

# Kate Beasley Area Director Walton Communities

Nickname: Katie

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Alex

Children: Charlie (6), Lily (3)

Fur Babies: 2 cats: Kirby & Piper

Place of Birth: Boynton Beach, FL

Birthday: October 5

Alma Mater: University of Georgia

### Kate Beasley

### Favorite sports team:

Georgia Bulldogs

#### **Favorite movie:**

Jurassic Park

### Favorite song to dance to:

There are SO many- Got to Give It Up Part 1-Marvin Gaye

What one item can you not live without?
My Kindle

### **Dream Vacation:**

Positano, Italy

### Favorite hobby:

Reading

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Meghann Fahy

### Who do you most admire?

My Dad for his always positive attitude and ability to put others before himself.



### **Rodney Drinkard**

Vice President, Global Security & Asset Protection The Coca-Cola Company

Nickname: Rod

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Shelby

Children: Powell (M)-18, Mayson (F)-20

Fur Babies: 2 male cats: Sokka & Tango

Place of Birth: Macon, GA

Birthday: November 26

Alma Mater: Jonesboro High School, Oglethorpe

University, Mercer University



# Rodney Drinkard

**Favorite sports team:** 

Atlanta Braves

**Favorite movie:** 

**Tombstone** 

Favorite song to dance to:

Fins

What one item can you not live without?

The Economist

**Dream Vacation:** 

7 Days in the British Virgin Islands with my wife

Favorite hobby:

Fishing

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Harrison Ford

Who do you most admire?

My father



### **David Esterline**

Principal; Business Unit Director of Higher Education CROFT & Associates

Nickname: Dave

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Lindsay

Children: Charlize, Ella and Addie

Fur Babies: Zoe - dog

Place of Birth: Chattanooga, TN

Birthday: March 4

Alma Mater: GA Tech & UF



## **David Esterline**

Favorite sports team:

**UF Gators** 

**Favorite movie:** 

**Dumb and Dumber** 

Favorite song to dance to:

Tootsee Roll

What one item can you not live without?

Chocolate (dark)

**Dream Vacation:** 

Tahiti

**Favorite hobby:** 

Running

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Seth Meyers

Who do you most admire?

Carlo Scarpa - architect





# Jessica Guinn Community Development Agency Director Cobb County Government

Nickname: Jess

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: Eric (15)

Fur Babies: None

Place of Birth: Atlanta, GA

Birthday: April 7

Alma Mater: The Real MHS and the great university

on Chastain Road



## Jessica Guinn

### Favorite sports team:

Cobb County Braves, of course!

#### **Favorite movie:**

Mean Girls

### Favorite song to dance to:

No Hands- Waka Flocka Flame

### What one item can you not live without?

Diet Coke

### **Dream Vacation:**

Phuket, Thailand but without Thai food

### Favorite hobby:

All things outside... except yardwork

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Nicole Kidman, naturally, because she's also a tall redhead

### Who do you most admire?

Tough one, but probably my boss, Dr. Jackie McMorris



### **Tim Henderson**

Cobb County Business Development Officer
LGE Community Credit Union

Nickname: My friends called me T growing up

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Katie

Children: Katelyn (13), Connor (10)

Fur Babies: Mini Dachshund named Zeke

Place of Birth: Atlanta Northside Hospital

Birthday: March 11

Alma Mater: Chattahoochee Tech and Cherokee

High School



### **Tim Henderson**

### Favorite sports team:

Braves, Bulldogs College Football and UNC Tarheels for College Basketball

### **Favorite movie:**

I have 3: Twister, Tombstone, Happy Gilmore

### Favorite song to dance to:

Josh Turner Soulmate, to slow dance with my wife. I am a white male, I have no rhythm, and slow dancing is just swaying lol

### What one item can you not live without?

Reese's Peanut Butter Cups Thins

### **Dream Vacation:**

Australia

### Favorite hobby:

Collecting Autographs in person with my kids and Sports Memorabilia/Baseball Cards

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Clint Eastwood because he can do anything from grumpy dad to banker

### Who do you most admire?

My Parents and Beatle Paul McCartney



# Molly Holm CEO/ Owner / Chief Creative Officer Glory Haus

Nickname: Molpsy

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: Jennifer (42), John (23), Paul (21), Luke (19)

Fur Babies: 2 Labradoodles: Scooby & Durban

Place of Birth: Tyler, Texas

Birthday: August 18

Alma Mater: University of Texas

# **Molly Holm**

Favorite sports team:

Longhorns

**Favorite movie:** 

The Intern

Favorite song to dance to:

Dancing Queen

What one item can you not live without?

Bible and Journal

**Dream Vacation:** 

Bora Bora

**Favorite hobby:** 

In the boat at the lake with the family

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Anne Hathaway

Who do you most admire?

My mother





### **Tomeca Mosley**

Senior Manager, Corporate
Communications & Public Affairs
Cox Enterprises

Nickname: Terrible T

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Dana

Children: Kennedy (10)

Fur Babies: Pets, you say?! No thanks, my allergies

don't approve!

Place of Birth: Born Arkansan, Raised European

(USAF baby)

Birthday: November 7

Alma Mater: UA Little Rock (read: Wooooooo PIG)

# Tomeca Mosley

### **Favorite sports team:**

Can I just pick a SPORT? Great, Track & Field.

#### **Favorite movie:**

Sister Act 2, I guess. Let's just sing!

### Favorite song to dance to:

One(s) that make it least obvious that I can't actually dance.

### What one item can you not live without?

The F word - Faith, family and FRENCH FRIES!

### **Dream Vacation:**

Dreaming of passport stamps and not overpacking

#### **Favorite hobby:**

Sports/anything active

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Kerry Washington, maybe?

### Who do you most admire?

Parents and husband for their stick-to-itiveness and tenacity



### **Zach Strickland**

Program Manager Croy Engineering

Nickname: Strick

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Peyton

Children: Walton Dale (3), Sawyer Jo (6 mo)

Fur Babies: Lexi, 8 y/o puppy; 65# American

**Bully+Rotty** 

Place of Birth: Valdosta, GA

Birthday: January 12

Alma Mater: Southern Polytechnic State University



## Zach Strickland

### Favorite sports team:

UGA (per my wife)

#### **Favorite movie:**

How to Train Your Dragon

### Favorite song to dance to:

Cha Cha Slide

### What one item can you not live without?

My truck and everything in it

#### **Dream Vacation:**

St. Lucia infinity pool Mt. View

### Favorite hobby:

Making people laugh and forget their troubles

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Paul Walker

### Who do you most admire?

My Dad - Keevan Strickland



Jaret Usher
Judge, Cobb County State Court Division II
Cobb County State Court

Nickname: Jaret

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Patrick

Children: Gabriel (15), Eli (13)

Fur Babies: Archie, West Highland Terrier

Place of Birth: Marietta, GA

Birthday: March 7

Alma Mater: Kennesaw State University; Regent

University Law School



## **Jaret Usher**

Favorite sports team:

Atlanta United

**Favorite movie:** 

Goonies

Favorite song to dance to:

Don't Stop Me Now by Queen

What one item can you not live without?

