2022 -2023 NASW-MD Board:

Mrs. Brittany Barber-Alexander MSW, LICSW/LCSW-C, BCD, 2nd Vice President of Budget and Finance
Brittany is a certified clinical social work supervisor in Maryland and Washington, DC. As an expert with over 10 years of experience providing supportive care to individuals, families, and groups to improve their social and psychological functioning, Mrs. Barber Alexander has been instrumental in finding solution-oriented resources for medically complex cases predominantly in trauma, infectious disease, neurology, hospice and palliative care, and discharge and aftercare planning in a variety of private and federal hospital settings. Mrs. Barber-Alexander remains very active in direct care. She continues to work in a clinical capacity at Johns Hopkins Suburban Hospital as a social worker/discharge planner. In her private practice, Mrs. Barber-Alexander is committed to helping the next generation of social workers reach their full potential offering licensure preparation, case consultation, resume updating, individual and group supervision. To date she has helped over 20 students pass their masters and clinical licensure exams. She is looking to partner with companies to provide the most up to date test taking materials for her students in the near future. Mrs. Barber-Alexander also plans to apply to become a test writer for the ASWB exam. In addition to her clinical expertise, Mrs. Barber-Alexander has recently broadened her ample experience to a role at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services agency (SAMHSA) in Rockville, MD. As a Public Health Advisor/Clinical Social Worker, she works on the Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) team. The TOR team helps American Indians/Alaskan Natives implement grants and further advocate for American Indian/Alaska Natives tribes to battle prevalent substance abuse and mental health issues throughout their communities. In all of her roles, Mrs. Barber-Alexander is a fierce advocate for underrepresented populations and continues to move the social work field to be more inclusive and to better serve social workers and the clients they serve.

Christopher Chun-Seeley, MSW Delegate Assembly
Christopher is the Program Director of School and Justice Initiatives for the APA Foundation. Prior to his appointment at the APAF, Chris served as the Direct Therapy Intern at Michigan State University Counseling Center. He provided short-term therapy to a diverse client population while also assisting in weekly multicultural and racial awareness trainings. Chris was also the Assistant Community Director supervising and coaching resident directors at Michigan State. Christopher facilitated social skill building groups for at-risk high school students at Starr Commonwealth Detroit, along with delivering individual and family therapy. He also has experience as an advocate and field instructor for the Michigan State University Adolescent Project, was a Program Director for a Support and Education Group for low-risk Juvenile Sex Offenders, a Juvenile Detention Specialist for the Ingham County Youth Center, and a case manager for a national youth mentoring organization. Christopher earned BA's in Psychology and Criminal Justice as well as a Master’s in Clinical Social Work from Michigan State University.
Emmanuelle “Mannie” Jefferson, LCSW-C
Eastern Shore Board Representative

Emmanuelle is the Clinical Supervisor for the Adult Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP). Originally from Virginia, Mannie comes to Salisbury from Peoria, Illinois. He received his bachelor’s degree in Sociology from James Madison University. He then received his Master of Arts in Teaching also from James Madison University and began his first career as a licensed exceptional education teacher. Being a bridge to increased understanding of content and helping youth over and around obstacles to their growth was incredibly rewarding for him. However, the connection to youth development beyond content delivery motivated his transition towards clinical social work. After completing his return to graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received his Master of Social Work degree. He then served as a school-based therapist, eventually transitioning to Clinical Supervisor for five Qualified Residential Treatment Programs organized on a single campus in central Illinois. He currently still maintains an active teaching license (VA & IL), school social work license (VA & IL), and Clinical Social Work License (IL & MD), though his professional focus is solely on Behavioral Health. PHP is an outpatient behavioral health program where patients come onto a hospital campus daily Monday through Friday to complete a robust therapeutic treatment plan in order to either avoid a higher level of care or as a step down from a psychiatric inpatient stay. He brings an excitement and passion to patient care that is palpable.

His responsibilities as Clinical Supervisor of PHP include:
- Providing support in planning, preparing, and implementing activities of organizational leadership
- Conducting ongoing data analysis to help optimize operations
- Ensuring open, appropriate, and effective communications throughout the Outpatient Behavioral Health Service Line and PHP
- Offering meaningful contributions to ongoing Performance Improvement Projects with a targeted focus on employee engagement and patient satisfaction
- Providing ongoing clinical supervision to support both individual professional development and overall organizational wellness
- Staffing to address program needs
- Modeling servant-leadership by facilitating clinical sessions and maintaining a willingness to jump in where support is needed.

