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# FAREWELL AND HELLO

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**Goodbyes from our 2017-2018 officers and hellos from our 2018-2019 officers.**



## Gordon Meier

### Area 2 President 2017-2018

Dear fellow Scouters,

This past year I had the distinct honor of being your Area 2 President. Looking back, our main goal was to support our Venturing program within the mitten of Michigan. From putting on Venturing University to assisting our council VOAs, we did so this past year.

When I joined Venturing in 2014, there were not many VOA specific events going on within Area 2. Now we have had over 9 camping and training opportunities across the state. I'm so proud to see the dedication we have seen within our councils this past year. My hope for Area 2 in the future is to have all 4 VOAs up and running.

I have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing crews, and their members across the state. I will cherish these amazing memories that I've been able to experience. I want to also challenge these crews to go out and just explore the world.

I also wanted to state that this year has been phenomenal due to the amazing team we have had on the area staff. From my VPs to my advisors I'm so happy that I got to work with these amazing and talented people this past year.

Finally, I want to thank all of our youth leaders and advisors on the area level, council level, and crew level. You all are making a difference in the world by the work you are doing, I implore you to keep that passion alive for Venturing and assist us in leading the adventure for the future.

Yours in Venturing,  
Gordon Meier



## Brandon Gaines

### Area 2 Vice President of Administration 2017-2018

Dear fellow Scouters,

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Central Region Area 2 Vice President of Administration for the 2017-2018 term. As I came into this program I didn't know anybody, or really know anything about the program—in fact, CRVOO was my first ever Venturing event! Although I still feel very new to the program, this



year I got the chance to not only travel around Area 2, but I also had the opportunity to travel to Chicago for CRVOO (Central Region Venturing Officers Orientation), St. Louis, Missouri for the Fall Fun Rally in Area 3, and to Area 7 for the Area 7 extravaganza.

I wasn't sure on what my goals were to be this year other than to get the job done, but in my term, we had 100% CSVE turn in and we conducted two (2) training events with A2VOO (Area 2 Venturing Officers Orientation) and Venturing University, also in my term we have given out two (2) Area VLAs. This program has given me so much in such a small amount of time including meeting new people and getting to know Venturers across Area 2 and the Central Region. I cannot wait to see what else this program gives me. As my term comes to end I would like to say hello to the new Area 2 officers. I am not

going anywhere, but am staying on and helping the area in a different capacity as well as serving on Venturing's National Communication's team. If you take one thing away from this farewell letter, I hope it is to lead the adventure.

Thank you for everything,  
Brandon Gaines



## Catherine Tutt

### Area 2 Vice President of Communication 2017-2018

Dear fellow Scouters,

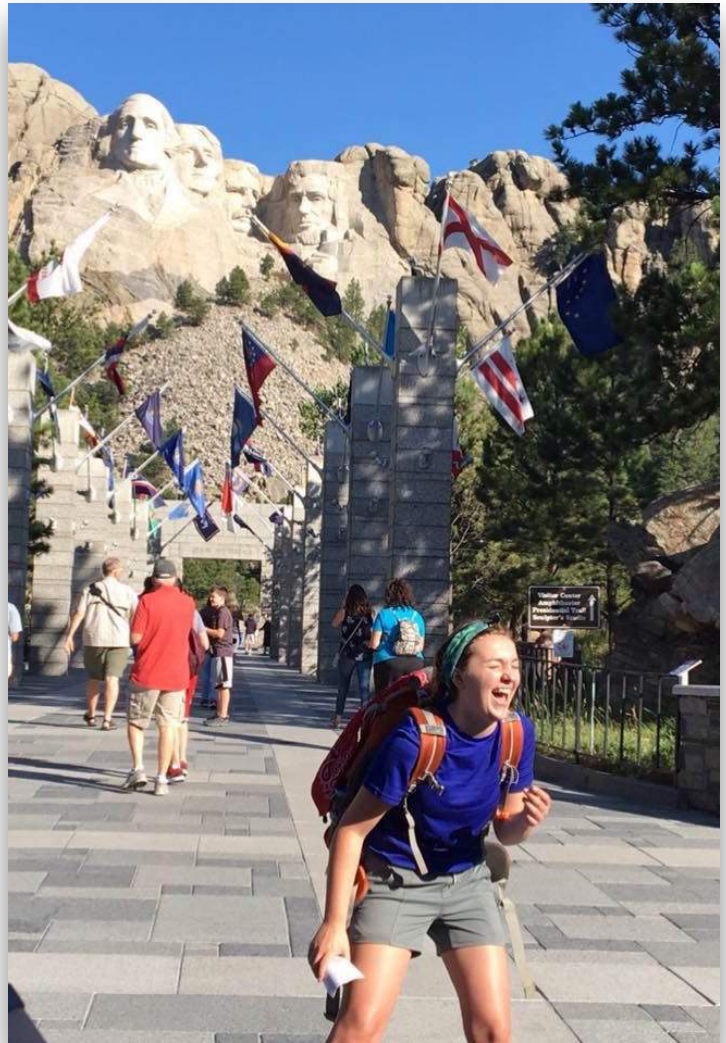
It has been an honor to serve you as your Area 2 Vice President of Communication. It was my goal this past year to improve the communication and awareness between the councils through a newsletter. It is my hope that this was accomplished, and that each council feels more aware of what is happening in the other councils.

