

Announces Jessica McClain as new Chief Financial Officer



We are pleased to announce that **Jessica McClain** has been selected as the new Chief Financial Officer for Girl Scouts Nation's Capital. She will join the team starting October 20, 2021. In her new role Jessica will join the senior leadership team with strategic responsibility for finance and accounting, risk management, property, product program, retail merchandise, cyber security and business operation. Jessica served as the Controller for Brand USA, the destination marketing organization of the United States, with revenue over \$100M. Prior to joining Brand USA, Jessica spent 11 years in public accounting. She has worked for organizations such as Grant Thornton; IBM; and KPMG performing financial and information technology audits.

Lidia Soto-Harmon, Chief Executive Officer stated, "We are delighted to have Jessica join the Girl Scout team. Her professional background and keen interest in making the world a better place for girls, makes her a brilliant choice".

Jessica is an active member of the American Institute for Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), serving on the AICPA Foundation Board of Trustees and the AICPA Student Recruitment Committee. Jessica is a Board member of both the Maryland Association of CPAs Foundation and the Greater Washington Society of CPAs. Jessica gives back to the community as National Treasurer for Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society.

Jessica earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Towson University and her master's degree in accounting from George Washington University. Jessica is a Certified Public Accountant licensed in Virginia. She is also a Certified Information Systems Auditor, a Certified Information Technology Professional, Project Management Professional, and Certified Government Financial Manager. Jessica and her husband are the proud parents of two young children. Jessica grew up as a Girl Scout and can't wait for her daughter, Liz-Lorie, to become a Girl Scout Daisy as soon as she is old enough.

For the past six years, the Council has had the exceptional leadership of Laura Bassett as our Chief Financial Officer. Laura led the Council through an unprecedented time for change, masterfully helping to increase stability to the organization through our iconic Cookie program and great dedication to investing in our eight camp properties. Most recently Laura helped navigate the organization through the pandemic. Laura, a Gold Award Girl Scout, joined the staff in 2004 and served in progressively important positions. She will be retiring in February 2022 with her husband to scenic Oregon. We welcome Jessica and we thank Laura for all of her valuable contributions.