Peanut butter

**Dream Vacation:** 

Greece

Favorite hobby:

Running

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Julia Roberts

Who do you most admire?

My dad





### Ryan Varchetti

Master Sergeant
US Air Force/Dobbins Air Reserve Base

**Nickname:** The Email Ninja – 247 unread? Challenge accepted.

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Nicole

Children: Damien (24), Aubriana (18), Audrina (15)

Fur Babies: 3 Dogs - Charlie, Colt, and Callie; 3 Cats - Cocoa, Chloe, and Phineas; 4 Goats - I can't remember their names

Place of Birth: Somerset, PA

Birthday: March 27

Alma Mater: University of Arizona

## Ryan Varchetti

### Favorite sports team:

Pittsburgh Steelers

#### **Favorite movie:**

Braveheart – Because freedom... and face paint are always motivational.

### Favorite song to dance to:

Macarena: my dance expertise peaked in middle school Spanish class

### What one item can you not live without?

Coffee — my unofficial business partner and life coach.

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Mountain cabin—no calls, just squirrels and fresh air.

### Favorite hobby:

Hunting: great excuse for snacks and naps in the woods.

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Wreck-It Ralph — big, awkward, but tries really hard.

### Who do you most admire?

That one coworker who actually reads all the emails.



### LaTonya Williams

Director of Business Diversity and Sustainability
Vanderlande Industries

Nickname: Princess

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Percy Williams, IV

Children: Percy (36), Joshua (34), Isaiah (24)

Fur Babies: Roxie

Place of Birth: Michigan

Birthday: October 3

Alma Mater: Florida Memorial University

# LaTonya Williams

**Favorite sports team:** 

Atlanta Braves

**Favorite movie:** 

Six Triple Eight

Favorite song to dance to:

Wobble

What one item can you not live without?

Dishwasher

**Dream Vacation:** 

Switzerland

**Favorite hobby:** 

Canning

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Taraji P. Henson

Who do you most admire?

My ancestors





# Darrell Young Owner Compliments Salon and Barbers

Nickname: Mr. Surgical

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Charlotte

Children: Dara (22), Darissa (16)

Fur Babies: Oreo (Yorkiepoo)

Place of Birth: Ft Rucker, AL

Birthday: November 1

Alma Mater: Kendrick HS



### Darrell Young

Favorite sports team:

Atlanta Falcons

**Favorite movie:** 

LOTR: Return of the King

Favorite song to dance to:

I don't have one lol

What one item can you not live without?

Computer

**Dream Vacation:** 

Hawaii

Favorite hobby:

Playing the keyboard

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Denzel Washington or Samuel Jackson

Who do you most admire?

Jesus





# Carl Carlson Head of School The Walker School

Nickname: Boston Sports Guy

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Alison

Children: Cameron (27), Owen (24), Zach (21)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Hartford, CT

Birthday: July 30

Alma Mater: Wesleyan University



## Carl Carlson

### **Favorite sports team:**

**Boston Celtics** 

#### **Favorite movie:**

Shawshank Redemption

### Favorite song to dance to:

I am not a dancer!

### What one item can you not live without?

Ice cream

#### **Dream Vacation:**

A month at a farmhouse in Provence, France

### Favorite hobby:

Gardening

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Matt Damon (that would make my wife happy!)

### Who do you most admire?

My parents who are career educators and wonderful humans!



# Lauren Cedor Director of Clinical Services Cobb & Douglas Public Health

Nickname: Larry

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Edward

Children: Logan (14), Lillian (9)

**Fur Babies:** Grayson & Gizmo (Boxers), Marcy (Ball Python), and Fireball (Bearded Dragon); See also:

Spouse

Place of Birth: Adel, GA

Birthday: May 9

Alma Mater: Undergraduate: Kennesaw State University, Graduate: Augusta University



### Lauren Cedor

### Favorite sports team:

All Atlanta Sports Teams - as required per Georgia born & bred status

#### **Favorite movie:**

Anything I can fall asleep to during opening credits

### Favorite song to dance to:

Get Low by Lil Jon & The East Side Boyz ----(Assistance Required to get back up)

What one item can you not live without? Diet Dr. Pepper

### **Dream Vacation:**

All-inclusive spa, by myself, for two weeks

### Favorite hobby:

I'm a wild card - either crocheting or running 5ks/10ks

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Betty White (Snickers Commercial Version)

### Who do you most admire?

Lisa Crossman - no jokes, just love



Vic Collins
Business Owner
Hounds Town Atlanta - Smyrna

Nickname: Junior

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: N/A

Fur Babies: Zeus - Jack Rusell American Pit Mix

Place of Birth: Durham, NC - Duke University

**Medical Center** 

Birthday: December 29

Alma Mater: North Carolina A&T State University



## Vic Collins

### Favorite sports team:

Duke Blue Devils - Go to Hell Carolina

#### **Favorite movie:**

Home Alone

### Favorite song to dance to:

Smooth Criminal Michael Jackson

### What one item can you not live without?

Passport - I have an apple air tag attached to it and nothing else

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Fiji or somewhere over the rainbow

### Favorite hobby:

Playing Tennis, Watching Tennis, Anything Tennis

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Of course I am the lead role. I am the oldest brother. My brothers are the villains.

### Who do you most admire?

I admire my dad most because he's the one person who has always encouraged me to be an entrepreneur and to build my own things.



Gina V. Hawkins
Assistant Chief Deputy
Cobb County Sheriff's Office

Nickname: Hawk

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: Italia (34), Trinity (24)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Columbus, Ohio

Birthday: January 7

Alma Mater: Georgia State University & Johns

**Hopkins University** 



## Gina V. Hawkins

### **Favorite sports team:**

Ohio State Buckeye's Football

#### **Favorite movie:**

Steel Magnolia & 300

### Favorite song to dance to:

Any Women Empowering Song or Salsa!