Through my position, I have gained more experience in effectively communicating with those who have different backgrounds and skill sets than myself. This knowledge has helped me both in my professional and personal life. This position helped me to become more aware of the world, who I am, and my place in our beautiful blue, green globe.

Venturing has given me a love for the world that I wish for each and every one of you to have. You are all wonderful people with talent and goodness to spread. I have no doubt that all of you who I have met and those I have not yet will impact the world in your own spectacular way.

I wish you all the best.

With love,  
Catherine Tutt



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# WELCOME THE 2018-2019 AREA 2 OFFICERS

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# Area 2 President: Catherine Tutt

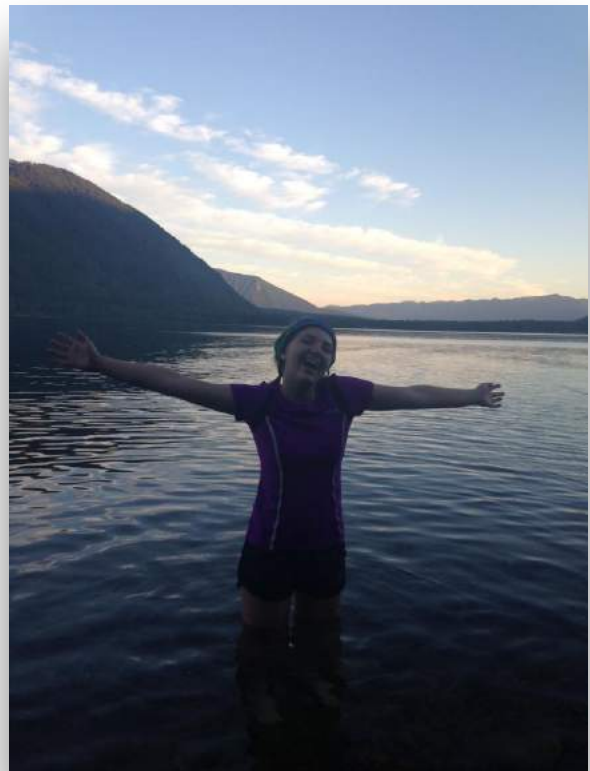
Catherine Tutt is a rising senior out of Hudsonville Michigan. She is involved in newspaper and will be an editor next year, National Honor Society, Spark (an after-school program for elementary students under the poverty line), and mentors a seventh-grade student. Catherine has been president of Venturing Crew 2146 and loves her crew with all of her heart. She has also served as President Ford FSC Vice President of Communication and Program. Catherine has also served on the Area 2 VOA as Vice President of Communication.

Catherine has completed the following trainings: Kodiak, ILSC, Time Management, Mentoring, Goal Setting, and Project Management.

She has received the Venturing, Discovery, and Pathfinder award. She is currently working on her Summit.

Catherine has also received an Eagle Mentoring Pin. Catherine plans to go to Grand Valley State University for undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Writing, and attend Michigan State University for a graduate degree in

law. Catherine loves to be outside, experience new things, photography, art, hiking, being with family, beings with friends and making an impact. She states being a safe person for people to come to as her biggest accomplishment. As the Area 2 President Catherine hopes to make Area 2, everyone's safe place. Catherine would like to thank her family and crew for encouraging her and being with her every step of the way.





# Area 2 Vice President of Administration: Steven Lardin

Steven is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member, and OA Founder's Award Recipient. Steven has a deep love for the Order and his brothers that comprise it and a great passion for the purposes of our Honor Society. He was inducted into the Order in 2014, but in less than a year volunteered to serve on the C-2 board at the e-Media Chairman for the 2015-2016 term. At the Region and National level, Steven has served as a content editor and contributor to the Central Region and National newsletters. Steven is also active in his Troop and Community. In 2016 he served as the Senior Patrol Leader of his

Troop 1381, planned and conducted the Troop Leadership Training three years in a row, and served as the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster twice, Troop Guide, and OA Rep, and attended all but one Summer Camp opportunity as a youth. He is also a volunteer for Mitch Albom's SAY charities serving

those in need in the City of Detroit, the Detroit Masonic Temple Archive, Library, and Research Center, and for the local needy and homeless. Steven graduated from Huron High School in 2017 and plans to start his secondary education at Wayne County Community College in the fall. Some of his hobbies include singing, playing Fortnite, and spending time with his family. One day he envisions himself becoming successful through organizing starts of nonprofits and businesses. Steven says he is super excited to start working with the VOA and everyone on the team!



