

Spring Newsletter

June 15, 2019



As our terms come to a close, and a new term begins in Area 2, we say goodbye to one VOA and say hello to a new one!

Goodbyes

President: Catherine Tutt



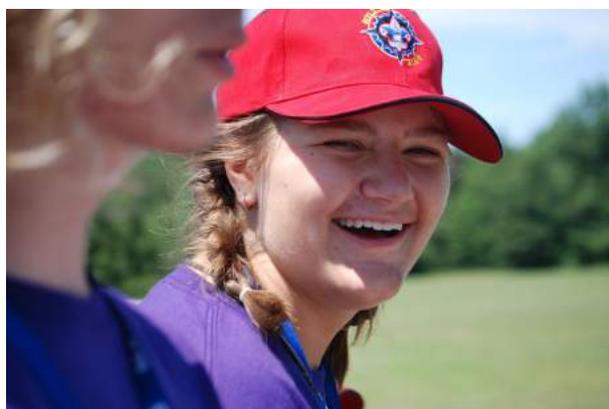
It has been an honor to serve as your Area President this past year. I loved each Venturing related moment. I loved meeting new people and finding new ways to strengthen the area. My favorite moment from the past year was Trivia at the Area 2 Conference. I loved how interactive everyone got and how excited everyone was to play. Being Area 2 President taught me a couple of things about myself. One of those being that the most important task can be to delegate. It may seem like you're drowning in Venturing related work, but you are never alone. Sometimes, the most important task is to delegate your to-do list. I learned that it's okay to feel overwhelmed as long as you don't hesitate to ask. This year I get to continue serving Area 2 as Vice President of Administration. I am unbelievably excited for the new term!

Vice President of Administration: Steven Lardin



Being the Vice President of Administration has been a great experience. I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of new people through the VOA. Attending CRVOO helped me with my position and knowledge about the Central Region. I enjoyed many of the Area events. President Ford Field Service Council's Kickback was a great event and it was fun to help host the luau on Friday night. Working with the councils to help them complete their JTEs this year was rewarding and I learned about the different councils. I wish the best of luck to the incoming officers!

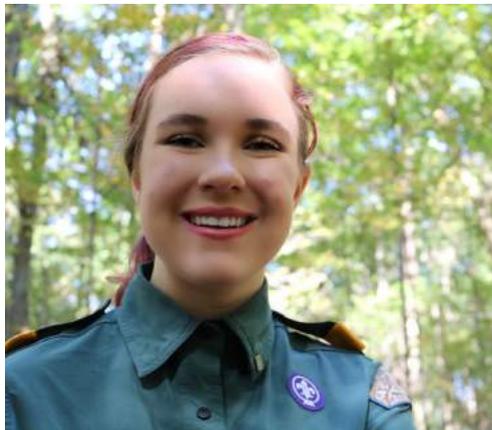
Vice President of Program: Rachel Yagley



This past year as VP of Program has been such a wonderful experience for me! This year was my first year being a part of the area and I got to meet so many cool people. My favorite memory was from the Area 2 Conference; it was really amazing how Venturers from across the state had the same goal, and great that we were able to work together to plan and put on an event for Area 2. It was stressful at times, but in the end I was really happy with how it turned out. I would recommend that any

Venturer who has a passion for Venturing to get into a leadership role, whether that's at the crew, council, or area level. The amazing part about Venturing is that it is what you make it to be. Since it is youth led, you have a lot of freedom of what you want to do. If you enjoy going to larger events like Rendezvous or VenturingFest, reach out to the leadership to see if you can get involved with planning it. If you enjoy smaller events, get involved at the council level and host an event for the different crews in your council. I hope everyone has an amazing summer and I wish the new Area 2 team the best of luck for next year, I know they will lead to some amazing adventures for Area 2.

Vice President of Communications: Agnes Dunne



Being the Vice President of Communications this year has been an incredible experience. Going to CRVOO and training council VOAs at A2VOO taught me a lot about the councils, areas, and regions. I used these skills to help promote Venturing in Area 2. I loved going to council events throughout the area including Kickback and working with the council vice presidents to promote events and write newsletters. I will miss my Area 2 family, but can't wait to welcome the new officers into the Area. I'm excited for the upcoming term as Area 2 President.