### What one item can you not live without? Good Soft Bed

### **Dream Vacation:**

Bora Bora

### **Favorite hobby:**

Visiting restaurants and eating

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Olivia Pope

### Who do you most admire?

My Parents & my family for the love we share



# Karen Heard Owner Marietta Wine Market

Nickname: Goose

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Randall

Children: N/A

Fur Babies: Harrison - English Springer

Place of Birth: Kettering, OH

Birthday: October 29

Alma Mater: Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)



### Karen Heard

### **Favorite sports team:**

**GA Bulldogs** 

#### **Favorite movie:**

Sound of Music

### Favorite song to dance to:

I want to Dance with Somebody-Whitney Houston

### What one item can you not live without?

My calendar

#### **Dream Vacation:**

By the water. Beach or Lake.

### Favorite hobby:

Puzzles & Organizing

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Reese Whitherspoon

### Who do you most admire?

Terri Savelle Foy- motivational speaker



# Amanda Hughes Senior Director of Partnerships & Services Cobb Travel & Tourism

Nickname: Reyes

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Jeff

Children: N/A

Fur Babies: Dobby - Doberman

Place of Birth: San Diego, CA

Birthday: June 1

Alma Mater: University of Georgia



## **Amanda Hughes**

### Favorite sports team:

**UGA Football** 

#### **Favorite movie:**

Godfather Part II

### Favorite song to dance to:

Down (Jay Sean)

### What one item can you not live without?

Hair Tie

#### **Dream Vacation:**

South Africa Safari

### Favorite hobby:

Kickball

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Saoirse Ronan

### Who do you most admire?

Julie Andrews



# Keisha Jeffcoat Mayor Pro Tem City of Mableton

Nickname: Kei or Keish

Married/Committed/Single: Single, smart, and a

little spicy. Unstoppable.

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: N/A

Fur Babies: Gracie Snow

Place of Birth: Columbia, SC

Birthday: July 23

Alma Mater: USC Gamecocks / UGA Bulldogs



# Keisha Jeffcoat

### **Favorite sports team:**

Golden State Warriors - Stephen Curry :-)

#### **Favorite movie:**

Love Jones or Brown Sugar

### Favorite song to dance to:

Lean Back - Fat Joe

### What one item can you not live without?

My purse - It has all the items I can't live without.

### **Dream Vacation:**

Santorini, Greece

### Favorite hobby:

Singing... Anything that deals with the creative arts and music.

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

90's era Lauryn Hill or Ryan Destiny

### Who do you most admire?

Powerful Black Women: Sheila Johnson – for her trailblazing business acumen and for building empires that uplift others.



Daniel McKinney
Executive Director of Real Estate
RaceTrac, Inc.

Nickname: DMac

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Krista

Children: Hank (7), Ruthie (4)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Little Rock, AR

Birthday: January 24

Alma Mater: Auburn



# Daniel McKinney

### Favorite sports team:

**Auburn Tigers** 

### **Favorite movie:**

Sleepless in Seattle - yes seriously.

### Favorite song to dance to:

Your Smiling Face - James Taylor

### What one item can you not live without?

iPhone and the Google Maps App

### **Dream Vacation:**

Dude Ranch in Montana

### **Favorite hobby:**

Golf

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Tom Hanks

### Who do you most admire?

My dad



Ben Needle
Assistant Principal
Osborne High School

Nickname: DJ Neezy

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Michelle

Children: Alexis (19), Maxwell (17), Maizy (15),

Remy (13)

Fur Babies: Lulu - chihuahua that bites (it belongs

to my wife)

Place of Birth: Bellevue, WA

Birthday: March 27

Alma Mater: University of Georgia and Clark

Atlanta University



# Ben Needle

### Favorite sports team:

Georgia Bulldogs

### **Favorite movie:**

Tommy Boy

### Favorite song to dance to:

Can't Stop The Feeling

### What one item can you not live without?

Phone

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Fishing in Key West

### Favorite hobby:

Fishing or Golf

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Adam Sandler

### Who do you most admire?

My wife



# Alisha Thomas Searcy

Center for Strong Public Schools

Nickname: Lisha

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Carlos

Children: Lailah, Ashtyn and Caleb

Fur Babies: Lailah has a pet guinea pig. Does that

mean she's mine too? Her name is Pepper.

Place of Birth: Hollywood, FL

Birthday: September 5

Alma Mater: Spelman College (Bachelors) and

Kennesaw State University (Masters)



## Alisha Thomas Searcy

### **Favorite sports team:**

Atlanta Falcons

### **Favorite movie:**

Waiting to Exhale

### Favorite song to dance to:

Any of Beyonce's songs, Renaissance album and before

### What one item can you not live without?

My passport

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Luxury trip to Dubai

### Favorite hobby:

Playing golf with no score

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Angela Bassett

### Who do you most admire?

My husband and the late Dr. Joseph Lowery. Please don't make me choose.



# Pettifogger Sutton Law Group

Nickname: Darryl

Married/Committed/Single: Married

**Spouse/Significant Other Name:** I'm not allowed to address her by name [In a whisper: Meredith].

Children: Louise (10), Wilson (8)

Fur Babies: Aren't children really just human pets?

Place of Birth: The artist formerly known as

Kennestone Hospital.

Birthday: November 4

Alma Mater: Boys Industrial School & Harvard on

Coleman Hill



# **Darrell Sutton**

### Favorite sports team:

Atlanta Falcons (Is it a favorite if you hate more than love them?)

### **Favorite movie:**

Shawshank Redemption

### Favorite song to dance to:

What is dancing?

### What one item can you not live without?

Money. Also, ice cream and cookies.

### **Dream Vacation:**

Japan

### Favorite hobby:

Extreme ironing. (I'm a lawyer and dad; hobbies not allowed.)

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Jack Black

### Who do you most admire?

Myself. And Professor Peter Lawler.



# Heather Walker Chief Deputy Cobb County Tax Commissioner's Office

Nickname: Bubbles

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Eugene

Children: Riley (7)

Fur Babies: Cat named Stevie

Place of Birth: Kennesaw, GA

Birthday: June 26

Alma Mater: Shorter University



# **Heather Walker**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Atlanta Braves

### **Favorite movie:**

The Wedding Singer

### Favorite song to dance to:

Love Shack

### What one item can you not live without?

Sadly, my cell phone

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Hawaii

### **Favorite hobby:**

Reading

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Drew Barrymore

### Who do you most admire?

Virginia Hall



### Kimberly Allred

Manager, Aerospace and Defense Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Nickname: Kimbo

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Brandon

Children: Harper Grace (1.5)

Fur Babies: Bugsy and Little G- both cats

Place of Birth: Jackson, MS

Birthday: December 12

Alma Mater: Ole Miss



# Kimberly Allred

### Favorite sports team:

Ole Miss

### **Favorite movie:**

You've Got Mail

### Favorite song to dance to:

Love in this Club, Usher

## What one item can you not live without? Coffee

V / V

Dream Vacation: Italian coast

### Favorite hobby:

Painting

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Zooey Deschanel (only because I've been told I resemble her?)

