

CANDIDATES FORUM

2018 CANDIDATE PROFILE BOOKLET

*A Rockingham County citizen's guide to candidates running for
office in the upcoming 2018 General Election.*

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September 24, 2018

Rockingham Community College

5:00 PM - Meet and Greet

6:00 PM - Forum Begins

The event will include a 10 minute intermission.

Thank you for attending this year's candidates forum. The intent of tonight's event is to provide the community an opportunity to meet candidates, hear their platforms, and make informed decisions. The forum will also broadcast live and show on local television.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the candidates for taking the time to participate in the forum and for the many dedicated volunteers who helped make the evening productive, informative and successful.

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ELECTION INFORMATION

September 27, 2018 - Voter Registration Event at Rockingham County High School
October 12, 2018 - Voter Registration Deadline for General Election.
October 17 - November 3, 2018 - One Stop Early Voting
November 6, 2018 - General Election Day

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

Wednesday – October 17 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)
Thursday – October 18 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)
Friday – October 19 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)
Saturday – October 20 (8:00 am – 5:00 pm)
Sunday – October 21 (1:00 pm – 6:00 pm)
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Tuesday – October 30 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)
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Thursday – November 1 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)
Friday – November 2 (7:00 am – 7:00 pm)
Saturday – November 3 (8:00am – 1:00 pm)

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

One Stop – Eden Voting will be held at the Eden Library
598 S. Pierce St. in Eden

One Stop – Reidsville Voting will be held at the Salvation
Army Community Center 708 Barnes St. in Reidsville

One Stop – Wentworth Voting will be held at the Board of
Elections Office 240 Cherokee Camp Rd. in Wentworth

One Stop – Western Voting will be held at the Madison
Mayodan Library 611 Burton St. in Madison



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ABOUT ME

I grew up in Danville, Virginia in a working class family that taught me the value of hard work. After school, I married my high school sweetheart, Pat, and worked in a local factory and then as a produce manager of a grocery store while raising two young kids and attending college. I became the first in my family to graduate, from what is now Averett University. Still raising a young family and working long hours to make ends meet, I attended law school at Wake Forest and graduated early. I practiced law briefly in Charlotte and Raleigh before settling in Eden, where I still live with Pat and run the Berger Law Firm. We have three kids – Phil Jr., Kevin and Ashley – and four grandkids. I was first elected to the State Senate in 2000. My colleagues elected me minority leader in 2004, and President Pro Tempore in 2010 after Republicans won a Senate majority for the first time since the 19th Century. As the first Republican leader of the North Carolina Senate in more than 100 years, I have delivered common sense, conservative reforms to State government.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

second amendment accountability
voter ID leadership
values integrity veterans
tax cuts pro-life rule of law
fiscal responsibility
Constitution common sense deregulation

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BERGER LAW FIRM, PC
PRACTICING ATTORNEY
35 YEARS

NORTH CAROLINA SENATE
REPUBLICAN LEADER, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
18 YEARS

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT
KROGER, DEPARTMENT MANAGER
US GYPSUM CO., FACTORY WORKER

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
SERVED ON VARIOUS CIVIC, RELIGIOUS AND
NON-PROFIT BOARDS

1st DAY

On my first day in office I'll make sure the conservative reforms that have helped turn North Carolina around are protected and built upon, and I'll continue finding ways to help improve opportunities in our community. I'll work to safeguard state tax cuts on workers and families, pay raises for teachers and funding for smaller class sizes, reforms that give families more school choices, and Second Amendment protections.



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ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Fayetteville North Carolina. For the last 25 years I have lived in Eden, North Carolina in Rockingham County. After high school, I attended Catawba College. In 2010 I married my high school sweetheart and between us we have four children.

I have worked as a welder, a forklift driver, and been a maintenance lead. You may ask yourself what these have in common with being a Senator. All those jobs require a certain amount of teamwork. Cohesively working with people you may not agree with to accomplish a common goal.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

sensible environmental protections
end gerrymandering **education**
2nd Amendment
supporting local businesses
personal rights
steaming flow of misspent tax dollars

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

OCCUPATIONS – EMPLOYMENT

WELDER

FORKLIFT DRIVER

MAINTENANCE LEAD

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

MOREHEAD HIGH SCHOOL, THEATER VOLUNTEER

SAVING GRACE MINISTRY, MEMBER

1st DAY

Seek out and introduce myself to fellow lawmakers who are interested in serving the people instead of a political party. Finding common ground to make changes for the betterment of all.



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ABOUT ME

I am a native North Carolinian, born the daughter of a four-tour Marine veteran turned public elementary teacher and a kindergarten teacher. As a lifelong educator, I have dedicated my life in service of education and North Carolina public schools specifically. Unlike most entrenched leaders, I promise my district that I will focus on my constituents and the needs of the community. I am especially concerned with the affordability and accessibility of health care, education, economic development, and jobs. I think it is most important that our General Assembly members be approachable, accessible, and visible. I will be the NC Senator that focuses on my community and collaborates across the aisle to bring improvements and growth to the district.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

environmental protections
public education
authenticity
jobs
empathy
small business
integrity
leadership
equity
innovation
communication
transparency
compassion
healthcare
accessibility
economic development

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UNC GREENSBORO

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, EDUCATION
CO-FOUNDER, UCG TEACHER LEADERSHIP
COLLABORATIVE

NATIONAL PAIDEIA CENTER

VICE CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NATIONAL FACULTY MEMBER

ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM TEACHER

ON SLOW & GUILFORD COUNTIES, NC
Taught 2-3 grade (13 years)
Curriculum/Literacy Facilitator (2 years)

1st DAY

On my first day in office, my first priority is the expansion of Medicaid, which will not only bring thousands of jobs to North Carolina, but will provide affordable access to healthcare to over 500,000 North Carolinians, including hundreds in Rockingham County alone. I will also work to deprivatize inefficient and ineffective disability service providers to ensure that the most vulnerable among us have access to high quality, comprehensive care. Additionally, I will fight to increase funding for our public education system to provide support for our children from birth through college or vocational education.



