New Faces in the General Assembly for 2018

New Delegates-Elect Due to Open Seats

Delegate-Elect Jennifer Carroll Foy (D)
2nd District (Prince William & Stafford)—Open seat due to the retirement of Delegate Mark Dudenhoffer
Defeated Mike Makee 62.72%-37.28%

Jennifer was born in Petersburg, Virginia and attended Petersburg High School. She received her bachelor’s degree from the Virginia Military Institute, her master’s degree from Virginia State University, and her J.D. from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Her professional experience includes working as an attorney and public defender, serving as an adjunct professor of criminal law at Northern Virginia Community College, and serving as a magistrate. She founded a nonprofit organization called the Foundation for Foster and Orphan Children. Jennifer lives in Woodbridge with her husband Jeffrey Foy and their twin boys who were born in early July 2017.

Delegate-Elect Bob Thomas (R)
28th District (Stafford)—Open seat due to the retirement of Speaker Bill Howell
Defeated Joshua Cole 50.18%-49.82%

Bob was born and raised in Sandusky, Ohio. Shortly after graduation, Bob joined the United States Marine Corps in 1995. He spent nearly four years stationed in Okinawa, Japan until he was transferred to Marine Corps Base Quantico in January of 2000. Bob was honorably discharged from the Marines in 2003 and decided to call Stafford County home where he entered the private sector.

Following active duty, Bob spent three years working for a large government contractor. In the fall of 2006, Bob and a fellow Marine started their own company, Capriccio Software. Bob is the President/CEO of Capriccio.

In 2011, Bob was elected to serve on the Stafford County Board of Supervisors for the George Washington District. In 2015 he was re-elected; he served as Chairman of the Board in 2016. Bob currently serves as the 2nd Vice-President of the Virginia Association of Counties where he represents nearly all of Virginia’s counties in Richmond on important legislative issues. Bob and his wife Christi have eight children and reside in Stafford County.
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Delegate-Elect Kathy Tran (D)
42nd District (Fairfax)—Open seat due to the retirement of Delegate Dave Albo
Defeated Lolita Mancheno-Smoak 61.02%-38.98%

Kathy Tran and her parents fled Vietnam as boat refugees when she was seven months old. Kathy graduated from Duke University and earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan.

During her 12 years of service at the U.S. Department of Labor, she served in numerous leadership positions, including as the Acting Administrator for the Office of Workforce Investment and the Director of the Division of Policy, Legislation, and Regulation. Kathy went on to work at the National Immigration Forum, one of the nation’s leading immigration advocacy organizations.

The president of her local PTA, she and her husband Matt live in West Springfield with their four children, Daven (8), Charlotte (6), Quinn (4), and baby Elise.

Delegate-Elect John McGuire (R)
56th District (Louisa/Henrico)—Open seat due to the retirement of Delegate Peter Farrell
Defeated Melissa Dart 59.58%-40.42%

John McGuire was put into foster care at the age of nine, having been abandoned in downtown Richmond. He spent his childhood in foster care, attending nine elementary schools. He graduated from Henrico High School and became a U.S. Navy SEAL.

After a decade of service as a U.S. Navy SEAL, John founded SEAL Team PT, Inc., in Richmond. The mission of SEAL Team PT, Inc, is to help teams and individuals become stronger, healthier, and more confident. SEAL Team PT will celebrate 19 years of service this fall.

John lives in Henrico with his wife and five children.
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Delegate-Elect Emily Brewer (R)
64th District (Isle of Wight)—Open seat due to the retirement of Delegate Rick Morris
Defeated Rebecca Colaw 62.47%-37.53%

Emily started her career training first responders, law enforcement, and public safety officials. She now owns and operates a small wine and craft beer shop in Suffolk. Emily currently serves on the Paul D. Camp Community College Foundation Board. She also serves on a local domestic violence shelter board making sure women and children who are victims of domestic abuse have a safe-haven and the resources to seek the help they need.

Emily was adopted at an early age and hopes to focus on the issue of adoption during her tenure in the House. Emily and her husband, Joey, are lifelong residents of Western Tidewater. They currently live in Holland, Virginia and attend church at Tucker Swamp Baptist Church.

Delegate-Elect Schuyler Van Valkenburg
72nd District (Henrico)—Open seat due to the retirement of Delegate Jimmie Massie
Defeated Eddie Whitlock 52.83%-47.17%

Schuyler Van Valkenburg grew up thirty minutes north of Albany, NY, in the small city of Johnstown. After high school, he moved down to Richmond, enrolling in the University of Richmond in 2001. During his undergraduate studies, he also met his wife. They eventually started a family and he began his teaching career in Henrico County Public Schools.

He has been a teacher for twelve years, first at Short Pump Middle School, and now at Glen Allen High School. He finished his Master of History at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2008.

