

Kristi Smith is a business-savvy, retired vice president of Daily Express, one of our nation's premier trucking companies and a 90 year-old Cumberland County business. With over three decades of executive experience, Kristi has decided to lend her talents to the citizens of Hampden Township by running for township commissioner.

Born to an internationally recognized scientist father, Kristi learned at a young age that she could accomplish good things with hard work. Already in high school, she achieved the Girl Scouts' highest rank and also earned a pilot's license at age 17. After graduating as valedictorian from high school, Kristi almost enlisted in the US Air Force. However, she opted out after learning that women were not allowed to fly fighter aircraft or participate in aerial combat.

In 1987, Kristi received a B.S. degree in Transportation Management and Economics, graduating magna cum laude from the University of Maryland. Soon after in 1987, she accepted a junior executive position with Daily Express and moved to Hampden Township.

Kristi and her husband, John, started a family in 1990. As the first female vice president of Daily Express, Kristi oversaw the safe operation of hundreds of truck drivers and earned the company many national safety awards. She served on several national and state transportation boards, and provided professional best practice advice to the Highway Division of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB).

Kristi's commitment to our community runs deep as well as long. While working 60-hour weeks and raising a family, Kristi still found time to coach soccer for six years at HMMS and led a cub scout den. She supported and encouraged both of her sons as they successfully earned Eagle Scout ranks. Recently, she also traveled extensively to secure materials for a group that sewed COVID masks. Kristi retired from her management career of 35 years to care for her aging father. Now, in her spare time, she gardens and is returning to the cockpit to pursue her love of aviation.

In summary, Kristi has the experience, ability and energy to represent and serve the diverse interests of Hampden Township residents.