

Influential Women Highlights Terri Zeigler: Records And Funds Administrator At The Florida Department Of Transportation

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL, UNITED STATES, August 20, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- More Than 25 Years of Experience in Public Service, Banking, and Financial Operations Fueled by Faith, Perseverance, Integrity, and a Commitment to Servant Leadership

Fort Lauderdale, Florida — Terri Zeigler is a dedicated finance and records management professional whose career spans more than 25 years across public service, banking, financial operations, and community financial education. Currently serving as a Records and Funds Administrator with the Florida Department of Transportation, Terri brings a detail-oriented approach, strong analytical abilities, and an unwavering commitment to integrity to her work supporting financial oversight, compliance, and administrative efficiency within a major state agency.



Throughout her career, Terri has developed a diverse professional background that has provided her with insight into both government operations and the broader financial needs of individuals and organizations. Her experience includes positions with the IRS, Bank of America, Finicity, the University of Georgia, and the Florida Department of Revenue, where she gained exposure to business banking, tax processing, financial services, customer support, and administrative operations.

Her professional journey has also included serving as a personal financial trainer, helping individuals develop practical budgeting strategies, address debt, and strengthen their overall financial stability. This combination of institutional financial experience and direct work with

individuals has shaped Terri's belief that financial knowledge can be a powerful tool for creating greater confidence, stability, and opportunity.

Terri's academic journey has been equally important to her professional development. She earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Kennesaw State University after previously completing an Associate of Arts in Business Administration from the University of North Georgia. She is also a certified leader through the Truist Leadership Institute. Her commitment to education reflects a broader philosophy that professional growth requires persistence, adaptability, and a willingness to continue developing one's capabilities.

For Terri, that philosophy was shaped by experience. She attributes her success primarily to being persistent and goal-oriented. Throughout the obstacles and unexpected pivot points in her career, she has remained focused on the goals she established for herself. During the recession, Terri recognized that although she had valuable professional experience, she did not yet have a degree. Rather than allowing that limitation to define her future, she made the decision to return to school while continuing to work.

Balancing education and a career required discipline, but Terri remained committed to making herself more marketable and expanding the opportunities available to her. Today, she views the education she worked to obtain as an important part of the professional foundation she continues to build.

Faith has also remained a significant source of strength and direction throughout Terri's journey. As a single mother, she draws additional motivation from her daughter, whom she hopes to inspire through her example. Terri wants her daughter to see the grit, sacrifices, discipline, and focus required to remain committed to meaningful goals. For her, professional success is not simply about reaching a particular position; it is also about demonstrating what perseverance and purpose can accomplish.

One piece of advice Terri received from a minister has remained particularly meaningful: if what someone is experiencing is not what they envisioned, then what they are experiencing is temporary. That perspective has helped her avoid becoming stuck during difficult seasons and has encouraged her to continue looking toward her larger purpose.

Terri believes that having a clear vision is essential to personal and professional growth. She encourages people to ask themselves where they see their lives five or ten years from now, what goals they are pursuing, and whether those goals are ultimately leading them toward their purpose. For Terri, maintaining that vision provides an anchor when circumstances change.

She carries that same philosophy into her advice for young women entering the workforce. Terri encourages them to identify and embrace their purpose by recognizing the activities that align with their skills, abilities, and passions—particularly those things they would continue doing even without immediate financial compensation. From there, she recommends writing down a clear

vision and establishing an accountability partner or support network.

She also emphasizes that reaching one goal should not be viewed as the end of the journey. Instead, each accomplishment creates an opportunity to establish new objectives and continue growing. Terri believes humility, teachability, accountability, and dependability are foundational qualities for effective leadership, regardless of someone's title or level of experience.

Her approach is deeply rooted in servant leadership. Rather than viewing leadership solely as authority or advancement, Terri believes in serving while leading, building others up, and helping people discover their own voices and purposes.

One of the challenges Terri identifies in today's professional environment is the widening gap between generations and the resulting disconnection that can occur in the workplace. She has observed differences in expectations surrounding professionalism, decorum, work ethic, and definitions of success. While some individuals remain strongly motivated by standards, goals, and long-term achievement, others may be more influenced by status, money, or social media.

Terri believes these differences create an important opportunity for greater communication, mentorship, and understanding across generations. Her own experience demonstrates the value of maintaining professional standards while remaining open to change and new perspectives.

Beyond her professional responsibilities, Terri has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to community service and financial education. Her volunteer involvement has included teaching financial literacy through Enactus and Junior Achievement, reflecting her belief that financial knowledge should be accessible and practical for people at different stages of life.

At the center of Terri's professional and personal philosophy are faith, integrity, character, and humility. These values influence how she approaches her responsibilities, relationships, and leadership. She believes that meaningful leadership is ultimately about helping others become stronger and more confident while remaining grounded in service.

As she continues her career in financial and records administration, Terri Zeigler remains committed to growth, purposeful leadership, and making a positive difference in the lives of others. Her journey—from navigating career challenges and returning to school to building more than two decades of professional experience—reflects the power of persistence and vision.

For Terri, the path forward is simple: remain faithful to the purpose, stay focused on the vision, continue learning, and never allow a temporary circumstance to become a permanent limitation. Her career and life continue to demonstrate that success is not only about where someone arrives, but also about the people they inspire and the example they leave behind.

Learn More about Terri Zeigler:

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