#### Commissioner Natalie Hall, District 4 & the Fulton County Board of Commissioners Present



# March 23, 2022 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

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Natalie Hall is Fulton County Commissioner of District 4, which encompasses the heart of Atlanta, downtown, Midtown, Old 4th Ward, and neighborhoods west of downtown Atlanta to Fulton Industrial Boulevard. The unique attribute about this district is that it's completely inside of the City of Atlanta.

Commissioner Hall is passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of the citizens of Fulton County. She previously served Fulton County faithfully for six years as the Chief of Staff to the late Fulton County District 4 Commissioner Joan P. Garner and has over 25 years of management experience in the public and private sectors.

An honors graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems, Natalie earned her masters' degrees in Business Administration and Public Administration from Keller Graduate School of Management in Atlanta, Georgia. She received Executive Management Certification via Caliber Learning Center from the Wharton School of Business of the University of Pennsylvania. Commissioner Hall is continuing her education with coursework through Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the University Of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute Of Government.

In September 2017, Natalie received the Certified Public Manager (CPM) certification from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government of the University of Georgia. In 2018, Commissioner Hall completed all required coursework for her certification as a Certified County Commissioner through Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the University Of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute Of Government.

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Through a great partnership between ACCG and the University Of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute Of Government, Hall also received her Certified County Commissioner Certification at the 2019 ACCG Lifelong Learning Academy Leadership Luncheon in Savannah, GA.

On the County Commission, Commissioner Hall serves as Executive Sponsor for Fulton's Strategic Priority areas "Open & Responsible Government" and "Regional Leadership". She believes "County government's first and most important responsibility is to serve communities in need. As we take on that role, we need to make sure those programs operate efficiently and are responsive to the needs of our community."

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# **CONFERENCE AGENDA**

Arrivals/Registration/Breakfast	9:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.
Mistress of Ceremonies Shaunya Chavis Rucker	10:00 a.m 10:10 a.m.
Welcome Commissioner Natalie Hall	10:10 a.m 10:15 a.m.
Greetings Mayor Andre Dickens	10:15 a.m 10:20 a.m.
Workshop Block 1	10:25 a.m 10:45 a.m.
Workshop Block 2	10:50 a.m 11:10 a.m.
Workshop Block 3	11:15 a.m 11:35 a.m.
Lunch & Panel Discussion	11:40 a.m 12:40 a.m.
Keynote Speaker Ambassador Andrew Young	12:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Workshop Block 4	1:05 p.m 1:25 p.m.
Workshop Block 5	1:30 p.m 1:50 p.m.
Drone Experience	1:55 p.m 2:10 p.m.
Closing Remarks and Conference Evaluations	2:10 p.m 2:20 p.m.

# WORKSHOPS

#### **Workshop** – "**Real Talk: From Boys to Men**." Dyrell Carr & Brianna Brooks, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

The workshop is brought by the Fulton County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities with a discussion on emotional intelligence, stress management and the stigma surrounding mental health challenges that exist for young men. Other workshop highlights will include focus on the needs and tools that young men have to create, sustain and/or develop to maintain healthy mental states throughout their transition from teens to adulthood. The presenters will connect and dialogue with an aim to embrace and spread "male magic" together.

#### Workshop – Personal Branding: Looking the Part, Acting the Part

#### Reggie Jaye, Clothier/Designer

The objective of this workshop is to stress how important personal branding and image is in our everyday lives. This will include the importance of creating and maintaining a professional social media presence and the impact it can have regarding employment. Also included will be brief candid discussion on how to dress for success.

#### **Workshop – Secure the Bag** Camalyn Turner, Atlanta Public Schools - Keith Lewis, I'm A Father F1rst

This workshop will cover two specific ways to "Secure the Bag". For the college bound student part of the workshop will provide students with the necessary information to successfully complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid while preparing them to overcome the common obstacles that students face. The other part of the workshop will introduce investing in a new way by sharing how Crypto Camps combine emerging technology with financial literacy to create a unique educational experience that not only improves upon these conventional programs, but stands in a lane of its own.

#### WORKSHOPS

#### Workshop – The Power of Choosing

Tomiko Williams, Fulton County Juvenile Court - Kevin Block, Fulton County Juvenile Court - Julious George, Fulton County Juvenile Court - Chief Ronald Applin, Atlanta Public Schools Police Department - Deputy Chief Shannon Brown, Office of the Fulton County Solicitor General - Major Deirdre Orange, Fulton County Marshal's Office - Jawara Mars, Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney, Fulton County District Attorney's Office

The CHOICE is yours. In this workshop, youth will hear about the power of their choices going forward in life. Law enforcement and Court Officials will discuss how the choices youth make impact their lives while interacting with them in their respective agencies.

