



## The Northland Foundation adds two to its staff team serving Northeast Minnesota

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The Northland Foundation announces two individuals have recently joined its staff team: Nichele Canavan, Executive Administrator, and Taylor Holm, Program Officer.



**Nichele Canavan** has joined the Foundation as the Executive Administrator. Her work is primarily focused on key administrative support to the President/CEO and to the Board of Trustees. She comes to Northland after nearly nine years with the Duluth Public Schools ISD 709. In her role as Executive Assistant, she provided executive-level support to the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning & Equity and for the School Board. Additional prior experience includes a decade working in the field of real estate in Arizona, as a licensed Realtor and as the Marketing Director for a title company.

“Nichele’s impeccable organizational abilities and keen intelligence are complemented by her exceptional people skills,” said Northland Foundation President, Tony Sertich. “She also brings a commitment to equity and inclusion that aligns very well with the Foundation’s values and strategic direction. I and our Trustees are thrilled to work with her.”



**Taylor Holm** comes to the Northland Foundation as a Program Officer. Holm will work with the Foundation’s program and development team, including regional early childhood, intergenerational, and aging initiatives, grantwriting and development support, and program evaluation. For the past six years, she was the Executive Director at Community Partners, an aging services nonprofit organization in Two Harbors, MN. Past professional experience includes work in mental health services and training support for people with disabilities. She has a master’s degree in social work. Holm is a member of the North Shore Rotary Club and was a Blandin Community Leadership Program participant.

Zane Bail, Chief Operating Officer at the Northland Foundation, stated of Holm, “Taylor brings a wealth of knowledge and skills that will help further the work of the Foundation. At Community Partners, Taylor has been a leader in supporting the well-being of older adults. Having that common ground makes welcoming her to our staff that much more exciting.”