

# Tiona Smith

**Position, Company:** Director - Third Party Risk Management, Ally Financial

As a visionary and challenger, Tiona brings 10+ years of experience as a strategic advisor in Technology and Information Security Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC). Tiona's experience spans across Financial Services, Big 4, and Telecommunications experience.

Tiona specializes in leading transformation and programmatic improvements that mitigate Technology, Cybersecurity, and Third-Party risks—empowering organizations to operate securely, while optimizing technologies and business processes.

Tiona is deeply committed to leadership, through volunteerism in spaces such as food insecurities, financial literacy, community activism, and career development mentorship. Furthermore, Tiona is an active partner with education institutions and nonprofit organizations to advocate for professional growth and equity. In additions to proudly serving on the Career Advisory Board (CAB) for Salisbury University's Perdue School of Business, Tiona also is a member of the Program Advisory Council (PAC) for North Point High School's Cisco Networking Academy.

With roots in Maryland, Tiona graduated in 2014 from Salisbury University with a Bachelors Degree in Information Systems and University of Maryland University College (UMUC) in 2017 with a Masters Degree in Cybersecurity. Tiona relocated to North Carolina where she continues to build her career.