# Area 2 Vice President of Program: Rachel Yagley

Rachel is the President of Crew 4255 out of Rochester Hills. Rachel has been in Venturing since 2015, and she has completed the following trainings: ILSC, First Aid, CPR/AED, Time Management, Goal Setting, EDGE, Project management, Mentoring Training, and NYLT. Rachel has also served on staff for NYLT since 2016, and she is currently the ASPL of Program for the 2018 GLFSC July NYLT course. Rachel has received the Venturing, Discovery, and Pathfinder awards, and she is currently working on her Summit.

Rachel is a recent graduate of Avondale High School in Auburn Hills. While she was there, she was in band, she was a section leader in marching band, she was also the President of Girls Who Code, the Vice President of Students Against Destructive Decisions, and an active National Honor Society member. She was also an senior photographer with Moment Photography.



Rachel plans on attending Oakland Community College next year, and then transfer to a university to study mechanical engineering.

Rachel loves to camp, bake, watch an “unhealthy amount” of Youtube, read, lay in her hammock, kayak, and play her flute.



# Area 2 Vice President of Communication: Agnes Dunne

Agnes is a current junior at Northville High School, where she is involved in her school's Gay-Straight Alliance, National Honors Society, and throws shot put and discus on the track team. She is also a member of her schools robotics team, Team 548, where she is a member of the steering committee. In the future Agnes hopes to attend college, but she is not sure where yet. In her three years as part of Venturing Crew 8, she has served as Historian, President, and is currently Vice President of Communications. In addition Agnes was also the Vice President of Communications for the Great Lakes Field Service Council. She has received her Venturing award and is working towards her Discovery award. Agnes was a Girl Scout for nine years before joining Venturing. She is inspired by her sister who received her Venturing Silver Sward and Girl Scout Gold Award, and her brother and father who have both earned the rank of Eagle Scout. She is also a Red Cross certified lifeguard, and certified as an American Heart Association Heartsaver. In her free time Agnes enjoys spending time outside, hiking, being on the water, travelling, cooking, and spending time with friends. It is her goal as Vice President of Communication to form connections across Area 2 and foster a network of crews to work together on events and goals. She hopes to have more people enjoy the same excitement she had at her first venturing event. She is very excited to work with Catherine and the other VOA members and advisors as well as all the Venturers in Area 2.



# Get to know your officers

## Agnes Catherine Rachel Steven

What movie title best describes your life?

Just Go Do It

Brave

High School Musical

Thor: Ragnarok

If you could turn any activity into an Olympic sport, what would you have the best chance at winning a gold medal for?

Talking really really fast

Organizing

Hammocking

Gaga ball

What would you rate 10/10?

Ice cream

Any highlighter by

Anastasia Beverly Hills

Kit Kats

My puppy Ronnie

What songs have you completely memorized?

Most of Taylor Swift's old songs, and any Brandi Carlile song.

She Will Be Loved by Maroon 5, and all of Hamilton

Perfect by Ed Sheeran, and Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen

Five More Minutes by Scotty McCreery, XO by Eden, and

Wednesday Mornings by Macklemore

What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their life?

Everyone should go somewhere without the influence of past people and events.

Everyone should visit someplace with a culture completely different than their own.

Everyone should face their fears at least once.

Everyone should graduate high school.

**What hobby would you get into if money and time weren't an issue?**

**Working on cars**

**Bouquet making**

**Scuba diving**

**Starting a band**

**Are you usually early or late?**

**Around five minutes early, being late is stressful!**

**I typically run about five to ten minutes late.**

**Definetely late, all the time.**

**Depends on what it's for, but typically early.**

**What shows do you watch?**

**Riverdale, Daredevil, and Master of None**

**New Girl, Riverdale, Life Sentence, The Good Doctor, Famous in Love, Siren, Rise, and Splitting Up Together. I love watching T.V!**

**The Ranch, New Girl, Gilmore Girls, and The Office**

**Walking Dead, and Supernatural**

**Would you rather go hang gliding or white water rafting?**

**Whitewater rafting**

**Whitewater rafting**

**Both! (Rachel got stressed about just choosing one)**

**Whitewater rafting**

**What could you give a 40 minute presentation on with no preperation?**

**"A brief histoy and modern issues on gender and sexuality"**

**How to do a full makeup glam**

**The basics of how to drive a car**

**The Lions Football team**