



Inclusion Council Announces New Members

April 28th, 2026 — The U.S. Forest and Wood Products Sector Inclusion Council (IC) is proud to announce the newest Council members who will also serve on the Council's Working Groups, which are designed to enhance the reach and impact of the IC's mission across organizations and communities.

The new members include **MaryKate Bullen**, **Richard Vlosky**, **Ebony Presha**, and **Jasmine Hendrix**, whose combined expertise and dedication enhance the solid foundation for the Council's success.

Meet Our Newest Members!

MaryKate Bullen **Richard Vlosky, Ph.D.** **Ebony Presha** **Jasmine Hendrix, PhD**

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MaryKate Bullen, has over 18 years of experience at the intersection of sustainable forestry, conservation finance, and nature-based solutions, with work spanning timber investment, ecosystem restoration, carbon markets, and large-scale conservation across North America, Latin America, Asia, and Oceania. Grounded in the belief that effective nature investment requires more than capital, she focuses on

advancing strong environmental and social standards, engaging policy and regulatory frameworks, and building meaningful partnerships with the communities connected to these landscapes.

Dr. Richard Vlosky, is Director of the Louisiana Forest Products Development Center and Crosby Land and Resources Endowed Professor at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. With a Ph.D. in Wood Products Marketing from Penn State, his work focuses on forest sector business development, mass timber, bioenergy, and market research. He has authored more than 160 publications and delivered over 550 presentations in 33 countries, and has held leadership roles with organizations including the Forest Products Society, IUFRO, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, contributing to global efforts on sustainable forest products.

Ebony Presha, is a Talent Acquisition Specialist with Rayonier, bringing extensive experience in recruiting across the U.S. and Canada. She leads talent acquisition efforts across forestry, timberland operations, and sustainable natural resource management, aligning workforce strategies with business goals. Ebony plays a key role in supporting forestry field operations, early career hiring, and internship program development, building a skilled workforce that drives long-term land stewardship and operational success. She is passionate about student and early career engagement, cultivating strategic partnerships with universities, technical colleges, and community programs. Ebony previously served as President of EAP People Corporation, a national staffing firm. She has led talent placement across railroad and environmental services and specializes in talent management and motivational speaking, inspiring personal and professional growth.

Dr. Jasmine D. Hendrix, serves as Director of Student Recruitment and Retention in the College of Forest Resources at Mississippi State University, where she leads high-impact initiatives that strengthen enrollment, retention, and overall student success. Her work is grounded in systematic, data-informed strategies and collaborative partnerships that advance college access, career readiness, and overall workforce development. Dr. Hendrix holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and both an M.S. and Ph.D. in Food Science and Technology from Mississippi State University, with professional experience spanning program development and evaluation, nonprofit expansion and strategic growth, and talent pipeline development. Outside of her professional role, she actively supports Christian education initiatives, values time with family, and enjoys creating customized inspirational crafts.

The IC's mission is to build sector-wide capacity for meeting workplace and workforce needs with strategies that support growth, sustainability, and belonging.

The **IC's Working Groups** aim to engage in the implementation of the activities of the Council and organized around the 4 key pillars of the National Action Plan:

- **Knowledge** - Identify and recommend the information needs for the IC while also researching and building a collection of best practices to support the systematic, long-term development of inclusive and diverse workplaces.
- **Mobilization** - Inform the development of sector recommendations, support IC Learning Labs, and identify training opportunities and needs across the sector.
- **Workforce** - Coordinate and support efforts to address workforce needs in the sector, identify potential partnership and activity opportunities across regions and states, and determine workforce needs across public, private, and academic levels.
- **Impacts** - Lead Council communications and serve as the main point of contact, organize meetings, manage messaging and membership, and track progress toward Inclusion Council goals.

Working Group members have a primary responsibility for informing the design of tasks and initiatives that support the strategic direction and enable the Planning Team to act on the mission of the Council.

The IC invites all organizations and individuals passionate about the success of the current and future workforce for the forest and wood products sector to engage with the IC.

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