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ABOUT ME

I am a native of Eden, and, after serving in the Army, married the love of my life in Mrs. Brenda Carter. We made Reidsville our home and raised our two beautiful daughters who have given us six wonderful grandchildren. I am a graduate of Liberty University, and it has been my privilege to pastor Reidsville Baptist Church for 30 amazing years. During this time, our church has been very involved in our community. I am a Veteran who believes in supporting and honoring other Veterans, and I am a lifelong member of the NRA. I believe in protecting our rights, and the rights of the unborn and the elderly. I have served as Chaplain for the Rockingham County Highway Patrol for the past twelve years and have had the opportunity to meet many fine men and women who serve our community well. I believe that it is important for us to honor and respect the men and women in law enforcement. As your conservative voice in the legislature, I will continue to use common sense in representing the citizens here in Rockingham County, much in the way that my mentor, Bert Jones, has successfully led us for many years.

IMPORTANT ISSUES



RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

REIDSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

SENIOR PASTOR & FOUNDER

30 YEARS

HIGHWAY PATROL CHAPLAIN

CURRENT CHAPLAIN, D-3

12 YEARS

ENVIRONMENTAL AIR SYSTEMS

WELDER, SHEET METAL MECHANIC

12 YEARS

1st DAY

We have a lot to be thankful for here in our County, but there is much to be done to ensure that we continue to enjoy the life and freedoms afforded to us by our Constitution. We must be diligent to unapologetically stand firm on our rights. Jobs creation, lower taxes, improving education and school safety, and pushing for stricter immigration policies are just a few of the concerns that continue to need our attention. I promise that I will be diligent in representing you in Rockingham County as I learn my way around in my first days in office.



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ABOUT ME

After a 39-year career in public service, I found myself retired, feeling that I still had much more to give to the people that I had served for so many years as an emergency responder. Upon retirement, I have explored several different paths including teaching High School students firefighting and exploring Public Safety careers, a stint as a Probation/Parole Officer for two and half years and I am currently employed by the University of North Carolina- Greensboro as the Transportation/Parking Enforcement Manager. I believe that my experience in Federal, State and Local government employment will give me an unprecedented knowledge base to relate to the hard working and sometimes underprivileged citizens of District 65 and the State.

It is my goal to return the State back to the people by being a voice for the people of Rockingham County and the State.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

compassionate
education public safety
experienced leader
public servant
real life experienced
economic growth represent the people

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

UNITED STATES ARMY

MILITARY POLICE INVESTIGATOR

NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

MASTER TROOPER

CITY OF LINCOLNTON, NC

FIRE CHIEF (4 YEARS)

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, MEMBER

LINCOLN CO. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, BOARD MEMBER

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE, LINCOLN COUNTY

INFLUENZA TASK FORCE, LINCOLN COUNTY

1st DAY

This is my first experience running for political office and I will have a learning curve to overcome as I arrive in Raleigh to begin my duties representing the citizens of Rockingham County and the State. Although I have three major issues that I intend on working on, public school education, emergency services and economic growth, my priority is to carry the concerns of Rockingham County to Raleigh. I understand that these concerns could often change and my focus may need to be redirected to address any pressing concern that may affect the citizens of Rockingham County at any time.



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ABOUT ME

I have spent the last 10 years traveling the world and working as a professional wrestler. I have competed in over 10 countries and take pride in my ability to find common ground with people from a variety backgrounds. Whether working with people of different nationalities, races, genders, or religions, I have built my career around solving problems in any situation. Although I have lived in some of the biggest cities in the world including Philadelphia, Liverpool, and Tokyo, I truly believes there is no place like home and re-established myself in Rockingham County, in 2012. I was born and raised in Eden, spending time in the Draper and Leaksville sections. I graduated from Morehead High school in 2003 and am a product of Rockingham County Schools. I am a born-again Christian, but I do not believe in passing legislation that would force my values onto others. I am currently studying to begin a new career as a dental hygienist. I hope to reach the poor and rural communities of Rockingham County in order to prevent oral health issues before they begin. I plan to be a hard-working and dedicated health care provider—not a career politician.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

opioid crisis
volunteerism community
justice agriculture
term limits freedom healthcare
limited gov't small business
education environment
cash bail reform econ. development
criminal justice reform industrial hemp end state monopolies
occupational licensing reform

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

2008 - 2018

GNC

STORE MANAGER

2008 - 2011

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EDEN

EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

2005-2006

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

REGULARLY VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY FOR
MULTIPLE CAUSES.

1st DAY

I will spend my first days attempting to build coalitions with representatives who are willing to address the growing gap between urban and rural communities in North Carolina. I am willing to work with anyone, regardless of political affiliation, who is interested in maximizing freedom, equality, and prosperity for the citizens of our state. I will fight to change our educational funding model to send more money into classrooms and less into administration. I will spend every day that I am in office representing the people of Rockingham County with no allegiance to any political party.



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ABOUT ME

I am a common sense conservative committed to the ideals of limited government, family values and personal responsibility. I have served the 91st District in the North Carolina House since 2015.

Born and raised in Stokes County, I am the son of two lifelong public educators. I am a proud product of our state's public school systems, beginning at Pinnacle Elementary, working my way through community college, and earning a Bachelor of Arts from UNC-Chapel Hill.

I am a licensed real estate broker and Realtor at Janet G. Hall Realty. Prior to serving in the legislature, I served as the Communications Director for U.S. Congressman Mark Walker (NC Sixth District).

On November 23, 2015, I was appointed to the North Carolina House by Governor Pat McCrory. I was elected to my first full-term in November 2016, garnering over 66% of the vote.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

improving teacher pay
safe schools
fiscal responsibility lower taxes
first responders
protecting NC agriculture

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 91
2015-CURRENT

AGRI. APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

CURRENT CHAIRMAN

AGRI. & FORESTRY STUDY COMMISSION

CURRENT CHAIRMAN

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

UNC BOARD OF VISITORS, MEMBER
WINSTON-SALEM ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, MEMBER
KING LIONS CLUB, MEMBER
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH-KING, MEMBER

1st DAY

As your Representative, I'm fighting to: cut taxes and wasteful government spending; stop illegal immigration; support our schools and teachers; make our schools safe; support family values and the sanctity of life; protect our Second Amendment; protect our farmers and support NC agriculture.



