

# *BayPort* FALL 2022 Breeze

## BayPort Partners with Newport News Shipbuilding and Ferguson to Launch \$500K Accelerating Change Together Grant

Calling all local nonprofits ready to make a bigger difference! To address gaps in services for Hampton Roads communities, three leading corporations headquartered in Newport News — HII's Newport News Shipbuilding, Ferguson, and BayPort — have partnered to fund a \$500,000, three-year transformation grant called Accelerating Change Together (ACT). The inaugural year's focus will be on Education and Workforce Development.

Recognizing their unwavering commitment to the community, the ACT Grant is an extension of the three companies' existing charitable giving and social impact efforts. The \$500,000 step-down grant will be awarded to an eligible 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located within Hampton Roads. The grant's goal is to invest in a project that has the most significant potential to leave a lasting legacy in our community. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2022. For additional information and eligibility requirements, please visit the website at [bayportcu.org/foundation/act-grant](http://bayportcu.org/foundation/act-grant).



### Ease Your Mind & Wallet with Skip-A-Payment

If you have an eligible loan, you have the option to skip your loan payment and put your mind (and wallet) at ease.

To find out if you are eligible, submit your request online.\* Learn more at [bayportcu.org/borrow/skip-a-payment](http://bayportcu.org/borrow/skip-a-payment).

\*Terms and conditions apply.



### Let Someone Else Do the Cooking ... And Get Paid

Use your BayPort Mastercard® to receive 5% Cash Back or Triple Rewards on all restaurant purchases until Dec. 31, 2022.\*

\*Qualifying purchases less credit, returns, and adjustments. All net purchases in excess of \$3,000 per quarter will earn the standard reward. Eligible merchants and associated merchant category codes required.



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Sounds pretty good right? Get a new or used auto loan with BayPort and enjoy no car payments for 120 days with promo code **NOPAYS**.

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\*Valid until November 30, 2022. Existing BayPort loans not eligible. Terms and conditions apply.



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Activate BayPort's free member benefit in Online or Mobile Banking. Pull your credit score every 24 hours, or try the Credit Score Simulator to see the impact of paying off debt or opening accounts before you take action. Visit [bayportcu.org/learn/credit-score](http://bayportcu.org/learn/credit-score).

## Save the Date! 7:00 PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, BayPort's 95th Annual Meeting Broadcast

## Nominations by Petition

The 2022 Nominating Committee has filed nominees to serve on the 2023 Board of Directors. Please review the nominees' brief statement of qualifications and biographical data featured in this edition of the BayPort Breeze. Nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors may also be made by petition signed by 500 members. Nominations by petition must be received by the Nominating Committee no later than the close of business Monday, November 14, 2022. All forms, including petition forms, may be obtained at any BayPort Credit Union branch. If the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, there will be no election by ballot. There will be no nominations accepted at the Annual Meeting Broadcast.

## Meet BayPort's Board Nominees

The following information, to the right, is presented to acquaint you with the nominees for the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee made nominations in accordance with the Credit Union bylaws. Credit Union directors are volunteers, democratically elected by vote of their fellow members, and serve all of us without pay.



## BayPort is Named #1 for Adult Financial Education in Virginia

For the third straight year, BayPort Credit Union is the only Virginia credit union to have won in all four award categories in the 2022 Social Responsibility Awards sponsored by the Virginia Credit Union League (VACUL) and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA). BayPort is recognized for its free financial education outreach, robust Student-Run Credit Union programs, sustained charitable giving, educational scholarships and enhanced digital services.

In the Desjardins Adult Financial Education Award category, BayPort won first place for the launch of our first-ever Virtual Wellness Series, a comprehensive series of free virtual workshops broadcasted live twice a week on both Facebook and Zoom. BayPort's Financial Educator, Belinda Aboagye, led 82 workshops as part of our Virtual Wellness Series and in partnership with local organizations across Hampton Roads.

Tune in to our website at [bayportcu.org/learn/virtual-workshops](http://bayportcu.org/learn/virtual-workshops) to watch our award-winning Virtual Wellness Series videos, or visit our calendar at [bayportcu.org/events](http://bayportcu.org/events) to sign up for one of the free live workshops this fall.



**Kathryn N. Byler**

Kathryn Byler is a lifelong resident of Virginia Beach. She practices law with Pender & Coward, PC

focusing on Real Estate, Trusts & Estates, Small Businesses, and Guardianships/ Conservatorships. In addition to practicing law, Kathryn is principal broker of Tidewater Investment Company, Inc. t/a Byler Realty.

Her past and current community involvement include leadership positions with the American Cancer Society, Norfolk State University Business & Economic Development Advisory Board, Virginia Beach Forum, VA Aviation Foundation, American Lung Association, Election Protection-Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Norfolk Forum, King's Grant Baptist Church, VA State Bar, and the Virginia Beach Bar Association.

Kathryn holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Old Dominion University, an MBA from Golden Gate University, and a Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law, where she is an adjunct professor. Kathryn was named the Regent Law School "Alumnus of the Year" in 2010.

Kathryn is the mother of four adults and a proud grandmother. If elected, Kathryn is eager to be a part of BayPort's growth into Virginia Beach and southside Hampton Roads.



**Ray C. Bagley, Incumbent**

Incumbent, up for re-election, Ray Bagley retired in 2018 as Vice President of Trades Operations for Newport News Shipbuilding after nearly 44 years of service. During Ray's career, he was an Apprentice School Graduate and named to the vice president position in 2014. He was responsible for production labor resources and processes, plant engineering and maintenance, waterfront support services, training, instructional design, and The Apprentice School.