He lives with his family in Lakeside, Virginia.
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Delegate-Elect Jay Jones
89th District (Norfolk)—Open seat due to the retirement of Delegate Daun Hester

Jay completed his undergraduate studies at the College of William and Mary, where he was a double major in Government and History, and obtained his law degree from the University of Virginia. Upon graduation from law school, Jay began practicing law in Norfolk. Prior to attending law school, he was an associate with Goldman Sachs where he focused on risk management and rating advisory.

Jay's family has a long history of service to the city. His grandfather, Hilary H. Jones, Jr., was a pioneer in the Civil Rights Movement. A lawyer, he became the first African American appointed to the Norfolk School Board and subsequently the State Board of Education.

Both of Jay's parents are longtime public servants. Jay's father, Jerrauld C. Jones, served eight terms in the House of Delegates representing the 89th District. He stepped down in 2002 to accept an appointment by Governor Mark Warner to serve as the Director of the Department of Juvenile Justice for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

New Delegates-Elect Due to Incumbent Defeats

Delegate-Elect Wendy Gooditis
District 10 (Loudoun)
Defeated Delegate Randy Minchew 51.95%-48.05%

Wendy is from Cranbury, New Jersey. She attended Rutgers University and worked at the Rutgers Police Department as a student mounted marshal, after graduating, she went into the technology sector; Wendy went on to lead a team at Bell Laboratories when she was 26 years old.

After she met Chris, her husband of now 25 years, Wendy made the move to Northern Virginia. When she had kids in the mid-1990s, she became enamored with education. Wendy received her Master’s in Education from Shenandoah University, taught in the Clarke County public school system, at an area private school, and partially homeschooled her children.

As her kids entered college, Wendy knew that she would need to help pay the tuition bills. She joined RE/MAX as a realtor in 2013, and has been there since.
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Delegate-Elect Chris Hurst
District 12 (Montgomery County)
Defeated Delegate Joseph Yost 54.41%-45.59%

Chris was raised outside of Philadelphia. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in broadcast journalism from Emerson College. Chris moved to southwest Virginia a decade ago as a reporter.

His decision to run for office was a progression from his journalism and advocacy after he recovered from profound tragedy. In 2015, Hurst’s late girlfriend Allison Parker was shot and killed during a live broadcast for WDBJ 7.

Prior to this campaign for delegate, he was evening anchor of WDBJ7 for six years, he was recognized as “Media Person of the Year” by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, “Citizen of the Year” by the Roanoke NAACP, and “Your Local Hero” by the readers of the Roanoker magazine.

Delegate-Elect Danica Roem
District 13 (Prince William County)
Defeated Delegate Bob Marshall 54.15%-45.85%

Danica was born at Prince William Hospital in Manassas and attended Catholic schools before heading to western New York for college at St. Bonaventure University. She started working for the Gainesville Times a month after graduating college in 2006 and reported for the Prince William Times. She then became news editor of the Montgomery County Sentinel in Rockville, Md., where she worked from August 2015 until the end of 2016, when she left the post to run for office.

Danica will become the first openly transgender person to both be elected to a U.S. state's legislature and serve her term.
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Delegate-Elect Kelly Fowler

**District 21 (Virginia Beach)**  
**Defeated Delegate Ron Villanueva 52.29%--47.47%**

Kelly grew up in Virginia Beach and graduated from Virginia Wesleyan College, where she majored in Psychology and Criminal Justice. She then attended Old Dominion University where she obtained her Masters in Education and went on teach at Lynnhaven Elementary, a Title 1 school. While teaching, she began purchasing distressed Victorian homes and restoring them so that new generations of Hampton Roads families could make their own history in them. She now leads a team of real estate agents who specialize in military relocation.

Kelly and her husband Dave were raised in the 21st District in military families and are now raising their two daughters in Virginia Beach. Dave is a deputy with the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department.

Delegate-Elect Elizabeth Guzman

**District 31 (Prince William)**  
**Defeated Delegate Scott Lingamfelter 53.63%-44.68%**

Elizabeth came to the United States from Peru as a single mom, looking for a better future for her oldest daughter. She enrolled at Northern Virginia Community College, obtaining her degree in Office Administration and Management. Elizabeth also holds a Bachelor’s in Public Safety from Capella University, a Master's in Public Administration from American University, and a Master's in Social Work from the University of Southern California. Elizabeth has been working in the public sector for 10 years, and currently works as the Division Chief for Administrative Services for the Center for Adult Services for the City of Alexandria.

Elizabeth and her husband Carlos reside in Dale City and have four children. The Guzman family are active and long-time members of Harvest Life Changers Church in Woodbridge. The Guzmans also attend Sacred Heart Catholic Church.
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Delegate-Elect David Reid
District 32 (Loudoun County)
Defeated Delegate Tag Greason 58.55%-41.45%

In 1972, David's family moved from Rockbridge County, to the United Methodist Children's Home in Richmond, Virginia. David and three siblings were each placed into a "cottage" based upon our age and gender. He lived at the Children's Home for six years, before moving to Tahlequah, Oklahoma with foster parents.