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ABOUT ME

I was born and raised in Eden, NC. I attended Rockingham County Schools, graduating from Morehead High School. I received my B.A. degree in History from Pensacola Christian College, where I graduated with honors, summa cum laude. I then attended Wake Forest University School of Law and received my Juris Doctor degree, graduating with honors, cum laude, in the top 15% of my class. I have been married to my wife, Miranda, for 12 years and we have three children. We are members of Tri-City Baptist Church in Eden. I am an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police, former president of the Rockingham County Bar Association, and I am currently a member of the board of directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Eden. I am also the Interim District Attorney for Rockingham County. I have dedicated my career to fighting for justice for the victims of crime and to protecting our families and community. I have extensive experience prosecuting crimes in a fair and ethical manner. I have personally prosecuted thousands of cases, ranging from seatbelts tickets to serious felony assaults, vehicular homicides, drug trafficking, and habitual felons. I helped expose the corruption in a prior administration, and I will work tirelessly to restore the public confidence in the integrity of the District Attorney's Office in Rockingham and Caswell Counties.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

restore public confidence leadership
aggressive prosecution of habitual felons
violent offenders, sexual predators & drug dealers
experience
efficiency integrity
accountability

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH
INTERIM DISTRICT ATTORNEY, DISTRICT 22
APPOINTED BY GOV. ROY COOPER (MARCH 2018)

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF LAW
JURIS DOCTORATE, CUM LAUDE

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF EDEN, BOARD MEMBER
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, PAST PRES.
TRI-CITY BAPTIST CHURCH, FAITHFUL MEMBER
FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, ASSOCIATE MEMBER
YOUTH RECREATION COACH - BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL & BASEBALL

1st DAY

I have been blessed to have already been appointed to the office that I am seeking election to. My priorities have been to assemble a team of experienced, dedicated, and ethical prosecutors to clean up the problems created in a prior administration. My team has made great progress so far, and I believe we are well on our way to restoring the public confidence in our judicial system. We are also focused on working with local law enforcement and judges to deal with the opioid epidemic and increase in violent crime in Rockingham County.



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ABOUT ME

I have been a civil rights attorney for 30 years, fighting for equal justice and fair representation. I became an attorney because growing up in a mixed-race family, I learned how access to the legal system can help break down barriers to equal opportunity. As a mother and grandmother, I understand the challenges families face. I have sought to protect the rights of hard-working individuals and communities across North Carolina by representing people who otherwise would not have a voice. I've seen what happens to victims of workplace discrimination. I've seen the inhumanity that has happened to people with disabilities when they have no one to speak up for their rights. And I've seen what happens when some voters do not have an equal opportunity to participate in elections. I am running because I believe an independent court where the rules are the same for everyone is critically necessary to the balance of powers and absolutely necessary to maintain a democracy. All North Carolinians should have a fair and independent court that protects everyone no matter their race, gender or how much money they have in their pockets. I am committed to equal justice under the law.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

equality
service **fairness**
impartiality integrity
independence

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SOUTHERN COALITION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
2007 - 2017

NC STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
MEMBER
2009 - 2011

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
1998-2002 (PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT)

1st DAY

An appellate Judge should apply the law fairly, consistently and faithfully to the cases that come before the court. The Code of Judicial Conduct requires judges to "uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary." In carrying out this responsibility, the Code states that "[a] judge should participate in establishing, maintaining, and enforcing, and should personally observe, appropriate standards of conduct to ensure that the integrity and independence of the judiciary shall be preserved." From day one my goal would be to exemplify all the qualities of an excellent jurist as defined by this Code.



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ABOUT ME

Judge Griffin was born and raised on a farm in Red Oak, North Carolina in Nash County. He was captain of his football team at Northern Nash High School. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2003. After graduation, Judge Griffin earned his United States Coast Guard Captain's license and worked as a charter fisherman on the North Carolina coast.

In 2008, Judge Griffin graduated from North Carolina Central School of Law. He began practicing law in Kinston, North Carolina. In 2010, Judge Griffin joined the Wake County District Attorney's Office. He prosecuted cases from infractions to first degree murder. In 2015, Jefferson was appointed to be a District Court Judge in Wake County. Judge Griffin won election to a four-year term in 2016.

Judge Griffin serves as a Captain in the North Carolina Army National Guard (JAG). He is assigned to the 30th Armored Brigade Combat Team, known as "Old Hickory". Judge Griffin loves to hunt and fish. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club and the Wake County Bar Association. He and his wife Katye are members of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Raleigh.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

access to justice
civic education
protect our constitution
impartiality
rule of law

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, WAKE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
CAPTAIN, JAG OFFICER
30TH ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM

NC DISTRICT ATTORNEYS OFFICE
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, WAKE COUNTY

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
RALEIGH KIWANIS CLUB, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WAKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH (RALEIGH), MEMBER

1st DAY

"I will meet everyone in the building from the Chief Judge to janitor. It is my practice to build a team wherever I go. I will sit my staff down and let them know my expectations for them and set goals for them for the year."



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ABOUT ME

I served as an Assistant District Attorney in Rockingham County for eight years before being sworn in as a District Court Judge in January of 2015. I am running unopposed for reelection to District Court Judge in November. In addition to serving as a District Court Judge, I also serve as a Captain in the United States Air Force JAG (Judge Advocate General) Reserves. I live in Reidsville and attend church at Osborne Baptist Church in Eden. I am a member of the NRA, the NWTF, and Ducks Unlimited. I enjoy running, hiking, hunting, working on my farm, and spending time outdoors. As a Christian, I am very thankful for God's love and grace upon my life. I enjoy serving the citizens of my county and my country. I appreciate all of my supporters who have given me the opportunity to hold this honorable position. I look forward to continuing to serve with honesty, integrity, fairness, and impartiality in administering justice in both Rockingham and Caswell County. Although I am unopposed, please vote for me on November 6, 2018. Thank you.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

fairness • impartiality
service
honesty • integrity
justice

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

2015 - CURRENT

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

2007 - 2015

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVES

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL (JAG)

CURRENT

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION, BOARD MEMBER

BESTY-JEFF PENN 4H CENTER, ADVISORY COUNCIL

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY, MEMBER

OSBORNE BAPTIST CHURCH, MEMBER

1st DAY

My first day in office and thereafter, I plan to uphold the oath of my office and to serve the citizens of Rockingham and Caswell Counties to the best of my ability. I do not take my responsibility lightly. I will ensure that the law gets upheld. Additionally, I will ensure that all who come before me (attorneys, witnesses, the accused, the district attorney, law enforcement, victims, courthouse staff, etc.) get treated with respect, and the opportunity to be heard on their day in court.



