

Emily Katherine Talley

University administrator and educator with two-plus decades of experience developing and leading teams, creating and growing strategic partnerships and enhancing program outcomes.

EXPERIENCE

Virginia Tech, College of Natural Resources and Environment / DC Area 2014 - Present
Managing Director of Graduate Education & Regional Operations

Lead team responsible for delivering graduate education programs serving 200+ Master of Natural Resources students per year, contribute to the development of emerging degrees and new curricula, and serve as the chair of the Center's Faculty Affairs Committee.

Capital One Financial Corporation 2005 - 2012
Senior Director of Community Affairs

Led high-performing teams to design and implement strategies for national philanthropy, volunteerism, financial literacy, military veterans, and the underbanked.

Gonzaga University 2003 - 2005
University Relations Administrator

Directed advancement for Community Service, Diversity, Ethics and Leadership programs.

America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth 1998 - 2003
Senior Director of Community Development

Served as the liaison to a nationwide network of local America's Promise coalitions, and led the internal team responsible for providing technical assistance.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Forestry Expected 2023
Virginia Tech ~ Blacksburg, VA

Executive Master of Natural Resources 2014
Virginia Tech ~ Blacksburg, VA

M.A. Communication and Leadership Studies 2007
Gonzaga University ~ Spokane, WA

B.A. English 1997
College of William and Mary ~ Williamsburg, VA

AWARDS AND PROGRAM RECOGNITION

Jefferson Awards Best of the Best in Corporate Volunteerism 2010
Points of Light Institute Corporate Engagement Award for Excellence 2009
Capital One Emerging Leaders Program 2008
Washington Business Journal Nonprofit Capacity Building Award 2007
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center Award 2006
Council for the Advancement and Support of Education Newcomer's Scholar 2004

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Board Member and Vice Chair, Foothills Child Advocacy Center	2018 - Present
Board Member, Model Forest Policy Program	2016 - Present
Volunteer, Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary	2015 - 2016
Board Member, LBG Research Institute	2007 - 2012
Founding Member, Taproot Foundation Pro Bono Leadership Council	2008 - 2010
Board Member, Alternative House	2005 - 2008
Mentor, Washington Education Foundation Achievers Scholars	2003 - 2005
Member, Spokane Task Force on Race Relations	2003 - 2005
Pro Bono Consultant, Alexandria Family Resource Center	2001 - 2003
Tutor and Mentor, Alexandria Public Schools	1998 - 2002