#### INDUSTRY EXHIBITORS

This session includes the students rotating to each industry exhibitor learn and gather resources to support their future endeavors. These exhibitors will include Fulton County Arts & Culture, Fulton County Marshal's Office, WorkSource Fulton, I'm A Father F1rst, Fulton County Library System, Georgia's OWN Credit Union, TCJ AeroTech, Fulton County Oral Health, Fulton County Health Promotion, and Fulton County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities.

# MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES SHAUNYA CHAVIS RUCKER



**Shaunya Chavis Rucker** is an Emmy Award winning veteran television journalist and film industry professional. She currently oversees the Fulton County Government External Affairs Department's, Broadcast, Cable & Film Division. Shaunya is the General Manager/News Director for Fulton Government Television (FGTV) where she also serves as principal Anchor/Host. Additionally, she is leading the Fulton Films Division where she is attracting

multiple block buster movie productions to call Fulton County home.

Shaunya has had a distinguished career in television news in a number of network-affiliate stations around the country. Prior to serving as an Anchor/Host for WSB-TV & WXIA in Atlanta, her journey as a journalist also included stops in Macon, GA (WGXA), Florence/Myrtle Beach, SC (WPDE), Cincinnati, OH (WCPO), and St. Louis, MO (KTVI).

Shaunya is a member of several civic and professional organizations including (but not limited to) The National Association of Broadcasters, The Atlanta Press Club, Women in Film & Television, The Links Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.. She is a graduate of the University of West Georgia where she currently serves on the UWG Foundation Board of Trustees.

Shaunya has served as the official media trainer for the Atlanta Hawks. She is also an avid golfer and founder of the Atlanta's women's league GOLF G.A.L.S (Greater Atlanta League Series). Shaunya is married to Clinton K. Rucker, Executive Assistant District Attorney in the Fulton County District Attorney's Office.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG



**Ambassador Andrew Young** is nothing less than a living legend. An icon of the Civil Rights movement, he worked as executive director of SCLC, the Southern Christian Leadership Council, where he became a top strategist and trusted friend to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and witnessed his assassination. In 1972, a predominately white district in Georgia elected Andrew Young as its representative to the United States Congress, making him the first black

man to serve the state in Washington since the Reconstruction era.

Andrew Young served in Congress for three terms before being appointed United States Ambassador to the United Nations by President Jimmy Carter in 1977. In that role, he became a champion of human rights around the world, and particularly in Africa, where he spearheaded the administration's efforts to end apartheid. In 1982, he was first elected Mayor of Atlanta, and during two remarkable terms is credited with transforming the city into an international metropolis. It was largely because of his international influence that Atlanta was chosen to host the Centennial Olympic Games in 1996, which Ambassador Young served as co-chairman.

In 1996, Andrew Young also married Carolyn McClain and slowly returned to the public spotlight. He authored several books, including: A Way Out of No Way (1994), and An Easy Burden: The Civil Rights Movement and the Transformation of America (1998). In 2000, Ambassador Young served a one-year term as President of the National Council of Churches, the organization he once served as a teenage volunteer. And in 2003, he established the Andrew J. Young Foundation to support and promote education, health, leadership and human rights in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean.

Since leaving public office, Andrew Young has been a sort of ambassador to the world, devoting much of his life's work to Africa and its vast economic potential. Sought after as an advisor to world leaders, as a speaker on the lecture circuit, and a frequent commentator on CNN and other news channels, Ambassador Young is a keen observer of politics and world events. An ordained minister with the United Church of Christ for over six decades, he continues to preach and considers the work of the Andrew J. Young Foundation an extension of his ministry and of the Civil Rights movement itself.

### MAYOR OF ATLANTA ANDRE DICKENS



Andre Dickens is the 61st Mayor of Atlanta. Prior to becoming mayor, he served as an at-large City Council member for two terms. In addition to serving in public office, Mayor Dickens has been a businessman and nonprofit executive and is an engineer, deacon, father and native Atlantan. His career follows his passions and his impact follows his commitment.

As the Post 3 At-Large Council member, Andre Dickens was a vocal legislative leader on public safety, transportation, affordable housing, workforce development, educational opportunities for Atlanta Public Schools students, and seasoned citizens programming. He served as the chairman of the Transportation Committee, providing oversight to city streets, bridges, sidewalks, paths, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest airport. In 2017, he chaired the Public Safety and Legal Administration Committee, during which time homicides went down 33% and all violent crimes decreased 12%.

