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The Curbside Team: Election Officers who make curbside voting happen



From left to right: Gavin, Alicia, Lillie, Madelyn, and Rosalind.

Since the 2020 election, our office has made curbside voting available in every election at every polling location. Curbside voting is convenient for voters who want to wait in the comfort of their cars or if they have mobility issues that make it hard for them to stand in the voting line.

When Early Voting begins at the Office of Elections, the iconic curbside voting team of five never fail to show up. Madelyn, Lillie, Rosalind, Alicia, and the newest member of the team, Gavin, work tirelessly to assist curbside voters.

Alicia
After retiring 6 years ago, Alicia decided to sign up to become an Election Officer after one of her church members said she would be a great fit. From then on, she has only grown more passionate about voting and the importance of it.

She began her Election Officer career at George Wythe high school and first served as a curbside election officer in 2020. Alicia enjoys talking to the different people who come to vote and her favorite moment was helping this one particular voter, a lady who was 100 years old cast her vote.

Alicia remembers the first time she voted at the age of 18. Her mom took her to cast her first vote in the 1973 election. When asked why she chooses to vote, she said “Change.” Alicia said she votes for a better community, but also her ancestors fought for the right to vote.

“I am continuing what my ancestors started,” Alicia said.



Madelyn

Madelyn remembers the poll taxes her parents had to pay to vote. “\$1.50,” she recalls. By the time she was able to vote at the age of 21, her mom said if she wants to keep staying in the house, she has to vote. But Madelyn didn’t vote because of her mom’s house rules, she said she chooses to vote for a better future.

Prior to becoming an Election Officer, Madelyn was involved with the Crusade for Voters, a local organization that mobilize Black folks to the polls. Beyond the organization, Madelyn work with her church to register people to vote. Needless to say, she has dedicated her life to helping people who can vote, vote.

Rosalind

Rosalind travels all the way from Powhatan County to City of Richmond to serve as an Election Officer. She said the welcoming environment of Richmond pushes her to continue to serve in the city.

She first started in 2006 when someone recommended her to sign up to be a poll worker. Since then, she has inspired her husband and many others to also become Election Officers. On Election Day, she works at precinct 415.

Rosalind casted her first vote when she turned 18. Currently, she votes hoping for policies focusing on community safety and better education.



Lillie

After being with the Curbside Team for many elections, Lillie recently became apart of the Early Voting Team as a greeter. She has served the Richmond community for over 10 years. Lillie continues to work as an election officer because she enjoys interacting with the different walks of life and serving her community. Her favorite part about the job is seeing first time voters at the polls.

Lillie has voted in almost every election and she votes for a safer community and safer schools. Outside of being an election officer, Lillie enjoys reading, watching TV, and spending time with family.

Gavin

The newest member of the team and one of the youngest, Gavin, decided to serve as an Election Officer after graduating from Hamptons University. Knowing the high turnout of this election, Gavin said he wants to help with the electoral process, making sure that people make their voices heard in this election.

Prior to becoming an Election Officer, Gavin worked in architecture. The stressful nature of the work has led him to seek a mental health break through community service and volunteering.