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In the community, Steve has served on several Boards during his career, including being the Chief Governance Officer of the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank in Verona when they were awarded Food Bank of the Year by America's Second Harvest in 2009. The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank serves several counties in Virginia, including Rockingham and the City of Harrisonburg. Steve also was the Chair of the Honors College Advisory Council when the Honors Program was transformed into the Honors College at JMU. Steve is a 1990 graduate of Brooklyn Law School. He serves as a mentor to the JMU football team by working with players preparing for life after college football. He has been an adjunct professor at the University of Richmond for 19 years teaching employment law.

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In 2009, Bruce founded 5Points Creative, a full-service advertising and marketing firm based in Roanoke, Virginia. Throughout Bruce's leadership as President of the firm, 5Points received scores of accolades, including numerous American Advertising Awards, Communicator Awards, and Telly awards. His company was named the "2019 Small Business of the Year" in business-to-business services by the Greater Roanoke Chamber of Commerce. In 2021, 5Points Creative was awarded "Best in Digital" at the annual AAF Roanoke awards ceremony.

In addition to helping businesses succeed, Bruce fosters multiple organizations through volunteer work. He is a founding board member for the national non-profit Help Save The Next Girl. After six years of running The Down by Downtown Music Festival, Bruce founded The Spot on Kirk in 2015 and remains President of their Board of Directors. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Healing Strides of Virginia.

In 2021, Bruce published his first book titled 40 West: Two Brothers Take the Trip to Mark a Lifetime. It chronicles Bruce's cross-country journey with his brother to honor and celebrate their late father. Bruce is a father to three children and lives in Roanoke, Virginia, with his wife, Laurel. His grandchildren call him Gee.

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Carroll Parfitt – '15 Justice Studies – Carroll worked 4.5 years for a nonprofit medical system after graduating in 2015. I did 17 months of Social Security casework as a Disability Determination analyst before signing on with Kforce/Index Analytics to start our arbitration project. As a Case Analyst I, he completes eligibility screening and dispute resolution for federal IDR arbitration entities under the No Surprises Act, reviewing medical insurance payment disputes and making recommendations to the arbiter on whether a given dispute qualifies for the federal or state arbitration process.

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Prior to working at CGE, Katie worked at the Office for Student Accountability and Restorative Practices at JMU, the International Journal of Transitional Justice, the Center for International Stabilization and Recovery, and served as the Director of the Harrisonburg International Festival. She received her master's at the University of Cape Town in Cape Town, South Africa in International Justice and Transformation and received her undergraduate degree from JMU in Political Science and Justice Studies.

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