Some of his legislative highlights include: creating the Department of Transportation, sponsoring legislation increasing annual salaries for Senior Patrol Officers, implementing a \$15 per hour minimum wage for city employees, establishing BeltLine Inclusionary Zoning for affordable housing, establishing the Atlanta Youth Commission, setting aside a \$40 million Housing Opportunity Bond, creating a joint commission between City Council and APS board, and establishing a BeltLine senior housing rehab program. In 2017, he sponsored and helped launch the Teen "Midnight" Basketball League, a program which includes workshops that help young men develop life skills and further their education.

Mayor Dickens is also the Chief Development Officer for TechBridge, a nonprofit that drives community impact by bringing affordable technology and business expertise to other nonprofit organizations. In 2018, he cofounded the Technology Career Program, a free program designed to prepare unemployed and individuals experiencing disadvantage in the work field for a career in the growing technology job market. The program teaches high demand technology skills while helping participants land jobs in IT departments across Atlanta.

Mayor Dickens previously served as the Assistant Director of Outreach Initiatives for Georgia Tech's Office of Institute Diversity. He spearheaded Tech's African-American Male Institute, which resulted in a significant

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increase in the GPA and graduation rate among black males. He also managed the Focus graduate school recruitment program and the Challenge Program that helped hundreds of students successfully transition into college life each year.

Early in his career, Mayor Dickens worked as a sales engineer for DSM Engineering Plastics and became the youngest and first Black salesman of the year. At the age of 28, he co-founded City Living Home Furnishings, which grew into a multi-million dollar retail business with two locations. Mayor Dickens ran the company for nine years until 2011.

Mayor Dickens also serves as a member of the Georgia Tech Alumni Board of Directors, an Alumnus of Leadership Atlanta, Diversity Leadership Atlanta, United Way VIP; Regional Leadership Institute, member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.; deacon of New Horizon Baptist Church; and several other organizations and affiliations.



**Dyrell Carr** strives to help those who seek progress and exploration within their life to create the reality they desire. Dyrell graduated from North Carolina Central University with his Bachelor's Degree of Psychology and a Master's degree in Clinical Counseling from Columbus State University. As an Associate Professional Counselor with the state of Georgia Dyrell practices with adolescents and emerging adults at a leading trauma-informed care

practice within Fulton County, CHRIS180.



**Brianna Brooks** is a graduate of Brenau University with a Master's degree in Clinical Counseling with a specialization in Neuropsychology. She holds an active license as an Associate Professional Counselor and currently working at North Springs High School serving the Fulton County school system. Over the past five years, Ms. Brooks has worked in psychiatric hospitals, a residential treatment facility, within the Atlanta Public School System, Dekalb

and Fulton County school systems, and private practice.



**Reggie Jaye** is a custom clothier and designer, born in Memphis, TN. After high school he attended Jarvis Christian College (a HBCU) before enlisting in the US Air Force. It was from his travels abroad and being stationed in London, England for 5 years, that he found his passion for fashion. Upon his return to the US, Reggie started pursuing that passion. While enlisted, he obtained a BA in Fashion Design and Marketing from American Intercontinental

University. That pursuit led him to being the founder of Reggie Jaye Signature Apparel in Atlanta, GA. He later retired honorably from the US Air Force after 24 years of service.

Reggie has dressed and designed custom clothing for notable people in politics, sports, entertainment, religion, business and law enforcement for almost 20 years. He attributes his success to his passion, attention to detail and knowledge of the industry.



**Camalyn Turner** is a licensed attorney with 14 years of experience in classroom teaching and leadership roles in K-12 public education. She currently serves as Coordinator for Student Discipline at Atlanta Public Schools, and for the past year, she has served as Special Assistant to the Superintendent at Atlanta Public Schools. Camalyn's career trajectory included a "calling" that took her from courtroom to classroom, and she believes great educators

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are just like great preachers because they teach from the soul. She is an advocate for restorative justice programs, and her diversified experience makes her exceptionally poised to lead the APS Student Discipline Office.

In addition, she holds extensive knowledge about district needs and has coordinated projects such as the first student-led APS Mayoral Forum and the Superintendent's Internship Program. As an Instructional Coordinator for Birmingham City Schools, she coached principals to maximize leadership skills and team effectiveness and facilitated district-wide programs that resulted in increased academic proficiency for students. She has managed a solo law practice specializing in family law, mediation, and government relations, and has served as assistant chair for the Teen Court of Jefferson County, Alabama. She is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and like the late Shirley Chisholm, believes that Service is the rent that you pay for room on this earth.



**Keith Lewis -** Driven by his lifelong passion to serve, Keith is dedicated to partnering with communities and brands across the globe to define and deliver the just and balanced reality we all deserve. His unique mix of experience includes high-level marketing as well as hands-on mentorship and job creation for families across Atlanta. Those skills, mixed with his talents for teamwork and leadership make him perfectly prepared to navigate

the coming challenges of the New Norm.

