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Cameron Barrett is a server in Dining and has worked at Covenant Woods since 2022. She is pursuing a degree in Commercial Music from Liberty University. "Cameron always demonstrates excellent customer service, hard work and dedication. She is reliable and will go above and beyond to accomplish her tasks. She shared her talents with Manor East residents by playing the piano and singing for them." - Christina Reilly



Brittany Barton is a lead server in Dining and has worked at Covenant Woods since 2022. She is currently pursuing a Health and Movement Science degree at VCU. "Brittany is always eager to expand her job responsibilities and provide exceptional customer service. She manages being a full-time student and full-time employee and remains focused and dedicated to our mission." - Jefahra Sands



Sierra Black has worked as a Staffing Coordinator at Covenant Woods since 2019. She is currently pursuing a CNA certification at Fresh Start Healthcare. "Sierra has worked tirelessly to ensure that our facility is staffed adequately during the pandemic. She exhibits professionalism when dealing with vendors, residents, and staff." - LaFon Kinchen



Destiny Bradby is a Lead Admissions Coordinator and LPN, working at Covenant Woods since June of 2017. She is pursuing an RN degree from Galen School of Nursing. “Destiny is energetic, efficient and her daily determination to help new and existing residents acclimate to Manor East is truly admirable. Her care and comfort for families is something I have been blessed to see.” - Erin Melton



Hitomi Nakamura-Fortune has worked as an LPN at Covenant Woods since 2019. She has also volunteered more than 400 hours in Manor East. Hitomi is pursuing a degree in Human Services at Old Dominion University. “Hitomi goes above and beyond her duties as a nurse to ensure the residents have quality care even stepping in to do aide duties when needed.” - LaFon Kinchen



Chaka Fraier is a CNA who has worked at Covenant Woods since 2020. She is pursuing a Medication Aide Certification. “Chaka has a dynamic and outgoing personality that brings fun and excitement to the Memory Support Neighborhood. Her excitement and energy are contagious.” - Tara Beatty



Mya Hall is a server in Dining who has been with Covenant Woods since 2020. Mya is pursuing a Psychology degree from VCU. “Mya is determined and dedicated and always professional. I know I can count on her to provide excellent customer service to the residents. She always has a positive attitude and exceeds expectations.” - Jordyn Kerr



Aicha Harper is a charge nurse who has worked at Covenant Woods since 2019. She is pursuing an RN degree from Bryant and Stratton College. “I have been consistently impressed with Aicha’s diligence, efficiency and ability to get things done. She treats my father with kindness, gentleness and patience.” - Naomi Willey



Emma Keys is a server in Dining who has been with Covenant Woods since 2022. She is pursuing a Psychology and Leadership minor degree from the University of Virginia. “Emma’s incredible adaptability has allowed her to excel at her job. She is eager for growth opportunities and is cross-trained to work in multiple venues. She always has a smile on her face.” - Jefahra Sands



Bailey Loscomb is a CNA who has been with Covenant Woods since 2022. She will graduate from Hanover High School in June and will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Randolph-Macon College. “Bailey is hardworking and always willing to help her team and the residents. I am extremely impressed with her ability to communicate with staff and the residents.”
- Tara Beatty



Shavonta McKeever is the Employee Health and IL Resource Nurse who has worked at Covenant Woods since 2019. She is currently pursuing an RN degree from Bryant and Stratton College. “Aside from being intelligent, honest, and hard-working, Shavonta, is extremely dedicated to her profession and easy to get along with. Her passion for working in the nursing field is an inspiration” - Crystal Stephens



Afton Miles is an LPN and Scheduler and has worked at Advance Care since 2010. She is currently pursuing an RN degree from Brightpoint Community College. “Afton is an integral part of our team demonstrating maturity, dependability, and loyalty. She continues to demonstrate an amazing work ethic while juggling school and a family” - Jill McMillin

Abigail Seiders is a CNA and has worked at Covenant Woods since 2022. She will graduate from Hanover High School in June and will be pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Alabama. “Abby displays empathy and knowledge within her position. She is always cheerful and smiling and has a pleasant and positive attitude” - LaFon Kinchen



Crystal Stephens is the Environmental Services and Transportation Manager and has worked at Covenant Woods since 2016. She is pursuing a Business Administration degree from Reynolds Community College. “Crystal has extensive knowledge and leadership skills and she is eager to learn. She readily takes on challenges and is a great source of information and guidance to the staff.” - Tim Coffman



Victoria Stevens is a CNA who has worked at Covenant Woods since 2019. She is pursuing a Medication Aide Certification. “Victoria is an integral part of the Memory Support team. She personifies person-centered care. She is observant, listens, and has great intuition in relating with the residents.” - Tara Beatty



Katie Yates is the Marketing and Sales Coordinator and has been with Covenant Woods since 2020. She is pursuing a law degree and will be attending law school in Massachusetts. “Katie is very capable and has always strived to help residents solve problems. She wants to earn a degree that will enable her to help senior citizens plan and settle their estates. Her ability to relate to seniors will make her excellent in this field.” - Linda and Bill Bell



Thank you for giving so generously to help these ladies continue their educational journey. Their futures are bright and Covenant Woods is blessed with their work.



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