1) What would you say makes your jurisdiction great?
With a population of 1.1 million people, Fairfax is a large County. However, anyone who is actively engaged in a County, faith or civic organization/activity knows that Fairfax has a small-town feel – a great sense of community. That’s what I like most about the County. Our residents, County staff and corporate neighbors enjoy positive engagement. We get satisfaction working through our challenges and helping to ensure Fairfax County is the kind of place where people want to live, work and play. This high-level of engagement helps the Board of Supervisors enormously as we make funding and policy decisions that maintain our top-tier education system, public safety, and other services while also keeping taxes affordable for our residents.

2) In 20 words or less, what message would you like to share with the George Mason University community?
Get involved in your community. Giving back can be very rewarding!

3) What are three adjectives that best describe you?
Positive, caring, approachable

4) What was your first job?
I was the soda fountain girl at Bosch’s Drugs Store in Pikesville, Maryland. I made a mean milk shake!

5) What do you do when you’re not working?
I try to go running four or five times during the week. I also like to go to the movies – especially at the Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax. When I have time, I like to host dinners for my extended family – my specialties are Sauerbraten and an invented Schuster-family dish called “Madicelli.”

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