

SERVANT LEADER AWARD WINNER

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How long have you been in the Richmond region?

I grew up in Richmond, and outside of a few years away for school, I have been here since the early '80s.

In which locality do you reside?

My home is in Henrico, yet I live, work, and play throughout the region.

What brought you here and/or what has kept you here?

The two things that root me in Richmond are my family and a drive to be as useful as possible in making metro Richmond a more equitable place to live, work, and play.

Who has inspired you along your journey?

I have been shaped and inspired by God through a variety of people, from my parents and family to teachers and coaches. The aspiration I've learned from them is twofold: pursue excellence and open any benefits you have abundantly.

How has LMR helped you be a better leader?

LMR afforded me the chance to engage in formative, trust-building conversations and it also gave me the opportunity to develop collaborative relationships and connections to work for a more equitably thriving region.

What projects are you working on?

The first is helping RVA Rapid Transit organize, educate, and advocate for metro-wide public transportation, and the second is helping RVA Thrives develop community-rooted, collaborative projects.

What's the best piece of advice you have ever received?

Keep driving your feet, but know that your feet will never get far without people alongside you and open opportunities before you.

What advice do you wish to share with other leaders in the Richmond Region?

Be a blessing to others through words, work, actions, policies, and resources.