Emmanuel has remained civic-minded throughout his academic and professional careers even from his years as a teen. However, his most recent energies and efforts pertaining to graduate school years and professional affiliations have included collaborating with local non-profits in the Central IL area focused on youth development and family support and extensive community organizing through his most recent alumni chapter of his fraternity.

Mavlyn J. Bazil, LMSW
Suburban Board Representative

Mavlyn grew up in Saint Croix, United States Virgin Islands. Her current role as a licensed master social worker is with 3 Roads Therapy, where she serves young ladies ages 9 to 25, using a variety of techniques such as cognitive processing theory (CPT), cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), journal therapy, guided meditation, and crisis intervention when needed. She assists by providing confidence and self-esteem through spiritual, mental, and emotional counseling; basic financial literacy; promoting physical health; addressing academic concerns limited to bullying, procrastination, and time management issues; and
building platform and community work toward selfless service. Mavlyn is a Veteran and Retiree of the United States Army, where she served as a healthcare and patient administrator in peacetime and conditions of conflict. She is a self-starter, detail-oriented, and passionate about people and mission. These qualities enabled her to achieve phenomenal results, such as creating and maintaining a Medical Protection System that tracked job availability through medical readiness and an electronic Profile System that monitored the injury and illness of United States Army personnel. Mavlyn’s development was named the best in the United States Army Pacific. Currently, she leverages her leadership skills with the nonprofit organization Ark of Hope Community Center, Inc., where she simultaneously serves as the Chief Operation Officer and the Director of Education. Her work is specific to the Massai Tribe in Kajaido, Kenya. In this role, Mavlyn secures sponsorships and grants to fund boarding school education for young girls, thereby assisting them to escape childhood marriages and allowing them to choose their destinies. She has overseen the funding, building, and opening of two wells that serve communities of over 50,000 individuals and families. Recently, she became a Disaster Mental Health Clinician with the Red Cross.

**Tawanda McGhee, MSW, LMSW Board Secretary**

Tawanda McGhee has earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2010. She also earned her Master’s in Social Work from California University of Pennsylvania where she was inducted into the Phi Alpha, National Social Work Honor Society. During her time earning her master’s degree she also received the highest honor as a Presidential Scholar for her outstanding scholastic capability. Tawanda’s work experience includes serving as team leader as an Evaluator Clinician at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centers where she also received the Making a Difference award, “In recognition of outstanding contributions and excellent service.”. Tawanda’s work doesn’t stop there, with over 12 years of experience working with individuals across the lifespan in the community, healthcare settings, and within school systems. She is a driven professional with a solid background in behavioral health systems as well as individual/family resource procurement and allocation. She is a passionate leader devoted to helping others navigate obstacles, mentoring, and building relationships. Ms. McGhee’s leadership speaks for itself, she has been involved in designing, organizing, and managing a host of community consignments within school districts that include coat drives and food pantries. In her endless efforts to advocate for the community she discovered her passion for equality by becoming a stakeholder throughout several professional committees where she had the opportunity to monitor ongoing procedures, identify equitable issues, and address ethical concerns. Tawanda has shown her dedication to the profession of Social Work by continuing to maintain her license as a graduate level Social Worker. Believing that every individual person deserves fair opportunity and resources, Tawanda demonstrates integrity in all that she does in order to help others propel forward and gain the best quality of their lives.

**Tolulope Moses, MSW (Pending)**

**Southern Maryland Board Representative**

Tolulope Moses is studying for a Master of Social Work from Walden University, Minneapolis Minnesota and Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Covenant University, Nigeria. Tolulope uses social work education and case management skills/abilities to help people of all backgrounds maintain an environment that ensures and improves their peace of mind to cope with mental or physical challenges.
Tolulope served as an intern at Covenant Psychiatric Services completing intakes and assessments and guiding individuals with low-income to apply for health insurance, energy assistance, food supplement programs and housing. She also assisted survivors of abuse and patients who were unemployed in navigating through the SSI and unemployment applications. Tolulope assisted with providing strategies and support services to individuals who were effectively integrating into the community after being homeless or incarcerated. Tolulope has also worked as a project coordinator and administrative officer.