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ABOUT ME

My name is Christine Fields Strader and I currently serve as one of your elected District Court Judges. I was born and raised in Rockingham County. I have been married for 12 years to my husband, Ben, and we have two beautiful children. I am a Rockingham County High School graduate. When I graduated from RCHS I chose to pursue my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Guilford College and later received my law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law where I finished number two in my class. I have served in the role of District Court Judge since January 1, 2015. Prior to being elected I ran my own law office for a number of years where I predominately handled domestic and juvenile cases. As an elected judge it is my desire to see that laws are fully enforced and evenly applied to those individuals, companies, and other interests that appear before me in the courtroom.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

fairness honesty
justice pride
integrity consistency
responsibility duty

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, LAW DEGREE
GUILFORD COLLEGE, BS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
2015 - CURRENT

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

REIDSVILLE JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE, MEMBER
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION,
PAST PRESIDENT AND MEMBER
UNITED WAY OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, BOARD MEMBER
WENTWORTH RURITAN CLUB, MEMBER
BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP, REIDSVILLE GROUP LEADER
SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH, FAITHFUL MEMBER

1st DAY

I strive daily to serve the citizens of Rockingham County with integrity, honesty, fairness and consistency. District court judges have a responsibility and duty to ensure safety in the community and to apply a strong knowledge of the law to each case that comes before them in the courtroom. This is a responsibility that I take pride in making sure I carry out each day. This election cycle I am running unopposed. I still ask for your vote and support on November 6, 2018.



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ABOUT ME

I was raised in Caswell County and educated in the Caswell County Public School System. I furthered my education at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro and North Carolina Central University School of Law where I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and my Jurist Doctorate Degree. I began my career in 2009 as a prosecutor in the Rockingham County District Attorneys' office under the leadership and guidance of then District Attorney Phil Berger, Jr.; I currently work for the Honorable Jason Ramey as a senior prosecutor. I am a member of the local Child Fatality Prevention Team and the local Community Child Protection Team. I am on the committee that is charged with starting a Mental Health/Drug Court in Rockingham County. I am a former member of the Arson Task Force. I am a lifelong member of the Greater Brandon Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where my pastor is the Dr. Michael T. Galloway. I serve as the President of Youth Ministry, Vice President of the Young Adult Ministry, Co-Chairman of the Dance Ministry, a member of the trustee board, usher board, and the Young Adult choir. I am married and have two children.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

respectful impartial
justice evaluator family compassion diligent
experienced
integrity firm public servant
accountable committed faithfulness dedicated
fairness professional efficient
responsible impartial hard-worker

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEYS' OFFICE
SENIOR PROSECUTOR
2009–Current

GEORGE B DANIEL, P.A.
LEGAL SECRETARY/ATTORNEY
2004–2009

NCCU SCHOOL OF LAW
INTERN, CRIMINAL LITIGATION CLINIC
2008

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
RC CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM
RC COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM
MENTAL HEALTH/DRUG COURT COMMITTEE
GREATER BRANDON CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST
CHURCH, ACTIVE MEMBER & LEADER

1st DAY

The day I am sworn in as a District Court Judge, I will sit down with the Chief Resident Superior Court Judge Edwin Wilson and the Chief Resident District Court Judge Tony Grogan to discuss the policies, regulations and bench rules that are currently in effect for our Judicial District. I will also sit down with Judge Allen, Judge Freeman and Judge Strader to discuss relevant issues they think I need to be aware of. Finally, I will personally make myself available to all employees in the courthouse that may have questions for me.



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ABOUT ME

I will serve the people of Rockingham and Caswell Counties with integrity, fairness, and independence—characteristics dearly needed in our courtrooms, especially after what happened in our district attorneys' offices. I graduated from Rockingham County High School and later from Elon University School of Law. I began practicing law in 2012 and opened my own law office in 2013 in Reidsville. I know what it is like to run a business - to make payroll, pay rent, order office supplies, meet deadlines, satisfy customers, and manage employees. I have been married to my wife for ten years. We have four children, ages eight, seven (twins), and three. Our three oldest children attend public school in Rockingham County. The youngest attends pre-school at Main Street United Methodist Church in Reidsville. All of them play soccer through the Reidsville YMCA. I am a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I served a two-year mission in Brazil, where I learned about faith and people - how they think and believe. I serve as president of the elders' quorum, an organization for men. As an unaffiliated candidate, justice is my party and the Constitution is my platform.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

NC Constitution
precedent fairness
justice
independence
US Constitution
statutes integrity

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

GABRIEL E. ZELLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW
ATTORNEY, LAW FIRM OWNER
2013 - CURRENT

ELON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
EXTERN, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE LINDSAY DAVIS
SPRING 2012

ELON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
HONOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
MOOT COURT JUDGE, BILLINGS, EXUM & FRYE (2014) AND
INTRAMURAL MOOT COURT (2018) COMPETITIONS

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
PRESIDENT, ELDERS QUORUM, THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BAR ASSOC., PAST PRESIDENT
ANNIE PENN HOSPITAL, ETHICS COMMITTEE
GUARDIAN AD LITEM

1st DAY

Follow the example of good judges that I have observed. Establish my expectations of respectful dress and speech with the parties and attorneys appearing before me in the courtrooms. Remain up-to-date on changes in the law. Start court on time. Issue decisions in a timely way.



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ABOUT ME

I went to Happy Home Elementary School and graduated from Ruffin High School in 1965. I graduated from UNC School of Business in 1969 and served in the US Army 1970-1973. I graduated from UNC Law School in 1976 and began the general practice of law in Caswell and Rockingham counties. I actively served in the National Guard 1974-1978. I practiced law until 2000, when I was elected a district court judge. I am married to Betty Strader Gentry, and we have one daughter, Pam; two grandsons, William and Harrison; and two great-granddaughters, Sarah and Alaina. I am a member of Pelham United Methodist Church where I serve as Chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. I am a lifelong Republican and went, as an alternate delegate, to the Republican National Convention that nominated Ronald Reagan.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

fair unbiased
child advocate
honest

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
2000- 2016

PELHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CURRENT CHAIRMAN, PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS
COMMITTEE

GENERAL LAW PRACTICE
ATTORNEY
1976 - 2000

1st DAY

My first priority has always been to be a fair, unbiased, and honest judge. The most important thing that a district court judge does is seek the best for children and I did that for over 16 years as an elected district court judge.



