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### **RECREATION DIRECTOR MAGAZINE SPOTLIGHT**

The Upson County Board of Commissioners (UCBOC) are pleased to announce the member spotlight on Shaka Johnson, the Director of the Thomaston-Upon County Recreation Department, in the Winter 2022 publication of *Recreation & Parks in Georgia* - for the Georgia Recreation and Parks Association (GRPA).

"Shaka has been an amazing lead at the Thomaston-Upon County Recreation Department" said County Manager W. Jason Tinsley, "she is more than deserving for her recognition in the recreation community."

The mission of the GRPA, is to help support and promote recreation and park agencies through the state of Georgia, all while also making healthy lifestyles for the citizens more accessible and highly engaging.

In November of 2020, Shaka was selected as Director of the Thomaston-Upon County Recreation Department. She came from an athletic background, and was very competitive with playing basketball, doing gymnastic, running track. When she began her career, she had graduated from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor of Science in sports studies. From there, she found her love for athletics, event management, and marketing.

Shaka has had unique opportunities to coordinate athletic tournaments for the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) and SEC (Southeastern Conference), and those experiences led her to want to represent her community in kindness and love, and encourage them in lifelong success.

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