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Hometown

Philadelphia, PA

Fun Fact

My favorite American Founder is Alexander Hamilton because I'm a first generation American with roots in the Caribbean.

Walk me through your journey in the financial services industry and how your career has evolved to your current position.

I currently serve as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Single Family Housing at the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). In this capacity, I oversee an insurance-in-force portfolio of 8 million loans with an unpaid principal balance of \$1.2 trillion for the world's largest mortgage insurer. My responsibilities include directing and implementing homeownership policy as well as active management of FHA's credit risk. In my role, I manage all aspects of FHA's Single Family Housing operations including origination and servicing policy, information technology strategy, and lender enforcement.

Prior to joining FHA, I held senior roles in the Global Government Relations division of MetLife where I directed legislative and policy strategy for the largest U.S. life insurer. From 2007-2014, I served on the Professional Staff of the Committee on Financial Services, United States House of Representatives where I worked on the development, implementation, and oversight of key housing and financial services legislation including the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010.

What do you love most about what you do?

At FHA, I'm grateful for the opportunity to support sustainable homeownership for millions of Americans. Each year over 1 million families use FHA loans to purchase or refinance a home.

Hobby

Snowboarding

How long have you been a member of WHF?

I first joined WHF in 2008.

Please describe your involvement with WHF.

In 2018, I served on WHF's Program Committee where I shared recommendations on programming. I regularly attend WHF events including the Brown Bag lunches and receptions.

What have you gained from being a member?

WHF has been a key resource for me throughout my career on and off the Hill and in the Executive Branch. The speaker series and receptions are an amazing opportunity to connect with colleagues and network.

How do you make the best use of your day? (think techniques to enhance productivity, time management, time out, meditation/prayer, etc.)

My day is packed with meetings, deadlines, presentations, and decision points. I maintain focus and productivity by practicing meditation in the morning. I begin the day with a short gratitude meditation. I perform another longer meditation before I leave for the office.

Who or what inspires you?

I find inspiration from areas that are removed from my day-to-day work responsibilities. Painting and music are my go-to sources of inspiration.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

Kindness matters.

Who do you look up to the most and why?

My mother and father are who I look up to the most. They both came of age in the Jim Crow South and they received their undergraduate degrees from historically black colleges. My mother and father both went on to receive PhD's in French literature.