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## ADAP Advocacy Association Seats Board Members

*New Advocates include Jennifer Vaughan from Watsonville, California*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today announced that it has seated its Board of Directors for 2019-2021. Newly seated board members include Jennifer Vaughan from Watsonville, California.

“Jennifer has quickly positioned herself as an influencer in her home state of California and nationally, but also globally with her videos about living with HIV,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “From the first time she pressed ‘*record*’ she has been educating people, offering hope to others, and inspiring others to confront HIV-related stigma.”

**aaa+**<sup>®</sup> is governed by a dedicated, diverse volunteer board of directors. The organization’s leadership includes seven HIV-positive members, three ADAP recipients (and two former ADAP recipients), one physician, one nurse, two pharmacists, and one disability rights champion. The board includes: **Guy Anthony** of New York, New York; **William E. Arnold** of Washington, DC; **Wanda Brendle-Moss** of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; **Elmer L. Cerano** of Lansing, Michigan; **Eric Flowers** of Oakland, California; **Lyne Fortin**, B.Pharm, MBA of Montreal, Canada; **Philip A. Haddad**, MD of Shreveport, Louisiana; **Hilary Hansen** of Washington, DC; **Lisa Johnson-Lett** of Birmingham, Alabama; **Jen Laws** of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; **Theresa Nowlin** of Dorchester, Massachusetts; **Glen Pietrandoni** of Deerfield, Illinois; **Jennifer Vaughan** of Watsonville, California; and **Brandon M. Macsata** (ex-officio) of Raleigh, North Carolina.

**Jennifer Vaughan** is a California native, a teacher, mother of three and the founder and creator of Jennifer’s Positive Life, a YouTube channel featuring her life living with HIV. Launched 5 months after her February 2016 diagnosis, her channel now features over 200 videos and is followed by more than 40,000 subscribers (2019). Her videos propelled her into instant advocacy and from that she founded a private support group through Facebook for HIV+ women. The majority of her members are newly diagnosed and women who have lived years without ever knowing another POZ female. Her group currently supports 200 women from all over the globe. Jennifer attended AIDS2018 International in Amsterdam as a Social Scholar representing the Prevention Access Campaign (U=U). She received a scholarship from N.M.A.C. and attended the USCA conference in Florida as a Social Media Fellow. In September 2018, she attended ADAP’s Advocacy Association’s Annual Conference in Washington D.C. as the Keynote Speaker and was the recipient of the 2018 Social Media Campaign of the Year for her YouTube channel. Her "influencer" mentality is continually projected through all her social media in an attempt to educate the masses on HIV and combat the stigma that surrounds the virus.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its Board of Directors, please email [info@adapadvocacy.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacy.org).

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*About the ADAP Advocacy Association:* The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. **aaa+**<sup>®</sup> works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.