Spotlight on Leadership
Nicole Jovanovski
FGFOA Board Director

With over twenty-two years of experience in governmental accounting and financial management, **Nicole Jovanovski** has built a career grounded in integrity, service, and professional growth. She began her journey in 2003 as a Financial Accounting Analyst at the Office of the Honorable Karen E. Rushing, Clerk of the Circuit Court and County Comptroller, and now serves as **Director of Finance**, where she leads financial operations and board services. Known for her commitment to excellence and her passion for helping others succeed, Nicole continues to inspire through her leadership and mentorship.
Reflecting on her FGFOA journey, Nicole shares:

> *"Joining the FGFOA has been one of the best opportunities in my career. What started as a way to stay informed and grow professionally quickly became a deeper journey of connection, mentorship, and shared purpose. The relationships and experiences I've gained through FGFOA have been truly invaluable."*

Nicole credits her long-time mentor, **Pete Ramsden**, for instilling in her the value of professional engagement and continuous learning early in her career. His dedication to nurturing others and advancing the profession shaped her own leadership philosophy. As Pete heads into retirement, Nicole is determined to carry forward his legacy by investing in others, just as he did for her.

Among FGFOA's many initiatives, Nicole is especially passionate about the **Mentor/Mentee Program**, which she sees as a vital bridge between emerging professionals and seasoned leaders. She also emphasizes the value of **committee service**, which she believes strengthens the organization through collaboration, shared knowledge, and active participation.

Looking ahead, Nicole is excited to continue serving as a **Board Director**, helping guide FGFOA's future with a focus on member engagement and professional development.

> *"FGFOA has given me so much over the years, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its future. I'm particularly passionate about creating opportunities for the next generation of finance professionals and continuing to build a strong, supportive network for all members—just as it was done for me over two decades ago."*