



Jennifer L. Disano serves as the Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University (OLLI Mason), a nonprofit membership driven organization with three regional campuses in Northern Virginia offering 400 educational courses per year to over 1200 members, serving retired individuals aged 55 or better.

Under her direction, OLLI Mason has become more effective in fulfilling its mission and is better prepared to face organizational growth and expanded programming in support of the coming “age wave” of retirees in Northern Virginia. Her transformational initiatives have led to improved facilities and have expanded the reach of OLLI Mason services. Disano has initiated extensive modernization projects at the OLLI Mason. Among them are an overhaul of OLLI

Mason registration systems and the growth of the organization’s leadership in social media and classroom technologies, as well as, partnerships within the university – including the introduction of series collaborations with departments and sponsored scholarships.

During her tenure, Disano has overseen OLLI Mason delivery of excellence in educational programming, teaching opportunities, and social and leadership opportunities to members. As Chief Spokesperson for the organization, she regularly gives speeches and media appearances to support outreach of the organization. As OLLI Mason is nationally aligned with 119 OLLIs at Universities, she works closely with other OLLIs across the country.

In September of 2014, she was appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to serve on the Fairfax County Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) which is committed to increasing awareness and access to services and programs that enhance the lives of older adults and people with disabilities.

Prior to her role at OLLI Mason, Disano worked as a Program Manager in support of military sponsored research at The GMU Center for Command, Control, Communications, Computing and Intelligence (C4I) within the Volgenau School of Engineering at George Mason University, as a Scientist at GEO-Centers, Inc.; analyzing technology requirements for corrosion control implications in support of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA), supporting the US Navy’s initiative to reduce CFC emissions in paint and other eco-friendly alternative materials, and as an Executive Administrative Assistant, at Commander Naval Air Force Pacific (COMNAVAIRPAC); supporting staff of the maintenance office responsible for coordination of the aviation material readiness of 5 carrier battle groups and 8 major Navy and Marine Corps air bases.

In addition to her work experience, Disano is also a military spouse. Married to a Naval Officer; retired after 26 years of service. She understands first-hand the nuances of family life in the military-and after.

She is currently enrolled in a Master's program in Psychology of Organizational Leadership at Penn State University. Disano earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from California State University East Bay; and served as President of the International Geographic Honors Society, Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU).

Disano serves on the Advisory Board of the Office of Military Services, and as a Board Director of the Fall for the Book Festival, at George Mason University, as well as, Chair of Educational Programs on the Board of Directors of Robinson Secondary School PTSA. In addition, she regularly hosts the television show "On the go with AAUW" and is a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

A lifelong volunteer, Disano is the recipient of several honor awards; receiving both the U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award and Fairfax County Public Schools Highest Honor Award for Excellence in Volunteer Service.