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MARYLAND  
EXTENSION



## Welcome, Class XIV Fellows!

**LEAD Maryland Class XIV Fellows participate in 2026-27.**

### Anne Arundel County

#### **Brian Cadden**

Financial Programs Officer,  
Maryland Agricultural and Resource-  
Based Industry Development Corporation  
(MARBIDCO)

#### **Courtney Hoff**

Data Support Specialist,  
Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding (CDCB)

### Baltimore City

#### **J.T. Bowers**

Deputy Director, Maryland Forest Service,  
Maryland Department of Natural  
Resources (DNR)

#### **Ben Brown**

Director of Communications,  
Maryland Agricultural Education  
Foundation (MAEF)

### Baltimore County

#### **Stephany Lawhon**

Director of Farm-Based Learning and  
Farm Store Manager,  
Prigel Family Farm & Creamery

### Calvert County

#### **Rachel Norris-Achterberg**

Farmer; and Fiscal Grants Coordinator,  
Southern Maryland Agricultural  
Development Commission (SMADC)

#### **Kelly Swann**

Swann Farms, produce and agritourism;  
and Marketing and Creative Specialist,  
Southern Maryland Agricultural  
Development Commission (SMADC)

### Caroline County

#### **Kara Hutchison-Davis**

Executive Assistant,  
Rural Rhythm Consulting, LLC

#### **Kim Schoonover**

Senior Ag Relationship Manager,  
Horizon Farm Credit

*Fellows may have home, work,  
and/or service affiliations in more  
than one county or region.*

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Charles County

**Kelly M. Bryant**

4-H Youth Development Educator,  
University of Maryland Extension –  
Charles Co.

**Hayden Schug**

Agriculture and Food Systems Educator,  
University of Maryland Extension –  
Charles Co.

**Jasmine Yu, Ph.D.**

Program Manager, Agricultural Innovation,  
ClearPath

Frederick County

**Jenna Zimmerman**

Land Preservation Specialist,  
Frederick County Office of Agriculture

Harford County

**Kimmi Doran Lyons**

Agricultural Business Development  
Associate, Harford Co. Government

Howard County

**Julianna Burns**

Agriculture Resource Conservation  
Planner, Maryland Department of  
Agriculture (MDA); and  
Extension Program Assistant, Talbot Co.



Montgomery County

**Kelley Koeppen**

Agricultural Marketing Specialist,  
Maryland Department of Agriculture

**Heather Zindash**

Owner, The Soulful Gardener, LLC;  
IPM Scout & Consultant

Prince George's County

**Tyrah Cobb-Davis**

Outreach Manager,  
Baltimore Tree Trust (BTT)

St. Mary's County

**Sydney Garner**

Farmer; and Agriculture and Seafood  
Division Manager, St. Mary's Co.  
Department of Economic Development

Washington County

**Heather Hutchinson**

District Manager, Frederick Co. Soil  
Conservation District (FCSCD)

Wicomico County

**Tyler Walston**

Farmer; and Maryland Agriculture  
Projects Coordinator,  
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay

Worcester County

**Far Nasir**

Co-owner/operator, Nasir Family Farms,  
contract chicken grower; and  
part-time real estate sales

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