation Academy alumni; volunteer mentor helping students explore careers in technology

Name: **Stacey Hoxworth**



Company/Organization: Blount County Schools

Title/Position: Principal-Porter Elementary School

Hometown: Millersburg, Ohio

Education: 1988-1994-United States Navy, 1998 Johnson University — B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies, 1999 Johnson University— M.Ed. in Education, 2010 Lincoln Memorial University — Ed.S. in Instructional Leadership

Community/Professional Affiliations: National Association of Elementary School Principals, TOSS (Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents), Blount County Schools Administrators Association, Little River Watershed Association

Name: **Janet Hudson**



Company/Organization: LifeWave

Title/Position Brand Partner: 3 Star Director

Hometown: Born in Munich Germany while my Dad was stationed there. Maryville has been my hometown since 1999. It is the longest I've lived anywhere.

Education: Master of Science in Nursing/Anesthesia; Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA;) Neuro-Linguistics Programming (NLP) Certification

Community/Professional Affiliations: Blount Chamber ambassador 2025-present; Coordinator for Operation Whole Health: A Veteran Care Event , 2026; Rocky Top Veterans Foundation Board Member 2025-present; Volunteer coordinator for Veteran breakfasts 2024-present; Joy of Dawn Board Member 2023-present; The Morning Cup Toastmasters 2022- present (secretary 2024-2025); Member Fairview Methodist Church 2014-present (choir & international mission trips)

Name: **Josh Jones**



Company/Organization: ADJ Travel Company

Title/Position: Co-Owner/ Operations Manager

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: Alcoa High School 1993

Community/Professional Affiliations:

F3 Smokies (Fitness, Fellowship and Faith), Active Member and Leadership Development Participant; Church of the Redeemer, Member; Founding Member, Blount County Travel Club; Volunteer and supporter of various community and school initiatives throughout Blount County

Name: **Brandon Leitch**



Company/Organization: Vulcan Materials

Title/Position: Customer Sales & Service Rep.

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: William Blount High School Class of 2014; Tennessee Wesleyan University Class of 2018 – B.S Business Administration; Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) 2017-2018

Community/Professional Affiliations: Blount County School Board District 3 GOP Nominee, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Tennessee Wesleyan University Alumni Board President, Tennessee Wesleyan University Goodfriend School of Business Advisory Council, Volunteer for Empty Pantry Fund

Name: **Catey McClary**



Company/Organization: Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont

Title/Position: President and CEO

Hometown: Brentwood, TN

Education: B.S. Ecology, Appalachian State University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Appalachian Mountain Bike Club- Board President; Conservation Fisheries Inc.- Board Member

Name: **Katelyn McGuire**



Company/Organization: Tennessee Valley Coalition for the Homeless

Title/Position: Executive Director

Hometown: Poseyville, Indiana

Education: Bachelor of Science | Purdue University, Master of Public Health | Purdue University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care Lead Agency Executive Director, Blount County Young Professionals, TMDHSAS Region 2 Planning & Policy Council, CMHSI Supportive Housing Taskforce, Local, state, and federal advocacy work, Volunteer for United Way of Blount County Grant Allocations Panel

Name: **Ashley Merrick**



Company/Organization: United Capping LLC

Title/Position: Founder and Owner

Hometown: Clarkrange, TN

Education: Middle Tennessee State University, Bachelors degree, University of South Alabama, Masters degree

Community/Professional Affiliations: Maryville City Schools Foundation Board Member (2024- present), Joy of Dawn Co- Chair (2024-2026), Blount Partnership, Junior Service League of Maryville President, Vice-President, Community Impact Chair, Social chair (2016-2021)

Name: **Rick Pope**



Company/Organization: Joseph Construction

Title/Position: Vice President – Co-Owner

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: Maryville High School, University of Tennessee – Knoxville: Bachelor of Science Broadcast/Audio Engineering

Community/Professional Affiliations: Clayton-Bradley Academy: Board of Directors, Blount Community Church: Audio/Lighting, TSSAA: Football Referee, Blount County Football Officials Association: Steering Committee, Audio Engineer: Maryville High School Theater, Montgomery Ridge Intermediate Theater, Drift Boat Cowboys.

Name: **Sarah Prater**



Company/Organization: Maryville Acupuncture and Tennessee Center for Reproductive Acupuncture

Title/Position: Owner

Hometown: Rockford, IL

Education: BS Biology 2005 Indiana University – Bloomington, IN, MS Oriental Medicine 2008 Southwest Acupuncture College – Santa Fe, NM,

Community/Professional Affiliations: American Society of Acupuncturists, Tennessee Acupuncture Council, Blount Chamber of Commerce Member

Name: **Jonathan Rodgers**



Company/Organization: American Medical Response

Title/Position: Operations Manager, Blount County

Hometown: Louisville, TN

Education: William Blount High School, Roane State Community College, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Community/Professional Affiliations: Blount County Rescue Squad Board of Directors Chairman, Regional Medical Communications Center for Region II EMS Chairman, Region II EMS Directors Association member, State of Tennessee Ambulance Committee member, Roane State Community College Health Sciences Board Chairman, Attends First United Methodist Church, Maryville