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ABOUT ME

I was born, raised and educated in Rockingham County and have resided here continually with the exception of the time I spent in furthering my education and my military commitment in the US Navy. I am the father of two young men one which has completed his secondary education in the Rockingham County School system and the other who is currently enrolled in the same. I have been employed by AT&T for the past 18 years.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

creative solutions

accessible

think outside the box

employment

fiscal responsibility

health

EMS

reliable

accountability

effective

jobs

low taxes

law enforcement

results oriented

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

RC Board of Commissioners

PAST BOARD CHAIR, PAST VICE BOARD CHAIR

Current Member - 8 years

CURRENT BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY HUNTING AND WILDLIFE BOARD

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE BOARD

LANDFILL ENTERPRISE BOARD

PAST BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YOUTH SERVICES BOARD

JUDICIAL BOARD

AT&T (EMPLOYMENT)

OUTSIDE PLANT TECHNICIAN (LINEMAN)

Current Employer - 18 years

1st DAY

On my first day of office, I will continue to advocate for the residents of Rockingham County insuring that tax dollars are spent effectively and wisely. Be available for citizens concerns and issues with County Government and helping resolve them fairly and expediently. Continue to persue policy that is conducive to bringing increased and better employment opportunities to the residents of the county.



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ABOUT ME

Born in Rockingham County, I have lived here all of my life. I am one of the co-owners of a local design/build firm, Cirrus Construction, Inc. and a member of First Presbyterian Church in Eden, where I have served as an Elder for several years. My ties to Rockingham County are strong and deep. My wife, Stephanie, is a Teacher's Assistant at Stoneville Elementary School. We raised our two daughters in this community, and they are successful products of our local school system. My father was an instructor at RCC and my mother a school secretary at Central Elementary. I am passionate about this community and have served as a volunteer for many community and civic organizations including Morehead High School Band Boosters (Treasurer & Secretary), Duane Best Scholarship Fund, United Way of Rockingham County(Campaign Chair, Interim VP of Finance and Board President), The Salvation Army of Eden (Board Chair), The Salvation Army of Rockingham County, The Eden Noon Lions Club (Club Secretary for 2 Years), The Home Builders Association of Rockingham County (Treasurer), Eden Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

economic development
accountable
collaboration
good decision making
keeping budget tight

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

SALVATION ARMY OF EDEN

PAST BOARD CHAIR

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

UNITED WAY OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

PAST BOARD CHAIR, CAMPAIGN CHAIR

INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EDEN

ELDER LEADER

CO-CHAIR FOR EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN TRANSITION

EDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

PAST BOARD CHAIR, CURRENT MEMBER

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

OFFICER, MOREHEAD HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTERS

PAST SECRETARY, EDEN NOON LIONS CLUB

HOMEBUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

1st DAY

If elected, I will work tirelessly to keep the budget down while exploring ways to more efficiently offer the services that the residents have come to expect from their county government. One way to keep taxes low is thru economic development. We need to empower personnel in these areas to attract new industry. We need to treat county employees fairly and develop recognition to encourage career service to the county, so as not to serve as a training ground for other municipalities.



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ABOUT ME

I am a proven business leader and activist with over 20+ years experience in the private sector, and I plan to take my skills to assist our community, and our existing County Commissioners. Born and raised in Eden, I am no stranger to the needs of my community, our county, or the state. A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University with a degree in textiles and minor in business, I was able to immediately make an impact with every company I worked for which included fortune 500 companies such as Burlington Industries, Johnson & Johnson and Miller Brewing Company. As the textile industry began to decline, I knew that a change in profession was needed and I decided to reinvent myself. In the early 80's, I started my first business that was named after my father's family, and it still stands today and is known by the entire community as Perkins Professional Day Care. Perkins continues to offer quality childcare and creates jobs for our community. Over the years my business has grown and helped to educate and mentor thousands of children in Rockingham County while also providing them a safe environment away from home.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

alternative energy
accessibility economy
education
job creation accountability
school safety compromise

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BUSINESS OWNER

PERKINS PROFESSIONAL DAYCARE
BOY WITH BRIEFCASES (NONPROFIT FOUNDER)

EDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

EDEN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

EDEN SALVATION ARMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NAACP, MEMBER
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS, VOLUNTEER

1st DAY

With your support, she can win this seat where she intends to be accountable, accessible, and a voice for the citizens in this county. Perkins has the ability to work well with both liberals and conservatives. Her experience will allow her to help balance the budget for Rockingham County and work with Economic Development to create jobs in our struggling economy. Perkins believes that we must continue to invest in our children's education so that some day, they will live the American Dream and help create a county that is conducive for them to make a quality living and stay in Rockingham County.



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ABOUT ME

As a parent I want Rockingham County to thrive for us, our children and theirs. Having lived in Rockingham County for over 40 years, I am proud to call it my home. We have such wonderful resources here including our people, our rivers and environment, and our heritage! My passion is to make our county as appealing and inviting as possible on many levels thus attracting and keeping jobs, businesses, teachers, health professionals, and our children. After serving 38 years in public education, primarily as an administrator, I know how to develop budgets within finite resources, how to work with the public, how to read and write policies, and how to be compliant with laws and regulations. I live on a horse farm where I provide upkeep (grounds, structures) and daily care for over 20 horses. With my husband I ran a small business selling horse supplies. I have taught and trained at all levels, PK through university and served on the school-wide crisis team. I enjoy hiking, riding horses, tending the farm, as well as reading (and listening) to books and keeping up with current events at all levels. I am a listener, learner, problem solver, and hard worker.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

communication
affordable housing
economic growth
environmental stewardship
efficiency jobs respect ethics
healthcare safety unity experience
public education fairness
accountability compromise
transparency

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

DIRECTOR OF EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS
1977-2012

UNCG & ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

FACULTY INSTRUCTOR

BUSINESS OWNER

HORSE FARM OWNER/MANAGER
1985-PRESENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

MUSEUM & ARCHIVES OF RC, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROLLING RIDGE RIDING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESUME LINK

<http://www.annbrady4roc.com/resume.html>

1st DAY

As a listener and learner I will immediately meet with various government departments to explore the concerns and issues facing our county from these different perspectives. I will seek transparency by setting up a system for the community to easily dialogue with me. I will work to be part of a team who will lead our county in environmental stewardship, economic growth and jobs, health and safety for our community, and public education support. I will reach out to those with expertise and experience to teach me what I do not yet know and to guide me towards sound decisions.