In 1988 David joined the US Navy Reserve and served as a Naval Intelligence Officer for 23 years until 2011, when he honorably retired as Commander. In 2014, he founded his own small business, Rockbridge Consulting, which specializes in studies and analysis.

David lives with his wife Barbara in Ashburn. They have two daughters that both attended Loudoun County schools their eldest daughter is now a junior at UVA and the youngest is a sophomore at Lynchburg College.

Delegate-Elect Lee Carter
District 50 (Prince William & Manassas)
Defeated Delegate Jackson Miller 54.44%-45.56%

Born in North Carolina, Lee was raised in a military family, and traveled across the country during his father's service in the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard. Lee joined the Marine Corps during the beginning of the 'Global War on Terror', and worked in technological repair in a Special Operations-capable support unit. He originally moved to Virginia in 2011, after completing five years of service in the United States Marine Corps. He is currently an IT specialist.

Lee, his wife, and daughter moved to Manassas in 2016. The Carter family are involved members of the Bull Run Unitarian Universalists congregation in Manassas.
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Delegate-Elect Hala Ayala
District 51 (Prince William)
Defeated Delegate Rich Anderson 52.84%–47.16%

As the daughter of a Salvadoran immigrant and as a single mother, Hala worked her way up from a service job with no health insurance to being a cybersecurity specialist with the Department of Homeland Security; she worked for DHS in cybersecurity for 17 years.

She became politically involved as the founder and president of her local county chapter of the National Organization for Women and serves on the Governor McAuliffe’s Council on Women. After helping to organize Virginia for the Women’s March on Washington in January, Hala decided that she had to step up and make a bigger difference for her community and state by running for office herself.

Delegate-Elect Karrie Delaney
District 67 (Fairfax)
Defeated Delegate Jim LeMunyon 57.93%–42.07%

After college, Karrie worked at a group home for foster children, helping kids move out into the world with real-life skills. She also volunteered as a sexual assault counselor and became Board President of her county's crisis counseling organization, after being appointed and serving on the West Melbourne, Florida City Council. Later, she was hired by a Republican States Attorney’s office to work with juvenile offenders, teaching them life skills and how to make restitution to their victims.

After moving to Northern Virginia, Karrie became the Communications Director for Shared Hope International, a non-profit dedicated to ending sex trafficking.

After leaving Shared Hope to focus on raising her family, Karrie has since started her own small consulting firm and gotten even more involved in local Fairfax issues. Republican County Supervisor Michael Frey appointed Karrie to be a member and later a chair to the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council, which focuses on emergency preparedness. She was also appointed to the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees, where she currently serves as Chair.

Karrie and her husband, Patrick, met in college and have been together ever since. They live in Fairfax and are the proud parents of Kaitlyn and Ethan.
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Delegate-Elect Dawn Adams
District 68 (Chesterfield and Richmond)
Defeated Delegate Manoli Loupassi 50.42%-49.58%

Dawn received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from James Madison University, her master’s degree in nursing from the University of Virginia, and her Ph.D. in nursing from Old Dominion University. Her professional experience includes working as a registered nurse, a nurse practitioner, and an adjunct professor at Old Dominion University. She has served as director of the office of integrated health at the Virginia Department for Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Dawn and her partner of 15 years, Maggie, live in the Fan district with their therapy pups in training, Ferdinand and Sebastian. Dawn will become the state’s first openly lesbian candidate elected to the House of Delegates.

Delegate-Elect Debra Rodman
District 73 (Henrico)
Defeated Delegate John O’Bannon 51.52%-48.48%

Debra is a graduate of the University of Miami and the University of Florida. For the last 13 years, Debra has served as an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Women’s Studies and Director of Women’s Studies at Randolph-Macon College, teaching anthropology and women’s studies, and eventually becoming Director of Women’s Studies. Debra advocates for families fleeing violence and persecution in Central America. In this role, she regularly serves as an expert witness for U.S. Federal immigration courts, helping women, children, and LGBT refugees seeking political asylum. She is also a Fulbright Scholar, a fluent Spanish speaker and was named one of Richmond Style Weekly’s Top 40 Under 40.

Debra is a mom to two beautiful boys and the wife to Darryl Lowery, a Richmond native and member of the Lumbee tribe of North Carolina. Debra and her family are active in the JCC and attend Temple Beth-El.
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Delegate-Elect Cheryl Turpin
District 85 (Virginia Beach)
Defeated Delegate Rocky Holcomb

Cheryl received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Virginia Commonwealth University and earned a Master of Education Degree from the University of Virginia. Cheryl has been serving as a High School Science teacher for the past 24 years. For the past 8 years, she has taught Advanced Placement Environmental Science.

For the past 18 years, Cheryl’s family has called the Kempsville area of Virginia Beach home. Her two adult daughters – Ellison and Patricia – attended Virginia Beach City Public Schools and are graduates of Kempsville High School.