### Who do you most admire?

John Piper



### **Nicholas Booth**

Partner
O'Dell Hungerford Blanchard & Booth

Nickname: Nick

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Marguerite

Children: None

Fur Babies: Yogi - Aussie Mix/Mutt (13); Frankie -

Terrier Mix/Mutt/Rat (8)

Place of Birth: Atlanta, GA

Birthday: February 20

Alma Mater: University of Georgia



# Nicholas Booth

### **Favorite sports team:**

University of Georgia Bulldawgs

### **Favorite movie:**

Heavyweights

### Favorite song to dance to:

Macarena

### What one item can you not live without?

Air conditioning

### **Dream Vacation:**

Japan (currently)

### **Favorite hobby:**

Gardening (currently)

# If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Haley Joel Osment

### Who do you most admire?

Ina Garten



# Christina Cummings Executive Director

Kidz2Leaders

**Nickname:** Tina (but only when my husband and/or sister are trying to annoy me)

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Daniel

Children: Lucy (6), Grace (3)

Fur Babies: We have a "humans only" policy in our

house.

Place of Birth: Marietta, GA

Birthday: July 8

Alma Mater: University of Georgia

# Christina Cummings

### Favorite sports team:

Georgia Bulldogs

### **Favorite movie:**

Top Gun

### Favorite song to dance to:

Semi-Charmed Life, Third Eye Blind - and anything else from the 90s!

### What one item can you not live without?

My to-go coffee mug

### **Dream Vacation:**

The Italian Coast

### Favorite hobby:

Throwing parties for friends and neighbors

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Candace Cameron Bure

### Who do you most admire?

My husband!



# Chuck Gardner Chief Academic Officer Marietta City Schools

Nickname: Dr. Chuck

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Kelley

Children: None

Fur Babies: Eli - Boston Terrier - 1 year old

Place of Birth: Charlotte, NC

Birthday: February 19

Alma Mater: Florida State University



# Chuck Gardner

### Favorite sports team:

Atlanta Braves and Florida State Seminoles

### **Favorite movie:**

Top Gun

### Favorite song to dance to:

Not really a dancer, but anything by Journey probably comes the closest.

### What one item can you not live without?

A watch - it runs me crazy not to have one on my wrist

### **Dream Vacation:**

Mediterranean Cruise

### Favorite hobby:

Playing Trumpet or Guitar

# If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

George Clooney (he likes watches and I hear from my wife is easy on the eyes)

### Who do you most admire?

Jesus



### Jules Harper CEO/Real Estate Broker The Four Walls Group

Nickname: JW

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Martine

Children: Julian (22), Masai (17)

Fur Babies: Tyson - American Bully/Pointer mix

Luna - Siamese cat

Place of Birth: Fort Lauderdale, FL

Birthday: September 6

Alma Mater: Clark Atlanta University



# Jules Harper

### Favorite sports team:

Atlanta United

### **Favorite movie:**

Wolf of Wall Street

### Favorite song to dance to:

Let's not go there...LOL.

## What one item can you not live without? My gym

### **Dream Vacation:**

Fiji Islands Or Ibiza

### Favorite hobby:

Reading, All sports (Soccer-Fave), Billiards, Marksmanship, vacationing, music

# If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

I would do all my own stunts, acting, award shows

### Who do you most admire?

My father



### Simon Janman

Owner Nothing Bundt Cakes

Nickname: Jammer

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Kristi

Children: Emily (29), Gracie (24)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Chichester, UK

Birthday: April 13

Alma Mater: University of Birmingham



# Simon Janman

Favorite sports team:

Ferrari Formula One Team

**Favorite movie:** 

**Pulp Fiction** 

Favorite song to dance to:

You Never Can Tell - Chuck Berry

What one item can you not live without?

Phone

**Dream Vacation:** 

The Caribbean Islands

**Favorite hobby:** 

Kayaking

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Jason Statham (in a fat suit)

Who do you most admire?

My wife



### Shea Konigsmark

Director of Professional Learning and Communications Metro Regional Educational Service Agency

**Nickname:** Shea K, Shea-Shea, and Hubby calls me Iskra

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Nathan

Children: Isaac (26), Josie (24), Lily (19)

Fur Babies: Doodle- Pensy, Yapping Morkie- Coco

Place of Birth: Dekalb, GA

Birthday: September 10

Alma Mater: Kennesaw State University



# Shea Konigsmark

### Favorite sports team:

Dallas Cowboys

### **Favorite movie:**

Top Gun

### Favorite song to dance to:

Get Low- Lil Jon

### What one item can you not live without?

Nyquil

### **Dream Vacation:**

Anywhere there is warm and clear sea water + soft beach sand + sunshine+ all my family with a chef!

### Favorite hobby:

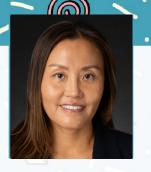
Creating social media and working in my flower garden

# If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

**Dolly Parton** 

### Who do you most admire?

Jesse Cole-Savannah Bananas



# Kyoung Lee Client Senior Project Manager Arcadis

Nickname: Jenny

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Max Coursey

Children: Isabelle (19), Alex (16)

Fur Babies: 2 Havanese- Cotton & Booger

Place of Birth: South Korea

Birthday: April 7

Alma Mater: Georgia Institute of Technology



# Kyoung Lee

### Favorite sports team:

Braves

### **Favorite movie:**

10 Things I Hate About You

### Favorite song to dance to:

Mistakes by 24kGoldn

### What one item can you not live without?

Tennis racquet

### **Dream Vacation:**

Going to ATP and WTA tournaments for the entire year

### **Favorite hobby:**

Playing tennis

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

**Danielle Colins** 

### Who do you most admire?

Aryna Sabalenka



# Kafi London Founder and Chief Experience Officer

Kafi London Intl.