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ABOUT ME

I have lived in Rockingham County my entire life. I grew up in the Williamsburg Community and graduated from Reidsville Senior High in 1979. I'm a Graduate from Rockingham Community College and North Carolina State University with a degree in Criminal Justice and the Administrative Officers Management Program (AOMP). I am currently serving in my 4th term as Rockingham County Clerk of Superior Court, taking office on December 2nd, 2002. Prior to being elected as Clerk of Court, I had a 20 year career in Law Enforcement. My wife, Denise and I have been married for 30 years and we have two (2) daughters, Rebekah, 22, who works for Spectrum News and Meredith, 13, a student at Rockingham Middle School. We have lived in Wentworth for 24 years.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

professional
dedication
integrity
humble
law abiding
blessed
trustworthy
loyal
honest
responsible
leader
knowledgeable
excellent communication skills
fair

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL BRANCH

CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT

2002 - CURRENT

NC CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

STANDARDS & TRAINING, CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

1991 - CURRENT

NC CONFERENCE OF CLERKS

PAST PRESIDENT, CURRENT MEMBER

2002 - CURRENT

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NC GUARDIANSHIP ASSOCIATION, PAST BOARD CHAIR

HOSPICE OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, PAST BOARD CHAIR

RCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PAST MEMBER

1st DAY

As the largest office in the courthouse, I will continue to manage a staff of 28 Deputy and Assistant Clerks as I have over the years. As Judge of Probate, I will continue to apply the law as provided by the North Carolina General Statutes during the hearings that I conduct for Special Proceedings and Estate Matters. I will continue to be dedicated to the citizens that I serve as long as they allow me to be their Clerk of Court.



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ABOUT ME

My name is Joseph Irving (35) from the Happy Home community in Ruffin. My education began at Stone-Eden Christian School. From Williamsburg, VA to Greensboro as a kid, by God's grace I ended up back in Rockingham High School from 1997-2001. It was from Wentworth to East Carolina University then to Liberty University for grad school. I am currently earning a doctorate (dMin) at United Theological Seminary. On October 3, 2017 (my son's birthday) I became the founder of a nonprofit called *Resilience* (my son's NICU password) that helps young adults navigate the court system. I am a preacher, small business owner, and father of two beautiful children: Easton (4) and Ava (2). My small business, *911 Emergency Signs*, provides low-cost, never rust or rot vinyl address signs to the elderly and indigent to aid first-responders in finding properties during an emergency. My non-profit aids families of early-track recidivists to target and diagnose the major malfunction of young adults continuing to make bad decisions while juggling an alternative narrative status such as poverty, domestic violence, community punishment, or in need of victim services such as pastoral counseling or encouragement.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

effectiveness transforming
truthfulness service balance
fairness full-disclosure justice jurisprudence
repentance grace kindness renewing
chaplaincy clarify brevity
tolerance efficiency

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
MASTER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
MASTER OF DIVINITY

BUSINESS OWNER

911 EMERGENCY SIGNS, OWNER
RESILIENCE NONPROFIT FOUNDER AND VOLUNTEER

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

THEATRE GUILD OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY
HOME OF REFUGE OUTREACH
GARDNER C TAYLOR SCHOLARS

1st DAY

It's 2018 and the wind of change has blown into our local courthouse. I prayerfully adjure churches around Rockingham County to sponsor young adults going through the court system in the same way sponsors are assigned in programs like AA and NA. The first day in office, the Clerk of Court will visit churches and non-profits on rotation every week to help the courthouse remain connected with the community. There will be an on-call clerk to solve problems with civil matters after business hours. If necessary, costs arising from additions to the salary of the office itself. The elected clerk is the buffer zone between attorneys, judges and the public. As the surety of the people, the elected clerk is the *ex-officio* advocate of women, children and father's custody rights.



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ABOUT ME

I am a resident of Eden and currently serving my fifth term (over 19 years) as Sheriff of Rockingham County, NC. I am married to Kathy Page, and we have a daughter, Kimberly Page. I graduated from Reidsville High School. After high school, I attended the United States Air Force Security Police Academy. While in the US Air Force, I served as a security policeman and then became a Sergeant, supervising a K-9 shift and handled post assignments and training. After an Honorable discharge from service, I joined the Ft. Lauderdale Police Force, then came home to protect and serve our Rockingham County citizens for the past 35 years, first through the Eden Police Department, then the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office.

I have dedicated my life to public service and as sheriff, I lead by example, growing a Sheriff's Office that is not only professional, but well respected in the state.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

communication
opioid crisis
school safety
leadership
mental health
collaboration
funding
unified team
vision

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
SHERIFF (17 YEARS)

EDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER (17 YEARS)

FT. LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
SECURITY POLICE

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

NC SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, PAST PRESIDENT & MEMBER
NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION BOARD SECURITY
AND IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
HELP INCORPORATED, PAST BOARD MEMBER
REIDSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MEMBER

1st DAY

I will continue to focus on the issues that matter: providing a safe school environment, addressing the Opioid crisis and mental health concerns of residents, identifying funding for additional school resource officers, and improving our office's field communications and data, and continue collaborations with local agencies within Rockingham County.



