

Nikkia Young

I believe I can continue to be a solid president for Richmond Road Runners Club because my experience and passion for this community run deep. With a background in product management, I've learned how to listen closely to people's needs, understand what matters most to them, and turn good ideas into real action. Having already served two terms as president, I know how our club works from the inside out, and I've spent years helping it grow in a positive, welcoming direction. I've played an active role in shaping our programming and making sure members feel their membership truly brings value—whether through events, training, or community connections. As a race director for several events, I've managed the behind-the-scenes details that make races fun, safe, and memorable. My work as a community run and walking coach keeps me connected to runners at every level, helping me understand what inspires them and what kind of support they're looking for. Being well connected in the Richmond running community allows me to bring people together, build partnerships, and make our club stronger through collaboration. Additionally, my connections with the Road Runners Club of America can help support our expansion in the coming years. All of these experiences reflect my dedication to our mission and my belief in the power of running to build community. I care deeply about this club, and I'm ready to continue leading it with energy, empathy, and a focus on bringing people together.

John Christmas

My name is John Christmas. I am honored to be back with my friends from the Running Club from a few years ago. Here is a little about me:

- RRRC Board Member, 2002-2012
- Toy Run 5K Race Director
- Ashland ½ Marathon Co-Race Director
- Byrd Park Group Co-Founder and Group Leader
- RRCA Certified Adult Distance Running Coach
- Aspirations to be future RRRC President

Colin Schoenhaut

I, Colin Schoenhaut, am formally expressing my interest in the position of Treasurer of the Richmond Road Runners Club.

Will Murphy

I am interested in continuing on this board to help RRRC fulfill its mission.

Kirk Milliken

As a member of the Board of Directors over the last eight years, I believe that I have contributed to the advancement of the club in several ways but particularly through chairing the RRRC Scholarship Committee and the RRRC Grants Committee.

As chair of the Scholarship Committee, I spend many hours preparing the announcement of the scholarship, sorting applications for review by committee members, and compiling scores for each applicant. As chair of the Grants Committee, I organize applications for review by committee members and ensure that the committee comes to a consensus for the board to vote on. I am proud of the success of

RRRC's scholarship program and grants program and the positive community outreach these programs provide. Outside of scholarships and grants, I often volunteer at RRRC races when I am not running them and actively engage in meeting discussions during RRRC board meetings. I have also been an RRRC race director and represented the Club at the national RRCA conference.

Over the last eight years on the RRRC Board of Directors I have attended almost every monthly board meeting, highlighting my commitment to the club and to the board. I look forward to continuing my involvement in RRRC and representing RRRC in the Richmond running community.

Patty Henson-Dacey

I have been an RRRC member for 12 years. I have run and volunteered at many races over the years and have enjoyed the support of this club from the beginning as a new runner. It has been my honor to serve as an active board member and Grand Prix co-chair for the past two years. I continue to volunteer at many races throughout the year and to represent the club at the marathon expo. I hope to continue to serve in this role, to give back to and support all runners within our community.

Jon Pigg

I'm excited for the opportunity to serve on the Richmond Road Runners Club Board of Directors. RRRC has been a huge part of my running journey and my community, and I'd like to help the club continue to grow, welcome new runners, and support long-time members.

I currently coach with RRRC's Winter Training Team, and I'm involved in helping promote RRRC races and programs through social media and communications. I've also been part of race leadership and volunteer efforts (including co-directing Fools Fest), which has given me a good view into how much work and coordination it takes to put on quality events.

Professionally, I'm a Senior Director of Marketing Automation, leading teams focused on communication, data, and process. I'd bring that experience to the Board to help the club communicate clearly, use data thoughtfully, and support volunteers in doing their best work.

I'm grateful for the chance to give back to a club that has given so much to me.

Marcy George

I feel I offer a different perspective in that I walk races as well as do a lot of volunteering. I was the Race Director for the Sweetheart 8K for 12 years. I have volunteered at Races for RRRC as well as with other groups for as long as I can remember. I handle walk-up registration, packet pick-up, work the finish line and have become "a Football Guru" for the club. With SportsBackers I am on their committee for the Marathon and Monument Avenue 10K at their expos for registration and help coordinate the finish lines for both races. I also Coach their 8K and 10K training teams as well as help them with other races and events they sponsor. In addition, I have volunteered with the Capital Trail Foundation for their Cap2Cap Bike Ride and coordinated Registration for the event as well as the Capital 10M/5K.

