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## TRICIA BUEHNE ELECTED 2019 JAYCEES NATIONAL PRESIDENT

MATTOON, IL – Tricia Buehne, Vice President, Retail Mortgage Lender with First Mid Bank & Trust in Highland, has recently been elected by the US Jaycees as its 2019 national president. She was elected at the annual Junior Chamber International (JCI) USA meeting held in Denver this September.

"I am proud and I know the state of Illinois is proud to have one of our very own serve as president of the national Jaycees," said State Rep. Charlie Meier, a longtime member of the Addieville Jaycees. "Tricia's commitment to volunteerism and service to her community is appreciated and has taken notice in our state. I'm confident she will make a positive impact throughout the United States during her term."

"I am excited and I can't wait to work with the Jaycees all over the United States," Buehne said. "I am ready to motivate and inspire members and make sure we make the biggest impact in 2019."

Buehne is active in many community and professional organizations. She is a board member and ambassador for the Highland Chamber of Commerce and served as its president in 2016. In addition, Buehne has been active in the Jaycees since 2001 and has been a past president of both the Highland and Illinois Jaycees, as well as past national vice president of the US Junior Chamber. She also services as a board member of St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland.

"Giving back to my community has always been important to me," said Buehne. "Growing up in a small town, I know how important volunteers are to making communities great places to live and work."

In addition, Buehne is an affiliate member and secretary of the Greater Gateway Association of Realtors; affiliate member of the Realtor Association of Southwestern Illinois and a member of the Home builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois and serves as secretary of its Professional Women in Building Council. In addition, she belongs to the Clinton County Connection Group.

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