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ABOUT ME

I have served the Rockingham County School System as a classroom teacher for over 30 years and as a Rockingham County School Board Member for 4 years. I have been married to a fellow educator and RC employee for over 45 years and have 2 children who completed their elementary through high school education in our school system. 30 years of teaching has helped equip me to be a member of the School Board. During my tenure as a teacher, I gained knowledge and skills in using test data to drive instruction, collaborate with my colleagues, and advance my students' knowledge in preparation for the next grade level. Serving on the School Improvement Team afforded me experience in teamwork and advocating for all students. Since being elected 2014, I have continued my love for students, community leadership, and service to employees and fellow board colleagues. As a policy committee member, I obtained information to help create and adopt policies that impact the students, employees, volunteers, parents and board members. My commitment to the students of Rockingham county is to ensure the opportunity for all students to receive a basic and sound education.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

dependable supportive
friendly leader tolerant excellence
listener trustworthy caring
energetic creative loyal willing
determined sacrificial
courageous communicator innovative

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

CLASSROOM TEACHER (30 YEARS)
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM, MENTOR, CALENDAR
COMMITTEE & GRADE LEVEL CHAIRPERSON

RCS BOARD OF EDUCATION

CURRENT BOARD MEMBER (2014 - CURRENT)
APPOINTED LIAISON TO RC BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
POLICY COMMITTEE, TEACHER CONTRACT COMMITTEE,
TEACHER OF THE YEAR & CALENDAR COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

TRI COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NAACP, MEMBER
ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY, MEMBER
AFRICAN AMERICAN CAUCUS, MEMBER
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ASSOCIATE MINISTER

1st DAY

Upon my first day in office, I will continue to make it clear to everyone that I will make every effort to ensure that the students have academic growth and employees have professional excellence throughout the school year. Safety matters, employee morale and retention is very important to the growth of our school system.



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ABOUT ME

I am a retired educator with 31+ years of service in education. I have educational degrees from UNC-Greensboro – Bachelors of Social Work and Masters of School Administration. I have worked in three LEAs in North Carolina (Rockingham County, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, and Guilford County). I am seeking my 3rd term on the Board of Education. I am committed to public education, continuously advocating and supporting our students, faculty and staff.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

all students
drop-out prevention
quality education
innovative curriculum
career ready
college

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

NC DROP-OUT PREVENTION COMMISSION

APPOINTED BY GOV. EASLEY & GOV. PERDUE TO
ALLOCATE GRANT FUNDS TO PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS
AND IMPROVE THE DROP OUT RATE FOR NC STUDENTS.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

UNCG ACCREDITATION TEAM, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
DO YOU WANT TO ADD COMMITTEES/BOARDS?

1st DAY

I would continue to advocate and address issues that impact public education by communicating with leaders that make decisions for Rockingham County, North Carolina and our nation. I will continue my work on developing policies and procedures that improve delivery of services to our students, parents and the learning community.



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ABOUT ME

I am a conservative Republican and a Rockingham County native. I graduated from Rockingham County High School in 1987. I've been married to my high school sweetheart, Dwayne Rakestraw, for 27 years and I am the stay-at-home mother of our 3 children who currently attend Rockingham County Schools. I am the daughter of Earl and Linda Harvell and the daughter-in-law of Lee and Ginger Rakestraw. In 1991, I graduated from UNC-Greensboro with a Bachelor of Science in Child Development and Family Relations. In addition to my education, my work experiences have included creating and managing a budget of \$1.5 million, finding and creating revenue streams, developing and implementing board policies, and working with multiple agencies to provide services for children and families in Rockingham County. Finally, as an involved parent in our school system for the last 11 years, I am confident that I am prepared to be an active member of the Rockingham County School Board.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

approachable equitable frugal accessible
responsible honest responsible
trustworthy
collaborative fair creative ethical
accountable
safety conscience
transparent strategic

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

RC PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

FOUNDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ADJUNCT FACULTY - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

BETHANY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

PAST PTA PRESIDENT

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL

BETHANY COMMUNITY BASKETBALL LEAGUE

RCS VOLUNTEER, PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

1st DAY

As a new school board member, it will be extremely important for me to make myself visible in all of the schools. As an "At Large" representative, I take the role of representing our entire county very serious and will be looking at what is best for our school system as a whole. For example, there are specific items in our school system's policies that need to be addressed to restore discipline in our classrooms and our school system's budget needs to be more concise, clear and transparent. Finally, it is my hope to facilitate a collaborative relationship between our families, our community and our schools.



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ABOUT ME

As a lifelong resident of Rockingham County and a graduate of the Rockingham County Public School system, I believe strongly in a solid educational foundation. And as a father of two children who are products of the local school system, I also place a heavy importance on the full educational growth of the young people that make up the foundation of our future. I want high standards for our students, but I want to see them learn real-world skills and not just how to pass a standardized test. We need hard-working representatives with a fresh and unique perspective who are willing to work together to improve our community and county by placing a true importance on our children's education. We need representatives that put taxpayer dollars to work for our students and teachers. I believe a good education is the number one foundation to construct solid building blocks of life upon. I look forward to the opportunity to serve on the board of education. I would greatly appreciate your all-important vote in the upcoming election.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

collaboration
commitment support informed
communications teachers leadership
involved safety truthful passionate
transparency education opportunity students responsible
fiscal responsibility
accountability

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

HOME SOLUTIONS ROOFING

SALES COORDINATOR

SOUTHERN FOODS

U.S. SHIPPING COORDINATOR

SALES SPECIALIST

PURCHASING AGENT

MONROETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

PAST PTA VICE PRESIDENT

PAST PTA FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY PLANNING BOARD, MEMBER

BOY SCOUT TROOP 797, TROOP LEADER

1st DAY

Evaluate school buildings to make sure we are maximizing our resources to protect our children and staff. Sit down with fellow board members and superintendent to find out top challenges we are facing so we can collaborate for a solution. Evaluate the strategic finance plan to determine budget priorities. Meet and establish a relationship with staff, school leadership and support personnel. Identify programs that most effectively support students success. Meet with principals to create great working relationships and communications.



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ABOUT ME

I have an educational background that includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from UNC-Greensboro, a Masters in Elementary Education from North Carolina, A.&T., and a Master of School Administration from Appalachian State University. I worked in Rockingham County Schools from January 1987 until July 2017 as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. Since 1998, I am a Nationally Board Certified Teacher. I have completed school leadership programs through the Principals' Executive School Leadership Program in Chapel Hill. As a teacher and principal, I served on numerous school and district committees and leadership teams. I have a deep commitment to students, parents, staff, and to our schools.