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President: Agnes Dunne



Agnes graduated from Northville High School and will attend the Residential College at the University of Michigan in the fall. In her four years as part of Venturing Crew 8, she has served as Historian, President, and is currently Vice President of Communications. In addition, Agnes was also involved with the Great Lakes Field Service Council. In the last term she served as Vice President of Communications for Area 2. She has received her Venturing award and is working towards her Discovery award. Agnes was a Girl Scout for nine years before joining Venturing. She is inspired by her sister who received her Venturing Silver Award, and her brother and father who have both earned the rank of Eagle Scout. She is also a Red Cross certified lifeguard, and certified as an American Heart Association Heartsaver. In her free time Agnes enjoys spending time outside, hiking, being on the water, travelling, cooking, and spending time with friends. It is her goal as Area 2 president to form connections across Area 2 and to foster a network of crews to work together on events and goals. She hopes to have more people enjoy the same excitement she had at her first Venturing event. She is very excited to work with region, area, and council VOA members and advisors as well as all the Venturers in Area 2.

Vice President of Administration: Catherine Tutt



Catherine will be attending Grand Valley State University to pursue a degree in social work. She plans to get her masters and work in a school setting. Catherine previously served as the 2018-2019 Area 2 President. She has taken ILSC, Kodiak, Mentoring, Time Management, and Goal Setting trainings. Catherine is very passionate about supporting children and teens with disabilities and spent a portion of her school day working as an aide for students with varying difficulties. Her favorite crew event is volunteering at the Special Olympics. Catherine has earned her Pathfinder Award, and has received the Venturing Leadership Award for the Council and Area. Her goals for this term include 100 percent submission for Venturing Journey To Excellence, and to help establish a more positive connection between the area and councils.

Vice President of Program: Cooper Martin



Cooper is currently a sophomore at Oakland University where he is studying Psychology and Political Science. He plans to attend law school after earning his Bachelor's degree to become a defense attorney. Cooper is currently on the Dean's List and is active on-campus with organizations such as Student Congress and MYLead. Cooper Martin is from Clawson, Michigan and is currently in Crew 29. He is from Great Lakes Field Service Council and was the 2018-2019 Council Venturing Officers' Association President. Cooper has been actively involved with Venturing for two years. He is also active in Scouts BSA as an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 1627 and is an Eagle Scout. Cooper has been an avid

volunteer for National Youth Leadership Training and has been on staff for four years. He currently serves as the Senior Patrol Leader for one of the 2019 NYLT courses. Throughout Venturing, Cooper has led the Great Lakes Field Service Council VOA as their president through events they hosted such as the Rifle River Gauntlet. Cooper hopes to help accomplish Area 2's goals, as well as his own personal goals throughout his term. He would like to establish better connections and be a resource for councils. He hopes to see councils in Michigan grow and would like to positively impact program by bringing more Venturers to Area 2 events. Cooper is very excited for this opportunity and will accomplish his goals by attacking the program planning process with skills he has developed throughout his life.

Vice President of Communication: Natalie Norris



Natalie Norris is an active Venturer from the Water and Woods Field Service Council. She originally became involved in Scouting when a Venturing crew was developed by some leaders in her brother's troop. In crew 7342, she has served as president, vice president of administration, and secretary. She currently is enrolled in Crew 2602 as a founding member. She has also sat on the Water and Woods VOA. Natalie has also staffed NYLT for three years and counting, and has been on Camp Rotary staff. This year she is the first year camper program director. Natalie is actively climbing toward her Summit; she almost has her Pathfinder award, in addition to being steps away from her Ranger award. She was awarded the Council Venturing Leadership Award in 2018. She graduated in 2018 from being homeschooled. Natalie is currently attending Delta College, where she has a Student Assistant position.

Thank you for an amazing term!

Catherine, Steven, Rachel, Agnes, Lizzie, Brandon, Robin, and Mary



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