Nickname: Firestarter

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: None

**Fur Babies:** No furry friends - I just love caring for my leafy green plants that thrive on sunlight and good vibes.

Place of Birth: London - Yes, I was really born in

London:)

Birthday: April 14

**Alma Mater:** Brighton Polytechnic, UK (now University of Brighton—went there before it was cool)

## Kafi London

### **Favorite sports team:**

Arsenal:) As a British expat loyalty runs deep... but I'll clap for Atlanta United too!

### **Favorite movie:**

Downton Abbey (Oh dear, my UK roots are showing, LOL)

### Favorite song to dance to:

Salsa con Coco

### What one item can you not live without? Music

Music

### **Dream Vacation:**

Lead an immersive experience in the morning, unwind at the spa in the afternoon, and dance it out at night—all in a beautiful retreat setting that's warm, vibrant, and full of soul.

### **Favorite hobby:**

Salsa dancing:)

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Thandiwe Newton

### Who do you most admire?

I've admired plenty of public figures, but it's the people I've worked with up close, those who lead without performing, are the ones that have made the biggest impact.



# Christopher McKellar

Mauldin & Jenkins

Nickname: Topher

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: Colt (11)

Fur Babies: German Shepard Dog - Bryant

Place of Birth: Albany, GA

Birthday: March 17

Alma Mater: Georgia Southern University



# Christopher McKellar

### Favorite sports team:

Atlanta Braves

### **Favorite movie:**

Top Gun

### Favorite song to dance to:

Have you seen me dance...nope!

### What one item can you not live without?

Excedrin

### **Dream Vacation:**

Ireland

### **Favorite hobby:**

Shooting guns

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

James Van Der Beek

### Who do you most admire?

My mom



# Paul Powers Owner

Powers Electrical Solutions

Nickname: Paulie

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Allison

Children: Connor (11), Lawson (9)

Fur Babies: Ziggy The Dog

Place of Birth: Chicago, IL

Birthday: September 22

**Alma Mater:** No College, Apprenticeship with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



## Paul Powers

### Favorite sports team:

Baseball

### **Favorite movie:**

Top Gun Maverick

### Favorite song to dance to:

Not much of a dancer

### What one item can you not live without?

My voltage tester. Without it, I might not live at all!

### **Dream Vacation:**

**Exploring Alaska** 

### Favorite hobby:

Bow Hunting and Archery

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Mike Rowe

### Who do you most admire?

I admire people who lead by example—like my father



# Crystal Wyche Director of Business Development Vinsere Group

Nickname: KiKi

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Timothy

Children: Maliah, Nylah, Carmen, Laylah, Noel

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: North Carolina

Birthday: June 6

Alma Mater: Rams



# Crystal Wyche

**Favorite sports team:** 

**UNC Tarheels** 

**Favorite movie:** 

Beetlejuice

Favorite song to dance to:

Mary J Blige - Just Fine

What one item can you not live without?

Hairbrush & Comb/Cellphone/Ink Pen/Sticky Notes

**Dream Vacation:** 

Africa - Seychelles

Favorite hobby:

Cooking

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Angela Bassett

Who do you most admire?

My kids



Priti Bhatia
Director of Facilities & Capital Planning, IAC
Georgia Institute of Technology

Nickname: PritiBee

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Sanjeev Goyal

Children: Saanvi Goyal (15)

Fur Babies: Pet Allergy

Place of Birth: India

Birthday: December 2

Alma Mater: GSU Panther, SCAD Bee

### **Priti Bhatia**

### Favorite sports team:

Indian Cricket Team

#### **Favorite movie:**

DDLJ

### Favorite song to dance to:

N/A - can't dance

What one item can you not live without? Cellphone

#### **Dream Vacation:**

**Swiss** 

### Favorite hobby:

Cooking

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

DP

Who do you most admire?

Tata



# Chase Clark IT Director - Field Services Brasfield & Gorrie

Nickname: Texas Ranger (it's a long story)

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Savannah

Children: Clay (10), Charlotte (8), Ellie (4)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Princeton, WV

Birthday: May 18

Alma Mater: University of North Carolina at

Charlotte

## **Chase Clark**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Atlanta Braves

#### **Favorite movie:**

Top Gun

### Favorite song to dance to:

I don't dance. But if I have to, something 80's or 90's

### What one item can you not live without?

My Bible

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Western Hunting Trip for Elk or Bear

### Favorite hobby:

Hunting

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Josh Duhamel?

### Who do you most admire?

My wife, Savannah



## Richard Freeman Chief Physician Executive

Wellstar Health

Nickname: "Doc"

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Courtney

Children: None

Fur Babies: Woodford

Place of Birth: Tulsa, OK

Birthday: January 9

Alma Mater: Texas Christian University, Tufts

University School of Medicine

## **Richard Freeman**

### Favorite sports team:

Bears, Red Sox

### **Favorite movie:**

Godfather

### Favorite song to dance to:

Not a good idea!

### What one item can you not live without?

Good coffee

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Around the world in 6 months

### Favorite hobby:

Exercise almost daily

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Aspire to George Clooney but more likely Will Ferrell

### Who do you most admire?

Michael DeBakey, MD



Kyle Johnstone
Sr. Recruiter, Engineering & Technology
TK Elevator

Nickname: Kyle Style

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Brittany

Children: Claire (9), Hannah (5), Grant (2.5)

Fur Babies: Steve & Charlotte (cats), Zuri (dog)

Place of Birth: Atlanta, GA

Birthday: May 27

Alma Mater: Kennesaw State University

## **Kyle Johnstone**

**Favorite sports team:** 

UGA, Falcons, Braves, Hawks

**Favorite movie:** 

The Matrix

Favorite song to dance to:

Gangnam Style

What one item can you not live without?

Oxygen

**Dream Vacation:** 

South Korea / Japan

**Favorite hobby:** 

Exercise, Games, Reading, Sports

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Keanu Reeves

Who do you most admire?

