

RESUMES
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION COUNCIL
NOMINEES for JEFFERSON COUNTY ELECTION 2026

DISTRICT I
(Fox & Windsor School Districts)

YOLANDA CAMDEN – Recently moved to Jefferson County. Currently doing paralegal studies. Has three sons. Volunteer at Laclede Law Clinic and Food Bank. Interested in youth and agriculture. Hobbies include plants, gardening, flower bedding, lawn care and car mechanicals.

AALIYAH R. KINDT – Received a Bachelor's from Evangel University in Springfield, MO in Intercultural Studies and Psychology. Moved to Jefferson County during the pandemic to be closer to family. Currently the Public Engagement Manager for Jefferson County Library District. I oversee the programming and outreach districtwide in addition to my duties as a grant writer where I administrate the full grant lifecycle for awards. Additionally, marketing lead with duties including email campaigns, social media, and print or digital designs. In a professional capacity, I have partnered with MU Extension, Second Hen'd, the Jefferson County Beekeepers Association, Compass, Chestnut, Good Shepherd, Family Forward, and Rebuilding Hope in programming. Personally serve at church in Arnold and volunteer graphic design for the local nonprofit, Cornerstone Mission. Love that the MU Extension is locally rooted and empowering area residents toward greater independence, health, and knowledge of the world around them. A cohesive community identity brings people into alignment with their whole environment from the earth around them to their neighbors – a mission which is deeply compelling.

AUGUST J. MAYTAS, JR. – Graduate of International Graduate School/STL; PhD, Psych. and Laclede School of Law/STL; JD, PhD, Criminal Justice. Born and raised in St. Louis and lived in St. Louis County for over 35 years and in Jefferson County for over 5 years. Widowed with 2 adult children - 1 son and 1 daughter and 7 grandchildren. Worked at Boeing in Hazelwood as an Aerospace Engineer; Contract Price Analyst, Contract Administrator and Laclede Law Clinic as a Mediator, Bench Justice – Arbitrations/Arbiter. Volunteered with Our Lady of Good Counsel and pro-bono work for Laclede Law Clinic. Belong to P.G.T.A.; Pro Golf Instructor, American Bar Association, Metro STL Bar Assoc., and American Board of Hypnotherapy organizations. Interested in Agriculture Business, EPA, and Consumerism. Hobbies are fineart painting – field painting and photography.

AMBER MYERS – Graduated from Rockwood Summit High School and currently attending GCU for a BA in HR Management. Work as a full-time as an accounts receivable specialist for Marcone. Have over 20 years experience in healthcare and finance. Former foster mom and interest in the youth and unhoused population. Married with one biological son and four bonus children. Co-owner to a small business LLC and serve the board of Cornerstone Mission, along with MU Extension Council. Interested in community development, healthcare and business. Enjoy volunteering and spending time with my children. Enjoy reading, bible studies and music.

JAMES (JIM) OSIA - Graduated from Roosevelt High School and attended St. Louis Community College. Lived in Jefferson County for 29 years. Married to Gina Osia. Has one daughter, Bella. Worked in manufacturing and currently employed by True Manufacturing for the last 9 years. Volunteering for WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), Simpson PTO, and Seckman Middle and High School PTO's, Salvation Army and Brendan's Backpacks. Belong to Arnold Chamber of Commerce, Arnold Rotary, and Jefferson County Extension Council (2019-2023 & 2024-2026). Interests are in youth, family, and community development. Hobbies are sports, landscaping, and outdoor activities.

DISTRICT II
(Northwest, Grandview, Rockwood & Meramec Valley School
Districts)

JENNIFER HECKTOR – Born in St. Charles County, Missouri, attended, graduated and started teaching career in the Francis Howell School District. Family moved to Jefferson County in 2022 and we have been deeply invested in the community since becoming residents. Has an Educational Doctorate in Teachers Leadership, and Education Specialist degree in Teacher Leadership, a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis, and a Bachelors Degree in Special Education and English Education. Have been an educator and administrator in public schools for 30 years currently serving as the Superintendent of Northwest R-I School District since 2022. Attended both the University of Missouri-Columbia and the University of Missouri-St. Louis, receiving a Masters Degree from Mizzou in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis. Know the rich and diverse programs that the University of Missouri offers, and intimately familiar with the educational needs of the residents of Jefferson County. Currently on the board of the Northwest Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, member of the Missouri Association of School Administrators and the St. Louis Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Professionals.

CHRIS MC GAULEY – Lived in Murphy through Kindergarten then moved to High Ridge and lived there through High School. Graduated from Missouri S&T and then moved to New Jersey for first job. Lived in New Jersey for about 5 years and then moved to Georgia. Lived and worked in Georgia for 6 years before moving back to High Ridge in 2024. Earned Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Engineering from Missouri University of Science & Technology in 2013. Currently employed as a civil engineer and project manager at the Northeast Public Sewer District in Jefferson County. Member of the Missouri Water Environment Association (MWEA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF). Active in college in the student WEF chapter, the college radio station in Rolla (KMNR), and participated in stream team monitoring, among other student organization involvement. Sometimes attend the St. Louis Beekeeper's Association meetings in Fenton. Would like to serve on the Extension county council to understand the varied communities of Jefferson County's needs and concerns and to be able to help the community address their needs and concerns with the resources available through the MU Extension services, as well as to perform a civic duty.

SARAH OLMSTEAD – Lived in the Jefferson County area for 20 plus years with a brief stay in Illinois. Born in Kansas City, MO and moved to House Springs during the great flood of '93. Graduated from Northwest High School. Received Associates in 2015 from Southwestern Illinois in Horticulture, Baccalaureate in Horticulture and greenhouse management from SEMO and a Masters from Webster University in Human Resource Development. Member of ISA-International Arborist Association, NOFA-Organic farm organization, CPSI-certified playground safety inspector, ARO-aquatic facility operator and Notary in Jefferson County. Worked as a Horticulture and Arborist for 15 plus years and the extension has been a vital role in all steps of career with continued education, workshops or just talking with like minded individuals on favorite topics – nature. Want to be more involved and make a difference where I can. Currently work for a landscape company – TRC Outdoor and previously at Great Rivers Greenway.

DISTRICT III
(Festus, Hillsboro, Crystal City & Dunklin School
Districts)

DAVID (DAVE) JABLONSKI – Resident of Jefferson County since 2000. Graduated from Mehlville High School in 1977. Married to Bambi and have a son and a daughter that is married and has 2 daughters. Worked in construction since 1979. Has been a self-employed contractor since 2000. Volunteer with horse organization and took recovery programs into state prisons. Belong to Jefferson County Trail Riders, Boy Scouts of America, and the University of Missouri Extension Council since 2006. Interested in youth, agriculture, family, community development, nutrition, and youth involvement in the outdoors. Hobbies are hunting, fishing, and horses.

SUZANNE SMITH – Lived in Jefferson County for 6 years and have lived in Missouri since 2016. Married. Job is remote network engineer. Volunteer at Kress as manager on duty, help with the 4-H Junior Master Gardeners Club. Am a Master Gardener and a Master Naturalist trainee. Belong to Master Gardeners of Jefferson County, Master Naturalist – Miramiguo Chapter, Kress Farm, 4-H, and American Orchid Society. Interested in youth and agriculture. Hobbies include knitting, sewing, gardening, native plants, and baking.

DISTRICT IV
(De Soto, Sunrise, Jefferson R-VII, North St. Francois, Kingston School Districts)

No candidates