Ray has been a member of BayPort Credit Union for more than 48 years. He currently serves as Vice President and Vice Chairman of BayPort Foundation and is on the Budget, Salary & Benefits, and Strategic Planning committees. He is active in his community and is the Pastor of Faith Ministry Outreach. He also serves on the board of Achievable Dream and is a member of Hampton Ministers Police Academy Alumni and Faith Walk Wythe.

Ray and his wife Marion live in Chesapeake and are the proud parents of four children, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



*Pictured above from L to R: Ernest Rowe; Jim Mears, BayPort CEO; Pam Rowe. Seated: Gary Rowe*

## BayPort Foundation Legacy Giving Program is Honored with the Rowe Family Scholarship

The BayPort Foundation is pleased to introduce its newest scholarship: the Rowe Family Scholarship. The scholarship is a Rowe family gift to the BayPort Foundation Legacy Giving Program, which honors those who share BayPort's commitment and philanthropic efforts.

The Rowe Family Scholarship is a \$2,000 one-time scholarship awarded annually to a college student, rising junior or senior, pursuing a baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university who is majoring in Electrical Engineering or Information Science/Computer Science, or who is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

The scholarship was created by Pamela J. Rowe to honor her father, Ernest L. Rowe, and brother, Gary L. Rowe. Pam has faithfully served BayPort in several leadership positions on the credit union's Board of Directors since 1991. Pam, Ernest, and Gary are native residents of Hampton, Virginia, and have devoted much of their lives and studies to the field of Electrical Engineering, Information Science/Computer Science, and Divinity leadership. The scholarship honors the living legacy and professional accomplishments of the Rowe family.

For more information on all of BayPort's 11 scholarship types available to working adults, college students, and high school seniors, please visit [bayportfoundation.org](http://bayportfoundation.org).



**LeMeshia M. Steele, Incumbent**

Incumbent, up for re-election, LeMeshia M. Steele, a Hampton Roads native, is currently employed as a Senior Financial Controls Analyst at Ferguson Enterprises, LLC. Prior to being employed at Ferguson, LeMeshia was employed as a Financial Analyst at Newport News Shipbuilding where she also interned for two summers while obtaining her undergraduate degree from North Carolina State University. LeMeshia has been a member of BayPort for more than 20 years, with her parents opening her first savings account at a very young age. Financial literacy has been an important factor in LeMeshia's life, and she believes that people of any age should be educated on the importance of sound financial habits.

With a background in accounting and finance information systems, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in financial reporting and budgeting as well as strength in learning and adapting to new technologies. In her inaugural term as a BayPort Board Member, she has served on various committees, participated in numerous Board events, and served as the chair of the Technology Committee for 2021. LeMeshia prides herself in being able to bridge the generational gap and bring a millennial perspective. In the community, LeMeshia enjoys volunteering and is a member of Ivy Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She and her husband Danny enjoy traveling, trying new restaurants, and participating in outdoor activities.



**Thomasina R. Wright, Incumbent**

Incumbent, up for re-election, an Apprentice School graduate,

Thomasina Russell Wright has a Master of Business Administration from The College of William and Mary, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Old Dominion University.

Thomasina began her career with Newport News Shipbuilding in 1983, and worked in various departments until 1992. She worked for Tenneco, Inc. as a state and federal lobbyist and returned to the shipyard in 1994. She has held several director level positions in Sheet Metal, Subcontract Management, and Fleet Support. She is currently the Program Director responsible for the refueling and overhaul of the USS John C. Stennis Aircraft Carrier.

Thomasina serves as Chairperson of the Technology. She also is active on Strategic Planning and Budget, Salary and Benefits committees. She also serves on the Board of Managers of BayPort Insurance.

Thomasina is a native of Portsmouth and very active in the community, where she lives with her husband and their four daughters.



**Mary L. Cullen, Incumbent**

Incumbent, up for re-election, Mary Cullen is currently the Vice President of the Nuclear

Propulsion Division at Newport News Shipbuilding. She has a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and holds a Master of Science in Engineering Management. She is responsible for all Nuclear Engineering and Production Refueling work at Newport News Shipbuilding. Mary has worked at Newport News Shipbuilding for more than 30 years.

Additionally, Mary volunteers in her church, Good Shepherd, in Smithfield and continues to support the Smithfield Athletic Booster Club. Throughout the years, Mary has also served on the boards of Girls Inc., Peninsula READS, and Trinity Lutheran School. Mary has been a part of the BayPort Board of Directors team for nine years. Currently, she serves on the BayPort Foundation Board, as well as the Policy, Budget, Salary & Benefits committees.

Mary lives in Smithfield with her husband, David, and two children, Ian and Meredith.



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## Holiday Schedule

BayPort Branches will be closed  
in observance of:

**Columbus Day:** Mon., Oct. 10

**Thanksgiving:** Thurs., Nov. 24 & Fri., Nov. 25

**Christmas:** Mon., Dec. 26

**New Year's:** Mon., Jan. 2

## We Run the Cities

Save the dates, register, and invite your cheer squad for BayPort's Title Sponsor fundraising events! If you missed us at the October 1-2 Crawl-in' Crab Race Weekend in Hampton, plan to join us at the Surf-n-Santa 5 Miler on December 17 along the Virginia Beach Boardwalk, or at the One City Half Marathon in Newport News on March 5, 2023. Learn more at [bayportcu.org/about/news](https://bayportcu.org/about/news).



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