Keanu Reeves



Toby Mabry
Director Operations
Cobb EMC

Nickname: Toby

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Pam

Children: Justin (24), Chad (21), Will (18)

Fur Babies: Female Labrador-Lucy, Male German

Shorthair Pointer-Buck

Place of Birth: Marietta, GA

Birthday: September 29

Alma Mater: McEachern

## **Toby Mabry**

### **Favorite sports team:** GA Bulldogs football

Favorite movie:

Red Dawn

Favorite song to dance to:

Fireball by Pitbull

What one item can you not live without? Apple Watch

**Dream Vacation:** Italian Countryside

**Favorite hobby:**Outdoors with my dogs

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?
Nicholas Cage

Who do you most admire? My father in law



Gina Owens
Associate Vice President
Verizon

Nickname: G-LO

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Jason

Children: Trey (20)

Fur Babies: Lula - Merle French Bulldog and Lucky

- Mix Dog

Place of Birth: Tampa, FL

Birthday: April 29

Alma Mater: Centenary University

### **Gina Owens**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Tampa Bay Lightning (Hockey)

#### **Favorite movie:**

Big

### Favorite song to dance to:

This Is How We Do It - Montell Jordan

### What one item can you not live without? Music

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Italy

### Favorite hobby:

Car Racing

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Julia Louis-Dreyfus

### Who do you most admire?

My dad



# Tahnicia Phillips Clerk of State Court Cobb County State Court

Nickname: Tahnicia

Married/Committed/Single: Situationship

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

Children: Nephew Demarcus (17)

Fur Babies: Shih Tzu- Maci

Place of Birth: Cobb County

Birthday: October 12

Alma Mater: Marietta High School and Clark

Atlanta University

## **Tahnicia Phillips**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Braves and Falcons when they are winning!

### **Favorite movie:**

Anything with Denzel Washington

### Favorite song to dance to:

Tamia's "Can't Get Enough" I am on the dance floor before the second beat drops!

### What one item can you not live without?

My coffee or tea (fueling the hustle!)

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Exploring Italy — carbs, coffee, and culture with no schedule!

### **Favorite hobby:**

Skiing in Colorado

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Taraji P. Henson because she brings humor, heart, and toughness!

### Who do you most admire?

The women around me — strong women who believed in me and continue to lift me up as they climb.



# Courtney Santry Marketing Director CDH Partners

Nickname: Coco

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Chris

Children: Charlotte (7), Ryan (4)

Fur Babies: Bingley - golden retriever puppy

Place of Birth: Atlanta, GA - Northside Hospital

Birthday: April 18

Alma Mater: University of Georgia

## **Courtney Santry**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Georgia Bulldogs

### **Favorite movie:**

Pride & Prejudice - I have watched every version and the BBC six-part series is the best.

### Favorite song to dance to:

Shake It Off!

### What one item can you not live without? My Kindle App and probably coffee

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Tour of Italy without kids or a work computer ;)

### Favorite hobby:

Reading, Crossfit

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Anne Hathaway - she's a master at dorkiness a la Princess Diaries

### Who do you most admire?

Ruth Bader Ginsberg



# Andy Stearns Director of Security Atlanta Braves

Nickname: Stearnso

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Karen

Children: Emily (21), Cooper (10), Owen (10)

Fur Babies: A dog named Gus

Place of Birth: Kokomo, Indiana

Birthday: April 8

Alma Mater: Ball State University in Muncie, IN

Nickname "Testicle Tech!"

## **Andy Stearns**

### **Favorite sports team:**

I would get fired if I answered with anything but the Atlanta Braves

#### **Favorite movie:**

Too many to mention, but Shawshank Redemption is up there

### Favorite song to dance to:

I repulse people when I dance! But I like "Bust a Move" by Young MC

### What one item can you not live without? Not sure, but watches are my thing...

### **Dream Vacation:**

Mediterranean Cruise

### Favorite hobby:

Being active - walking, hiking, exercise

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Reluctantly I say Will Farrell because people say I look like him...dammit!

### Who do you most admire?

My father



Ashley West
Regional Economic Development Manager
Georgia Power Company

Nickname: Stukes

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Jarvis

Children: Ashton (14), Junior (8), Ziyah (7)

Fur Babies: Waffle - Miniature Golden Doodle

Place of Birth: Marietta, GA

Birthday: September 30

Alma Mater: Albany State University

## **Ashley West**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Atlanta Hawks

### **Favorite movie:**

Pretty Woman

### Favorite song to dance to:

Teach Me How to Dougie

### What one item can you not live without? Hoodies

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Africa

### Favorite hobby:

Working out

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Gabrielle Union

### Who do you most admire?

My mom



# Anthony White Clinic Owner Adio Chiropractic

Nickname: Anthony

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Angela

Children: Kendall (23), Kristen (19)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Barbados

Birthday: September 20

Alma Mater: University of Toronto

## **Anthony White**

### Favorite sports team:

Georgia Bulldawgs!!!

### **Favorite movie:**

James Bond movies

### Favorite song to dance to:

Reggae

### What one item can you not live without?

My phone

### **Dream Vacation:**

Africa- Spain- Portugal

### Favorite hobby:

Golf

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Idris Elba

### Who do you most admire?

Nelson Mandela



Megan Will
Planning & Projects Director
Cumberland Community Improvement District

Nickname: Meg

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Christian Diener

Children: Julia (16), Henry (13)

Fur Babies: Rescue Dog - Socks

Place of Birth: Bitburg, Germany

Birthday: October 1

Alma Mater: Mary Washington University &

Georgia Tech

## **Megan Will**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Braves

#### **Favorite movie:**

The Big Lebowski

### Favorite song to dance to:

ABBA - Dancing Queen

### What one item can you not live without?

7" Santoku Chef's Knife

#### **Dream Vacation:**

African Safari

### Favorite hobby:

Cooking

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Officially sanctioned bio-pic: Kate Winslet; unauthorized indie film: Chelsea Handler

### Who do you most admire?

My tight group of best girlfriends



### **Mike Bonnette**

Associate Vice President, Development Kennesaw State University

Nickname: JMB

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Amy

Children: Carson (18), Laura (15)

Fur Babies: Dash and Dot - both Miniature

Schnauzers

Place of Birth: Orangeburg, SC

Birthday: May 10

Alma Mater: Clemson University



### **Mike Bonnette**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Clemson Tigers

#### **Favorite movie:**

The Blues Brothers

### Favorite song to dance to:

Any Beach Music song

### What one item can you not live without?

Guitar

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Tuscany

#### **Favorite hobby:**

Golf

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

John Goodman

### Who do you most admire?

**Quietly Courageous Individuals** 



Tonya Byrd

Business Development Professional

Gilbane Building Company

Nickname: T-Byrd

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Patrick

Children: Maya (25), Madison (23)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Greensboro, NC

Birthday: November 28

Alma Mater: Georgia State University



## **Tonya Byrd**

**Favorite sports team:** 

Basketball - South Carolina Gamecocks

**Favorite movie:** 

Forrest Gump

Favorite song to dance to:

Get On Up - James Brown

What one item can you not live without?

Food

**Dream Vacation:** 

Greece

Favorite hobby:

Mixology

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Taraji P. Henson

Who do you most admire?