Name: **Julia Sayles**



Company/Organization: Kingdom Design Ministries; Kindred Coffee

Title/Position: Executive Director of KDM; Owner of Kindred Coffee

Hometown: Maryville TN

Education: University of TN at Chattanooga

Community/Professional Affiliations: Blount County Young Life; Blount County Young Professionals; Member at City Church

Name: **Shelby Shankland**



Company/Organization: Shelby for TN, Shelby Shankland Life Coach

Title/Position: Blount County Clerk Candidate, Life Coach, Project Management Professional

Hometown: Easton, PA

Education: BS in Flute Performance - San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Certified Associate Integral Coach, Certified LifeWorks Coach, Barrett Values Centre Culture Assessment & Leadership Coaching Certification

Community/Professional Affiliations: Secretary of the Historic College Hill Association, Personnel Manager of Oak Ridge Civic Music Association, Member of the Canvas Leadership Community

Name: **Stanley Simmons**



Company/Organization: DENSO Manufacturing

Title/Position: Director, Electrification Systems Division

Hometown: Spencer, TN

Education: BS Mechanical Engineering, Tennessee Technological University

Community/Professional Affiliations: Redemption Outreach Church – Young Adult Leader, Board Member; Habitat for Humanity volunteer; United Way volunteer; WBHS football team volunteer; New Hope Children’s Advocacy Center supporter.

Name: **Amanda Small**



Company/Organization: Be Aware Blount Prevention and Wellness Coalition

Title/Position: Executive Director

Hometown: Maryville

Education: Heritage High School, University of Tennessee: BA in Psychology and MS in Teacher Education, Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS1)

Community/Professional Affiliations: Maryville 1st UMC, Blount County Community Health Initiative, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Alliance, Tennessee Nonprofit Network: TeamUp Fundraising Cohort, Appalachian Ballet Company-Parent Volunteer

Name: **Laura Snoderly**



Company/Organization: TruYou Aesthetics Medical Spa & Snoderly Land Surveying

Title/Position: Office Manager, TruYou Aesthetics Medical Spa;
Co-Owner, Snoderly Land Surveying

Hometown: Maryville, Tennessee

Education: Heritage High School

Community/Professional Affiliations: Executive Board Member, Blount County Education Foundation; Founding Member of the BCEF Bow Tie Gala Planning Committee; Ambassador, Blount County Chamber of Commerce.

Name: **Katie Stinnett**



Company/Organization: RT Lodge

Title/Position: Director of Sales & Marketing

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: Carson-Newman University, BA in Applied Psychology

Community/Professional Affiliations: Downtown Maryville Alliance Promotions Committee member, Volunteer Social Media Manager for Blount County Young Lives, 3rd Thursday Art Walk Committee member, Blount County K9 Chili Cook Off Committee member

Name: **Kevin Stoltenberg**



Company/Organization: City of Maryville

Title/Position: Assistant City Manager

Hometown: Granger, IN

Education: BS Civil Engineering-Southern Illinois University, MS Civil Engineering-University of Tennessee

Community/Professional Affiliations: Tennessee City Managers Association, Institute of Transportation Engineers, Downtown Maryville Alliance Board Member, Maryville Municipal Planning Commissioner, US Navy Veteran

Name: **Hilary Trudell**



Company/Organization: Just Communities of Arkansas/The Yarn

Title/Position: CEO/Executive Producer

Hometown: Knoxville, TN

Education: Master of Public Service (MPS)

Community/Professional Affiliations: Walton College of Business Executive Education — Faculty Lead; Clinton School of Public Service - Adjunct Faculty; Arkansas Public Administration Consortium (APAC) — Group Facilitation Instructor; Lift Every Voice Advisory Committee; ACANSA Arts Festival — Former Secretary and Board Member; Founder and Storytelling Coach — *The Yarn* (community storytelling initiative); Public School Strong - Community Outreach Chair; American Red Cross - Volunteer

Name: **Missy Weeks**



Company/Organization: Senior Care Partners Foundation

Title/Position: Executive Director

Hometown: Maryville, TN

Education: Alcoa High School Class of 1992, Walters State Community College-AASN

Community/Professional Affiliations: Former board member for the Kidney Foundation of Chattanooga, former board member for COSEHC (Consortium for Southeastern Hypertension Control), volunteer for National Kidney Foundation, volunteer for Maryville Boy Scout Troop 88

Name: **Brittney Whipple**



Company/Organization: Keep Blount Beautiful

Title/Position: Executive Director

Hometown: Kalamazoo, MI

Education: Grand Valley State University, B.S. Public and Nonprofit Administration

Community/Professional Affiliations: Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee mentor, YMCA of East Tennessee instructor, Blount County Solid Waste Authority board member