Victoria Able, MSW (pending)
Metro Baltimore Board Representative
Victoria is a Senior, Social Work at McDaniel College projected to graduate in spring/fall of 2022. She has done exemplary in courses within the Accredited Social Work program with a 3.1 GPA. Some of her most impactful courses have been the Practice and Human Behavior and Social Environment (HBSE) courses. Victoria has previously pursued education coursework such as “Teach and Learn in a Diverse Society” and “Teaching in the 21st Century”. During the Fall 2021 through the Spring 2022 academic year, Victoria has been a fantastic field placement intern at the Carroll County Health Department, Bureau of Prevention, and Wellness and Recovery. During her time at this field placement, She provides research and protocol for new, innovative programming and projects that align with behavioral health such as mental health court, group modalities, cultural education for our office’s Cultural Corner and wellness skills for our Mindful Mondays featured on our facebook page to name a few. Victoria also assists with case management duties within the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program (PATH) through direct casework, developing service plans, working on the linkage to resources, treatment and housing as well as removing barriers to treatment and recovery with 2-4 PATH participants. Through her participation within fieldwork, she is able to master her rapport building, resource broking, and service plan crafting skills with those experiencing homelessness and co-occurring disorders. Extracurricularly, Victoria has been President of Curlfriends, Manager of McDaniel Cheerleading and Secretary of the Cultural Leadership Council. Curlfriends’ purpose is to spread awareness and knowledge about natural hair, self-expression, confidence and all the associated intersectionalities. As President of Curlfriends, she ensures that the organization upholds high ethical standards by being committed to empowering stakeholders’ social and emotional needs for success. The Cultural Leadership Council (CLC) is a council led by the leadership of student registered cultural organizations and the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion with the goal of creating a community to spearhead events, initiatives and to hold McDaniel College’s stakeholders accountable in diversity, equity and inclusion efforts with the help of students like Victoria. As manager of the Cheer and Dance team, Victoria oversaw community engagement, fundraising and social media endeavors for the team. Throughout her collegiate career she has also been a Student Member of the Black Student Union and Carroll Citizens for Racial Equity. Previously, she has been Best Buddies President and a board member at her alma mater, City Neighbors High School. As Victoria Able is coming to the end of her undergraduate career she is intending on pursuing her License of Bachelor Social Work (LBSW). She’s currently a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People’s (NAACP) Baltimore chapter and hopes to get further involved in the community and the social work profession as she returns to her hometown, Baltimore, Maryland.
Wilhelmena Victoria J. Vandenburg, LCSW-C, BCD, C-SWHC, C-ASWCM
Delegate Assembly

Wilhelmena is a committed seasoned professional licensed clinical social worker with 25 years of experience providing direct social services, conducting needs assessments, developing treatment plans, providing individual family and group counseling. She has worked with major organizations including Stella Maris, Veteran Affairs and Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Wilhelmena possesses expert knowledge of principles and social work theories and modalities in treatment of complex physical and mental illnesses. Wilhelmena has developed and provided clinical evidence-based services and interventions including discharge planning, referrals, case management and veteran and caregiver education. Throughout her career, Wilhelmena has become a Certified Social Worker in Healthcare (C-SWHC), Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work (BCD), and Certified Advanced Social Work Case Manager (C-ASWCM). Wilhelmena has acquired an in-depth knowledge of human development and behavior and an extensive knowledge/network of community resources in and outside of the VA. Wilhelmena’s skills include resource development, tracking, monitoring, auditing and reporting, evaluations, consultation, compliance, education, budgeting and documenting clinical information using various programs/data bases.

Jody Pritt, LCSW-C
Western Maryland Branch Representative

Jody earned her Masters of Social Work from Temple University and a Bachelor’s of Arts in Social Work from Shippensburg University. Jody is certified as an oncology social worker (OSW-C) and an advanced palliative hospice social worker (APHSW-C). Throughout her career, Jody has served in leadership roles including interim director of social services and admissions and later director of social services. Jody has worked as a hospice social worker assessing emotional and resource needs of patients and families related to terminal illness and end of life and providing medical social services including counseling, crisis intervention/management, advance directive education, funeral and other financial planning matters. Jody was involved with startup and initial phases of Palliative Care Community Based Program. As an oncology social worker, Jody provided social work services to patients undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatments for all types of cancer in a comprehensive community cancer treatment center. Jody holds a Clinical Social Work License in Pennsylvania and Maryland. She currently serves as a Social Work Student Field Instructor through Salisbury University.