



Toni Cowling, communications officer

Previously a pre-kindergarten teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina, Toni is “excited and honored to have been chosen to be a communications officer in the making.” With a degree in criminal justice, she is passionate about the field. She loves her supportive family, and she enjoys reading, writing poetry, teaching children’s dance classes, facepainting, drawing, painting, bowling, shooting pool and watching movies.

Briarna Givens, communications officer

Coming from Allianz Global Assistance in Richmond, Briarna is a 2017 graduate of Mary Baldwin College. She says she likes working under pressure and is looking forward to the excitement at DEC.



Destini Hocker, communications officer

Previously a correctional officer with the Virginia Department of Corrections, Destini is a native of Richmond with a bachelor of science degree from Virginia State University and a master of arts degree from Liberty University. She has a passion for helping others and enjoys traveling, making memories with her family and watching crime shows.

Sean P. Horstman, communications officer

Sean worked as a correctional officer at Powhatan Correctional Center and Amazon before coming to the DEC. He is the father of one son and one daughter, Dameon and Hannah. He enjoys fishing and outdoor yard work, and he is looking forward to his new career.