My 2 daughters



Jenn Garner Sr. Director, Corporate Affairs & Sustainability Papa Johns

**Nickname:** Zen Garden (given to me from my campers as a summer camp counselor)

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Justin

Children: Henry (10)

Fur Babies: Charlie (Portidoodle)

Place of Birth: Columbia, SC

Birthday: June 21

Alma Mater: University of South Carolina (BS) and

George Washington University (MBA)



### Jenn Garner

### **Favorite sports team:**

**Boston Red Sox** 

#### **Favorite movie:**

Goonies

### Favorite song to dance to:

Misled - Kool & the Gang

### What one item can you not live without?

Chapstick and iced lattes

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Thailand

### **Favorite hobby:**

I'm in my working parent era, so current hobbies include listening to podcasts while commuting and watching a lot of youth sports:) But I find joy in running, exploring new places and doing the daily NY Times puzzles:)

## If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Tina Fey

### Who do you most admire?

People who have the courage to be the 'firsts' or 'only'



### Stephanie Idland

Sr. Principal Team Leader Chick-fil-A, Inc.

Nickname: Steph

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Cody

Children: Annabelle (10), Charlotte (3)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Austell (Cobb Hospital)

Birthday: March 15

Alma Mater: Point University



## Stephanie Idland

**Favorite sports team:** 

UGA

**Favorite movie:** 

Grease

Favorite song to dance to:

Cupid Shuffle

What one item can you not live without?

Nespresso Machine

**Dream Vacation:** 

Ireland and Scotland (Ancestry trip)

Favorite hobby:

Entertaining, Gardening, Rummikub

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Sandra Bullock

Who do you most admire?

Grandfather (Deceased), Mother (Alive)



# Rachel Langelotti Communications Manager City of Marietta

Nickname: Rossi Lasagna

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Peter

Children: Ila (22), Ava (19), Gavin (18)

Fur Babies: Dog: Hank - has most amazing hairdo

Cat: Daisy - freak

Place of Birth: ATL in the house!

Birthday: October 1

Alma Mater: McEachern High School (the real

MHS) and College of Charleston



### Rachel Langelotti

### **Favorite sports team:**

Braves of course!

### **Favorite movie:**

Band of Brothers 1,000%

### Favorite song to dance to:

If it plays at weddings, I'm dancing

### What one item can you not live without?

Coffee - I literally don't have brain function without it

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Alaskan Cruise, Hawaiian getaway, European adventure, say more?

### Favorite hobby:

Trail running but lately it is trail shuffling

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Leslie Mann - full of comedy and not too serious

### Who do you most admire?

Those going along in life with a smile and laughter



# Jose Lopez-Vera General Surgeon Northside Hospital

Nickname: Pepe

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Michelle

Children: Joey (2), Niko (22 weeks gestation)

Fur Babies: Dog - Homer, Dog - Zeus

Place of Birth: Murcia, Spain

Birthday: November 24

**Alma Mater:** Wayne State University (Bachelors), Western Michigan University (Medical School)



### Jose Lopez-Vera

### **Favorite sports team:**

Barcelona (Futbol)

### **Favorite movie:**

Lord of the Rings

### Favorite song to dance to:

Led Zeppelin isn't dancing music

### What one item can you not live without?

Music

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Deserted Island

### Favorite hobby:

Soccer

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Paul Rudd

### Who do you most admire?

My father



Scott Orr Financial Guide Cetera Investors

Nickname: Scooter

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Lindsay

Children: Molly (10), Evie (8)

Fur Babies: 2 dogs: Cowboy (13) and Biscuit (4),

both are blue heeler / hound dog mixes

Place of Birth: Northside Hospital, Atlanta

Birthday: November 12

Alma Mater: Young Harris College & UGA



### **Scott Orr**

**Favorite sports team:** 

**UGA Football** 

**Favorite movie:** 

Coming to America

Favorite song to dance to:

"Never Too Much" by Luther Vandross

What one item can you not live without?

Sunglasses

**Dream Vacation:** 

Driving a lap around Australia

Favorite hobby:

Making homemade ice cream

If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Eric Stoltz

Who do you most admire?

My mom



# Brian Rutledge Assistant Chief City of Marietta

Nickname: Rut

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Shylo

Children: Braden and Addison

Fur Babies: Max, an Aussie Doodle that is the

smartest dog in the world

Place of Birth: Austell, GA

Birthday: April 3

Alma Mater: Lithia Springs High School, also

University of West Georgia



### **Brian Rutledge**

#### **Favorite sports team:**

All teams Atlanta, but the Braves are #1

#### **Favorite movie:**

**Tombstone** 

### Favorite song to dance to:

Is alcohol a dance? That's what it takes

### What one item can you not live without?

Coffee (or caffeine in general)

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Hawaii, but generally I'm good with any beach

#### **Favorite hobby:**

Oof! ONE? Fishing...I also collect baseball cards

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Chris Pratt....only because he's hilarious

#### Who do you most admire?

Admired - my Dad, Admire - Hank Parker



Abby Smith
Welcome Center Manager
Visit Marietta

Nickname: Abs

Married/Committed/Single: Committed

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Patrick Calsetta

Children: None

Fur Babies: Gizmo and Ripley- both cats

Place of Birth: Chattanooga, TN

Birthday: April 8

Alma Mater: Kennesaw State University



### **Abby Smith**

### **Favorite sports team:**

Braves (but I'm only at the games for the vibes)

### **Favorite movie:**

**True Stories** 

### Favorite song to dance to:

Genius of Love by Tom Tom Club

### What one item can you not live without?

A fancy little caffeinated beverage

### **Dream Vacation:**

Iceland

### Favorite hobby:

**Drawing Cartoons** 

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Judy Greer (I thought very hard about this!)

### Who do you most admire?

The musician David Byrne, because he is unapologetically weird!



# Dan Vasquenza Chief Business Development Officer id8 Agency

Nickname: Vaz

Married/Committed/Single: Committed

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Emily

Children: Jack (20)

Fur Babies: Otter (dog)

Place of Birth: Hartford, CT

Birthday: December 30

Alma Mater: Southern New Hampshire University



### Dan Vasquenza

### Favorite sports team: Only One? Ok, Boston \_\_\_\_\_!

#### **Favorite movie:**

Makes me think, laugh and/or win - OR Gladiator

### Favorite song to dance to:

Pretty much most hip hop!

### What one item can you not live without?

Anything that stretches my capacity to grow:)

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Anywhere beauty, history, adventure, views, love, peace are shared

#### **Favorite hobby:**

Working out!