Kathryn Blessing

Originally from Maryland, Kathryn Blessing has lived in Richmond for twenty years, working as a fundraiser for key cultural institutions including the Richmond Symphony, Maymont, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, and currently as Director of Development and Sponsor Events at the Richmond Forum. Kathryn is a grant writing, corporate sponsorship, event specialist, and seasoned non-profit professional.

In 2010, Kathryn began her running journey by participating in a Monument Avenue 10k training team and has never stopped. She has dozens of races under her feet, highlights are: 16 marathons including qualifying for and running the Boston Marathon (2017, 2021); the notorious JIM Ultra in Crozet, Virginia (2020, 2023); and in 2023 celebrating her 40th birthday by completing the JFK 50 Miler in her hometown.

Kathryn strongly believes in the role of sport in building community. She enjoys participating as an athlete and as a volunteer – handing out medals, leading pace groups, and serving on the board of Girls on the Run Richmond have been some of her most rewarding experiences. She looks forward to the opportunity to combine her professional skills and her passion for the running community to serve RRRC.

Kathryn and her husband Justin live in Woodland Heights with their dogs Lola and Remy – just steps from the James River Park System and the marathon course. They enjoy running, traveling, epic backcountry hiking, football (Go Birds), Dave Matthews Band (Kathryn's 50th show will be in 2025), creating an epic Halloween display (@spookyheights) and yes, sitting on the couch.

Michael George

RRRC member since 1989

Board member since 1992

Club President 1996 - 1997

Race director of Battlefield Half Marathon/Patrick Henry Half Marathon/Ashland Half Marathon since 1993

Start line/Finish line of Richmond Marathon for 28 years

USAT&F race course certifier

Yelling at runners at hundreds of running events throughout the years

Mike Levins

I have been a member of the Richmond Road Runners Club (RRRC) for most of its existence, joining in late 1978. This provides me with a lot of historical perspective, which I believe can help guide the Club as we move forward.

I have served the Club in many roles over the years. I directed the Stratford Hills 10K for 40 years. I have volunteered at many races, RRRC & contract events, providing timing & results services for many of these events.

I have been a member of the Board of Directors for many years and hope to continue in this role for the next term.

Allison May

I would like to be a member of the RRRC Board of Directors because I would like to continue contributing to and growing the organization. I have been working with the organization for six years on the Board with two years as Secretary. Also, I've spent about four years as the administrator of RunSignup (I do the weekly newsletter and assist in setting up races). I also have helped as the race director of Thanks Dad 5K and have volunteered for many races. I want to continue to make the running and walking community accessible to everyone who is interested in participating in races. I also love being involved in the community because it is so friendly and open. I would like to be able to continue helping RRRC build its place in the Richmond running community and help attract more runners and walkers to join the organization.

Noah Mercer

I have served on the Richmond Road Runners Club Board of Directors for nearly two years. During that time I have volunteered at and participated in numerous RRRC events, and I have taken on the role of RunSignup and website administrator. In that capacity I manage the club's online registration and web presence, which keeps me actively involved in every event the club organizes. I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving in this role for the coming term and to support the club's events and member experience.

Sarah Golightly

My name is Sarah Golightly, and I am running for a board position for the Richmond Road Runners Club.

I have been actively serving on the board for the past two years. I started running in 2017, and quickly became active in the RRRC races.

I am interested in staying on the board to help promote running and walking in Richmond. Our running community is a wonderful, supportive group, and I enjoy being a part of it.

Michele Plouffe

I would like to join the board to further help the mission of RRRC. This is my 3rd year coaching and first year as one of the head coaches for WTT. I enjoy helping with coordinating volunteers for club events.

Megan Arrington

I am interested in joining the RRRC board to help strengthen and further expand the Richmond running community. I've been running since I was in eighth grade when I signed up for cross country. I have been an avid road and trail runner ever since and have been very active in the Richmond running community over the past several years. I have been a coach for the HMTT kangaroo team, a coordinator for One For The Road run club, a co-leader for East End Trail Runners, and have placed overall and in my age group in various road and trail races. I served on the board for the Virginia Hemophilia Foundation for seven years, so I have board experience. I also have a masters degree in marketing and work in the marketing field, so I have experience in advertising for, organizing, and executing events. I love doing anything that is team oriented and working with others, so I think I would be a great fit for the RRRC board.