

Jo McArthur, a Pensacola native, is Escambia County Public Schools Foundation new Executive Director.

She graduated from W.J. Woodham High School in Pensacola and attended Georgia State University in Atlanta where she was awarded her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

Jo is engaged in her community. She is an active member of the Rotary Club of Gulf Breeze, Florida where she serves on the Board of Directors and several other committees. The Greater Pensacola Chamber has benefited from Jo's previous three years commitment with their Total Resource Campaign, and she is a recognized graduate of the 2019 Leadership Pensacola Program where she now serves as the Education Day Chair and a member of the Advisory Board.

Additionally, Jo is a member of the Active Chamber Executive networking group, sits on the Board of Directors for Pyramid, which provides services for adults with severe intellectual and developmental disabilities, and has served on the boards of both the United Way and Global Corner.

Most recently, Jo has served as the Business and Industry Outreach Coordinator at Pensacola State College, and Escambia County School District's Community Involvement Coordinator. She has experience working closely with both the military and faith-based organizations, in addition to her extensive involvement with local industry and education.

Prior to moving back to Pensacola in 2013, Jo lived in Atlanta for many years where she was extremely active in her community and Education Advisory Councils. She has two adult children, Mac and Lucy.

Jo enjoys reading, the beach, traveling, and spending time with family. She loves being home in Pensacola and is excited to carry on her family legacy with Escambia County Schools. "I am honored to be coming back to the Escambia County School District," she says, "As the Executive Director of the Public Schools Foundation, I will be able to utilize my community connections and experience to support my passion for education. My family history in the School District, beginning with my grandfather, L.D. McArthur, includes almost 100 years of experience and dedication to the children of Escambia County. I am proud and excited to be granted the opportunity to continue that legacy and take the Foundation to the next level."