



Board of Directors Richmond Urban Collective

Brandon Tutwiler Treasurer

Brandon is a finance guru with broad experience in the public and private sectors. Presently, he works as a Principal Process Manager for Capital One. His specialties include Budgeting, Forecasting, Financial Modeling, and Financial Reporting. Brandon earned his M.B.A. in Finance, Strategy, and International Business at Vanderbilt University. He has an undergraduate degree in Accounting from Georgetown University.

Zewelanji Serpell Special Advisor, Pedagogy & Curriculum

Zewelanji serves as Associate Professor in Virginia State University's Department of Psychology. Dr. Serpell specializes in school-based interventions that enhance social and academic outcomes by targeting students' underlying cognitive skills. Zewelanji earned the Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Howard University.

John L. Taylor, III, Attorney Special Advisor, Law and Policy

John has practiced law in Richmond for three decades. He specializes in real estate law, but his depth of experience and case load spans the gamut---domestic law, wills and estates, criminal and traffic law, and personal injury matters. Attorney Taylor attained the juris doctorate degree at Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Cheryl D. Christian Director

Cheryl instructs students in English at her alma mater, Virginia State University. Her specialties include Composition and Rhetoric. She hails from Richmond and holds the Master of Arts in English from Virginia State University.

Shanee Harmon Special Advisor, Charter Policy

Shanee's professional focus is health policy. She serves as President of the Urban League's Young Professionals Network, and as a key person on local charter school matters. Shanee's specialization is Education. She has significant experience in grant writing and charter school policy, and holds master's degrees in Economic Development and Education.

Greg Washington
Director

Greg grew up in the family business. Now as Area Supervisor for his family's local McDonald's franchise, Greg brings decades of valuable entrepreneurial experience to our team. Notably, he has also served with the United States Navy Reserve for twenty-two years. Greg shares his leadership acumen with youth as Assistant Coach for a local high school junior varsity basketball team, and as a member of Concerned Black Men of Richmond. Greg attended Old Dominion University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Kevin Howard, M.D.
Director

Dr. Howard serves as a professor in the Department of Math and Science for J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. Previously, he worked as a Public Health Specialist for World Bank. Kevin specializes in Public Health, Education, and Applied Clinical Nutrition. Presently, he is leading a community development initiative to establish health wellness centers in medically-underserved communities.

Jimmy King
Founder

For more than 15 years, Jimmy King has served as a mental health professional. As counselor, mentor, and surrogate parent to tough kids, caught in tough circumstances, in tough neighborhoods throughout the Richmond area, his work is never done. His experiences in youth development sparked a dream to create a local school dedicated to lifting black male youth above their circumstances to achieve academic and professional success. Jimmy studied Political Science at Norfolk State University.

Tunya Bingham
Founder

Tunya's corporate career began with a brief stint in lodging hospitality operations management. Soon, she transitioned to corporate income tax. A passion for creative conflict resolution and tough cases made her a natural for specializing in corporate tax controversy resolution. Tunya's professional tool chest includes Controversy Management, Strategic Planning, Project Management, Process Engineering, Legal Research, and Business Operations Management. She is wired to create and grow things, especially solutions related to developing communities and children. Consequently, she has been a volunteer for the past 25 years for a variety of endeavors, including a local, church-based SAT Prep Project. Tunya earned an undergraduate degree in International Economics and Finance from Georgetown University.