Two New Travel Counselors Join the Staff of the Newport News Visitor Center

Newport News, VA, Feb. 16, 2022 – KJ Jordan and Julie Andrews recently joined the Newport News Visitor Center. As part-time travel counselors, KJ and Julie are responsible for providing tourism information to visitors, using maps to give directions, selling gift-shop merchandise, answering phone inquiries, proofing promotional materials, and assisting with data entry.

KJ has more than 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry. In the early 1990s, KJ worked as the International Tour and Travel Director with Newport News Hospitality Group, which managed multiple hotels. In 1994, KJ founded an online hotel sales and reservation system that after 12 years was sold to Priceline. In the mid-2000s, KJ worked as the Tour and Travel Sales Representative at the Virginia Living Museum.

Additionally, KJ helped with branding part of J. Clyde Morris Boulevard as Avenue of the Arts (also referred to as the Newport News Cultural Corridor) which features the Virginia Living Museum, The Mariners’ Museum and Park, and CNU’s Ferguson Center for the Arts. In addition to being self-employed in a business that established sales and marketing programs for hoteliers, KJ has many years of experience in the restaurant industry, owning and operating catering companies and a former tearoom in Port Warwick.

Julie, a 1999 graduate of Woodside High School, has more than 20 years of tourism and customer service experience. For four years, she worked as the Activities Director with King’s Creek Plantation. From there, Julie moved to a position with the Williamsburg Hotel/Motel Association and Tourist Information Center for three years as an Information and Reservations Specialist. She has also worked for Hotel Management Properties and at one of the shops in Busch Gardens Williamsburg. Most recently, she was employed at Waterford Crystal, where she worked her way up to Assistant Manager.

Both KJ and Julie are residents of Newport News. KJ started at the Visitor Center in November 2021 and Julie joined the team in January 2022. To meet them, stop by the Newport News Visitor Center, open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located at 13560 Jefferson Ave., at the entrance to Newport News Park in the north end of the city. Call 757-886-7777 for additional information.