IMPORTANT ISSUES



RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS

PRINCIPAL - WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY, NEW VISION
(2008-2017)

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - JOHN W. DILLARD ELEMENTARY
(2005-2008)

TEACHER - JOHN W. DILLARD ELEMENTARY
(1987-2005)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

PTO BOARDS AT WENTWORTH & NEW VISION
RCS PARENT ADVISORY & AIG COMMITTEES
ALPHA DELTA KAPPA ORG. FOR WOMEN EDUCATORS
CRISIS AND SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM MEMBER
STUDENT SERVICES MANAGEMENT TEAMS

1st DAY

During my first few days in office, I would begin visiting schools to speak with teachers and staff about their concerns and priorities for their schools. I would also visit classrooms to observe the educational experiences of students. I would like to meet with Board members to review upcoming issues, concerns, and the school budget.



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ABOUT ME

My name is Kimberly W. McMichael and I am a Republican candidate for the Rockingham County Board of Education- Member at Large. Growing up in the Midway-Monroeton community, I graduated from Rockingham in 1993, and afterwards, attended RCC and Leon's Beauty School. My husband of 16 years, Penn McMichael, is also a Rockingham County native. We have three children who all attend Rockingham County Schools. I am the daughter of the late Ronald E. Walker and Deonne Walker, and the daughter in law of Jule Jr. and Barbara McMichael. After being self-employed in a salon for 20 years, we made the decision for me to stay home and focus on our three children. It has been a challenge, and I have missed my clients, but I will never regret the time I have invested in my children and invested volunteering to help other children. Learning the many needs and challenges our schools have while volunteering propelled me to run for Board of Education. My experience in leadership and having a successful business for 20 years will be a great asset. As a mother, my desire is to always do what is right for children.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

leadership
transparency
respect
collaboration
communication
cooperation
selflessness
creative thinking
trust
determination
honor
compassion
involvement
responsibility
accountability

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

BUSINESS OWNER

SELF-EMPLOYED HAIR DESIGNER

REIDSVILLE JUNIOR SERVICE LEAGUE

PAST PRESIDENT & SUSTAINING MEMBER

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

GROUP LEADER, REIDSVILLE

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

SOUTH END ELEMENTARY (PAST PRESIDENT)
WENTWORTH ELEMENTARY & ROCKINGHAM MIDDLE

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY SCHOOLS, VOLUNTEER
RC EDUCATION FOUNDATION, BOARD OF DIRECTOR

1st DAY

I am committed to striving for unity and collaboration with our community, and all local government without compromising my Christian beliefs and conservative values for the benefit of ALL of our children. Following the election, my hope is by the first day, I have had the opportunity to learn more about the internal operations of the school board. I will be eager and ready to begin the process of cultivating trust and the transparent relationship with our community and all local government that I have talked so much about.



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ABOUT ME

I am a local market farmer and educator whose passions are working with people and working with the earth. My focus is on examining current practices in agriculture and development, and working to determine when innovative solutions should be implemented in ways that are economically feasible and ecologically sustainable. At the Greensboro Montessori School, I worked with elementary and middle school students to gain a hands-on experience of agricultural practices and with nature. As a produce vendor at the Reidsville Market Square Farmer's Market, I raised and sold chemical-free produce and eggs. This allowed me to gain more direct experience with farming as an avocation and means to earn a living, as well as collaborating with vendors to promote the market and make it a destination for residents. When serving as a High School Equivalency instructor at RCC, I worked with students who were unable to complete high school, gaining insight into the unique economic and social needs of our county.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

fertile soil wildlife
local economy
clean food
ecology
nature clean water sustainability
local food healthy
pure water productive soil

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

GREENSBORO MONTESSORI SCHOOL

GARDENER/OUTDOOR EDUCATOR

2003-2010

MARKET SQUARE FARMERS MARKET

PRODUCE VENDOR

2015-2017

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CITIZENS' ACADEMY

PROGRAM GRADUATE

2016

ROCKINGHAM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY INSTRUCTOR

2016-CURRENT

1st DAY

My priority would be, after becoming more acquainted with the board members and staff at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office, would be to get my feet on the ground and meet the farmers of the county, to get a better idea of their needs and wants and how those needs and wants can be met while preserving Rockingham County's unique natural heritage.



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ABOUT ME

I am a common sense Rockingham County resident who cares deeply about our health and economy. We moved to Reidsville to be near where my wife of many years was born. Our youngest daughter recently graduated from RCHS. We've grown roots in this community through my outreach of local church activities and Bible studies. Brenda and I decided to make this our forever home. My background is well-suited for this position, and includes science, public administration, military experience and education. I was a Finalist for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Award for Excellence in Program Management. I have a B.S. in Biology, Univ. of North Alabama and later worked for the Department of Health managing many different personalities. I am a 2015 graduate of the EPA Water Quality Standards Academy, including Human Health & Monitoring, focusing on the U.S. Clean Water Act. I served as both enlisted and officer in the U.S. Army where I was honored with the U.S. Army Achievement Award. I am a passionate gardener and fisherman and enjoy exploring the outdoors through hiking. Having been committed to public service my entire life, I would consider it an honor to continue that service for the Rockingham County Conservation District.

IMPORTANT ISSUES

soil, water & common sense
outcome driven
intelligence
goodwill
efficiency
safety
Bible
communication
competence
leadership
fairness
kindness
strength

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

I worked for many years for state constituents in applying regulations, seeking and managing funds and resources, budget execution, and working with state legislators.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM MGMT.

I was concerned with the safety and health of citizens and provided actionable data-driven intelligence to senior management staff, including the Physician General of Pennsylvania, to improve decision-making and responses to the national media to promote our constituents' health and safety.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

I protected environmental resources by monitoring four experimental pilot plants effluent ponds to ensure all measurements were within state regulations. I prepared reports, diagrams, charts, and graphs for fertilizer development programs

1st DAY

I believe in a practical and Bible-based approach to problem-solving and decision-making. In my first days in office, I will do 3 things: 1) Assess: Speak personally with residents of our district to determine what the average person would like to see accomplished by our Board; 2) Research: Seek wisdom and communicate with other experts; and 3) Take Action: I am interested in ensuring the common senses proper and safe clean up of the Dan River coal ash spill. I will begin to use my skills and experience to take immediate action on all critical conservation resource needs in our district.

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