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Matt Damon and Gerard Butler had a baby = HIM

### Who do you most admire?

Combo Coach Taylor - Entrepreneur, pouring into something bigger than themselves!



Jordan Wilson
Director
Corporate Tax Advisors

Nickname: JDUB

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Kristin

Children: Carter (17), Mattie (12)

Fur Babies: Charlie - Miniature Long Hair

Dachshund

Place of Birth: Marietta, GA

Birthday: December 12

Alma Mater: Reinhardt University



### Jordan Wilson

#### **Favorite sports team:**

**Atlanta Braves** 

#### **Favorite movie:**

Jurassic Park, ves Jurassic Park

### Favorite song to dance to:

Whitney Houston - Dance With Somebody

### What one item can you not live without?

**Burts Bees Chapstick** 

### **Dream Vacation:**

Italy's coastline

### **Favorite hobby:**

Golf

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Matthew McConaughey - small man crush, Kevin Costner too

#### Who do you most admire?

My father



# Laurie Wong-Burns Founder, CEO Formerly Chief Cook and Bottle Washer Reflections of Trinity Inc.

Nickname: Punkin (as in Pumpkin)

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Dean

**Children:** Jheanelle (45), Matthew (42), Jordanna (37), Nikki (35), Benjamin (34), Joseph (33)

Fur Babies: None right now but hubby threatens to

get a dog!

Place of Birth: Brooklyn, NY

Birthday: March 27

Alma Mater: School of Hard Knocks- got the hat,

tshirt & swag.



### **Laurie Wong-Burns**

#### **Favorite sports team:**

Not a sports fan so lets say Atlanta Braves

#### **Favorite movie:**

The Crown series- I love movies about strong women leaders.

### Favorite song to dance to:

Escape (feat. Hayla) by Kx5 Deadmau5 & Kaskade

### What one item can you not live without? Bible and iPhone. Please don't ask me to choose.

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Unlimited Cash, a week in Bali & tour of Asia

### Favorite hobby:

I wish I had time for a hobby...

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Viola Davis she takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'

### Who do you most admire?

My Pastor Andy Stanley. A great teacher and human being.



### **Joyette Holmes**

Parole Board Member Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles

Nickname: Shorty

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Bridges

Children: Morgan (21), Reagan (19)

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Valdosta, GA

Birthday: August 5

Alma Mater: University of Georgia

# Leadership

### Joyette Holmes

#### **Favorite sports team:**

**UGA Bulldogs** 

#### **Favorite movie:**

The Color Purple

### Favorite song to dance to:

Before I Let Go

### What one item can you not live without?

**Popcorn** 

#### **Dream Vacation:**

The next one! Let's Go!

### Favorite hobby:

St. Patrick's Day

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Tasha Smith

### Who do you most admire?

My parents!



Eddie Wade coo Croy Engineering

Nickname: Tedward

Married/Committed/Single: Committed

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Sasha

Children: Ryan (12 going on 40), Tara (5 and wild)

Fur Babies: 60 members of LC26

Place of Birth: Northside Hospital

Birthday: May 4

Alma Mater: Auburn

# Leadership

### **Eddie Wade**

#### **Favorite sports team:**

Auburn

#### **Favorite movie:**

Smokey and the Bandit

### Favorite song to dance to:

Lil Boo Thang

### What one item can you not live without?

Kai

#### **Dream Vacation:**

What's a Vacation?

### Favorite hobby:

I drink in golf carts

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Woody from Toy Story

#### Who do you most admire?

Joyette Holmes



# Tricia Newton Managing Partner Waterworks Atlanta

Nickname: Trish, T-New

Married/Committed/Single: Committed

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Scott

Children: Best Aunt Ever to 9, soon to be Great

Aunt and Godmother to 2

Fur Babies: Arnie - golden retriever

Place of Birth: Annapolis, MD

Birthday: August 4

Alma Mater: University of Georgia - Go Dawgs!

# Leadership

### **Tricia Newton**

#### **Favorite sports team:**

Go Dawgs! And now the Philly Dawgs

#### **Favorite movie:**

Father of the Bride

### Favorite song to dance to:

**Brown Eyed Girl** 

### What one item can you not live without?

Running shoes

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Italy & Greece

### Favorite hobby:

Tennis & Golf

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Kimberly Williams Paisley

### Who do you most admire?

My parents



# Andy Gaines Executive Director Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre

Nickname: Strandy

Married/Committed/Single: Married

Spouse/Significant Other Name: Casey

Children: William (10), Teddy (7), Jack Jack (4)

Fur Babies: Heck no

Place of Birth: Atlanta, GA baby!

Birthday: July 21

Alma Mater: University of Georgia

# Leadership

### **Andy Gaines**

### **Favorite sports team:**

UGA Sports, Braves, Falcons, Hawks, United FC

### **Favorite movie:**

Star Wars

### Favorite song to dance to:

Love Shack

### What one item can you not live without?

Coffee Cup

### **Dream Vacation:**

Anywhere I get to hang with the fam

### Favorite hobby:

Hanging out with you people!

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Foghorn Leghorn: Southern, mischievous, unrefined—like my 8' chicken suit.

### Who do you most admire?

Dolly: Community, creativity, leadership, resilience, authenticity, heart, service, impact, integrity, joy!



Kai Lawrence Senior Manager, Leadership Programs Cobb Chamber

Nickname: Kai Lawrence (literally my whole name)

Married/Committed/Single: Single

Spouse/Significant Other Name: N/A

**Children:** LC22, LC23, LC24, LC25 & LC26

Fur Babies: N/A

Place of Birth: Montego Bay, Jamaica

Birthday: November 30

Alma Mater: University of South Florida

# Leadership

### Kai Lawrence

#### **Favorite sports team:**

Sports? What are those...

#### **Favorite movie:**

Bandersnatch

### Favorite song to dance to:

Umbrella, Rihanna

#### What one item can you not live without?

Running shoes- because I'm always running late

#### **Dream Vacation:**

Norway for the Aurora Borealis

### Favorite hobby:

Trying new hobbies!

### If they made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

Ayo Edebri

### Who do you most admire?

My grandmother (nan) who inspires me to live life fully and completely.

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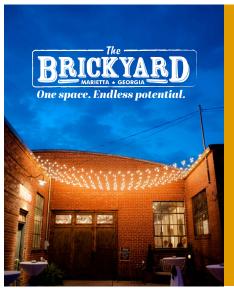
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