

GABRIELLE "GABBIE" RICHARDS

PUBLIC SERVANT • COMMUNITY LEADER

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SKILLS

- **Excellent Interpersonal Skills:** Empathetic, patient, and able to build rapport with diverse teams.
- **Strong Communication Skills:** trained in linguistic nuances and tolerances.
- **High Organizational Skills:** meticulous attention to detail.
- **Technical Proficiency:** Skilled in Word, Excel, Outlook, and Google Drive, and other software.
- **Strong Work Ethic and Adaptability:** Exceptionally motivated; high aptitude for learning new things; adaptable to changing situations.
- **Creative and Innovative Thinking:** Capacity to think creatively and generate ideas.

EDUCATION

Master's Degree

University at Buffalo

2015

Germanic Linguistics

Bachelors's Degree

University at Buffalo

2013

Applied Linguistics

Bachelor's Degree

University at Buffalo

2013

German Language

French Minor

STUDY ABROAD

Germany

University at Albany in Würzburg,

Academic Year 2011-2012

Germany

Private Exchange

Summer 2008

Japan

Concordia Language Villages

Summer 2007

ABOUT ME

I am a dedicated public servant, small business owner, and lifelong North Tonawanda resident committed to building a stronger, more equitable community. With a background in volunteer leadership, public service, and grassroots organizing, I bring a collaborative approach and a deep understanding of working-class challenges. My experience spans governance, budget oversight, community planning, and advocacy...grounded in hands-on work to create tangible improvements across North Tonawanda.

Through years of public service and leadership, I've developed a reputation for being results-oriented, transparent, and deeply committed to my community's future. I know how to navigate complex systems, bring people together, and advocate effectively for local needs.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Local Planning Committees

Appointed

- Comprehensive Plan Committee
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) Committee
- Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Local Planning Committee
- Twin City Memorial Highway Study Steering Committee
- Oliver Street Walkability Steering Committee

North Tonawanda School Board Member

Elected Trustee - July 2019 to June 2025

- Oversee multi-million-dollar education budgets, policy implementation, and strategic planning.
- Active on the Audit Committee, the Wellness Committee, and the City-School District Committee

Other Community Leadership

Roles in Leadership

- Oliver Street Merchant Association President 08/2024 - current
- Oliver Street Merchant Association Vice President 08/2020 - 08/2024
- Project Pride Board Member 12/2019 – Current
- Waterfront Commission Member 05/2024 - Current
- Held many key organizing roles in various types of community events



KEY VALUES

- Collaborative Leadership
- Grassroots Organizing & Voter Engagement
- Budget Oversight & Strategic Planning
- Public Communication & Social Media
- Volunteer Management
- Economic and Community Development
- Transparent Governance
- Advocacy for Working Families