# 2018 Pennsylvania NOW Slate

#### Samantha Pearson for President



Samantha Pearson is an innovative outreach and engagement professional with a range of experience in government affairs, policy research and development, constituent outreach, event and program planning, and public relations. In her current position as Project Manager for At-Large City Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown, Samantha plans and executes Council Office events and programming for citywide outreach initiatives and legislation in addition to creating and managing design collateral to educate and provide resources to citizens across the City.

A strong women's rights activist, Samantha is serving her second term as Board Secretary for the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). She also dedicates her time to Vision2020 as Strategic Partnerships Chair for the 100th nationwide anniversary celebration of women's suffrage. Incredibly proud of the women behind

#MeToo, Samantha is a founding member of the US Clear Lines Festival on Sexual Assault and Consent. A firm believer in mentoring the next generation of women leaders, Samantha is also a Girl Scout Troop Leader to a group of ambitious and inspiring Brownies in the Frankford area.

In years past, Samantha has also served on the board of Young Involved Philadelphia with a focus on GOTV and voter education efforts as well as tutored young teens through Mighty Writers. She also received the Moxie Women Next Generation of Leadership award in 2016.

### Krishna Rami for Vice-President

Krishna Rami works as the Special Aide to the Chief of Staff in the Philadelphia Mayor's Office where she supports the management of the Mayor's overall priorities and agenda for the Administration. She previously worked as an Analyst in the Mayor's Office of Public Engagement where she helped build relationships to create an infrastructure of trust between community and government and create equitable spaces for people of all backgrounds. Krishna serves as the Executive Vice President of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Organization for Women which tackles racial, economic, and social justice issues. She also empowers and mentors girls as a Girl Scout Co-Leader in the Frankford section of Philadelphia.



Krishna is originally from Chicago, but made Philadelphia her new home after graduating from Drexel University with a Bachelor's degree in International Justice and Human Rights. During that time, she spent eight months in Senegal where she conducted research focusing on girls' access to education and completed internships for local organizations working with survivors of domestic violence.

### Jenne Ayers for Secretary



Jenne Ayers, 29, is an associate at Philadelphia's Ballard Spahr law firm. In 2014 at 26 she ran unsuccessfully for Philadelphia City Council. Ayers is the daughter of former Philadelphia Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers. She previously worked on Joe Khans campaign for Philadelphia district attorney and as a Michigan voter protection director for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. She graduated from Masterman High School in Philadelphia and Harvard University and has a law degree from Yale Law School. She is the current President of Philadelphia NOW, and a nominee to the Philadelphia School Board.

#### Karen Barnosky for Treasurer

Karen Shore Barnosky is Institutional Giving Coordinator at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she works to gather support for the school from corporations, foundations, and government agencies. Previously, Karen worked as Development Associate for the Peggy Browning Fund and as a graduate intern with the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.

Karen received her BA Fine Arts, cum laude, from Mount St. Mary's University and her MS Arts Administration from Drexel University. In addition to serving as VP for Membership in the Philadelphia Chapter of NOW, she worked as a volunteer for Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and actively volunteers for the Philadelphia Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). In her spare time Karen enjoys playing the piano, attending concerts, and traveling.



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