Keith and co-founder Jermaine Clarke formed the I'm A Father F1rst nonprofit organization, and remained focused on their belief that Fathers should be leaders, providers, kings, example setters: the head of the village. Today, the organization still stands on the principle: WE ARE THE VILLAGE! Through programs like the King Talk mentee series, A Cut Above free haircut program, Kicks & Cleats and coaching for the Atlanta Kings, the national Rebrand the Man campaign, the Corner Boys entrepreneurship program, Keith is working to help fill the 40% of fatherless homes worldwide.

Keith's philanthropic work was nominated for the 2019 Rising in Community Excellence (RICE) Award, which is awarded to individuals and organizations that demonstrate significant contributions to their communities and act to improve lives around them through impactful movements. I'm A Father F1rst also received a proclamation by the Mayor and City Council as a nonprofit organization that perform extraordinary acts of service and of high importance to benefit the overall society of South Fulton. Atlanta Public Schools instituted Keith's Social Emotional Learning curriculums to reach at-risk youth with the non-academic skills they will need to thrive.



**Kevin Block** I'm Kevin Block a Probation Officer at Fulton County Juvenile Court in the Programming and Grants department where my primary responsibility is bringing in appropriate programs to the court that help our youth succeed.

I'm originally from Kansas City, Kansas and a graduate of Clark College with a Bachelor's in Business Administration

although my employment experience has primarily been working in the community service sector for the past 30 years. My grandmother and mother were community service workers so I am very passionate about continuing their legacy. Also, being a resident of Fulton County it is very important that I do all I can to help keep my community safe and thriving.



**Tomiko Williams -** "...those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the people doing it..."

Tomiko Williams became passionate about Juvenile Justice at the age of 11 after she watched her mother navigate a complex system that ultimately took her brother from his family for more than 20 years. With over 15 years of experience in the juvenile justice field, Tomiko continues to connect youth and their families to services

and programs within the community that focus on rehabilitation.

She joined Fulton County Juvenile Court as the Court Program Administrator in 2020 by way of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ) where she worked in various roles over the last 15 years. As the County Director of Greenville SCDJJ, she led the initiative and the successful opening of the first and only Juvenile Assessment Center in the State. She brings that same passion for services to Fulton County.

Tomiko holds a Bachelor of Arts from Salve Regina University in Newport, RI, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Phoenix. Ms. Williams resides in Atlanta, GA, where she is now closer to her daughter, her son, and her grandson.



**Deputy Chief of Investigations Shannon Brown,** Office of The Fulton County Solicitor General is a veteran Global Security leader with over 25 years of law enforcement experience.

Shannon began his career in 1996 as a Special Agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation. In 1999, he continued his law enforcement career as a Senior Special Agent

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with the United States Secret Service, where he spent 22 years protecting United States Presidents and other top Global and Diplomatic leaders before retiring in 2020. Shannon is a native Atlantan and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Savannah State University.



**Julious George** - Born and raised on the west side of Atlanta and living with his mother and 3 siblings in a lowincome neighborhood Julious George Robles was faced with the responsibility of being the man of the house at a young age and was ultimately raised by the streets. He was friends with leaders of gangs who dealt with weapons, illegal substances and violence. After losing friends to the graveyard and the penitentiary system George himself

became a victim of gun violence and was shot and arrested after a violent altercation. After five months of incarceration and a newfound inspiration George decided to start his own positive gang known today as the Young Generation Movement. Today The Young Generation Movement mentors over 60 children and serves the community through weekly and monthly leadership programs. His number one passion in life is giving back to his community and others.



**Major Deirdre Orange** is an Atlanta native and product of the Atlanta Public School System, graduating from D.M. Therrell High School. Major Orange began her law enforcement career in July 1998 and currently serves as the South Bureau Commander in the Fulton County Marshal's Department. She proudly serves under the leadership of Marshal Maria McKee. Major Orange is an active member of the National Organization of Black Law

Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).



**Ronald Applin** has over 32 years of law enforcement experience and is the current Chief of Police of the Atlanta Public Schools Police Department. As a graduate of Atlanta Public Schools, he went on to serve 6 years in the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He retired as a Captain from the Fulton County Sheriff's Office where he served for 21 years. In 2011, he became a faculty member with Reinhardt University Public Safety Institute,

where he continues to serve, teaching undergraduate and graduate level criminal justice courses. He also taught in the Law and Justice Program at Creekside High School. Prior to his appointment as Chief, he served as the Director of Security at Landmark Christian School. Chief Applin earned a Bachelor of Science Social Science in Criminal Justice from Mercer

University, Master of Public Administration from Troy University, and has completed all coursework, with the exception of a dissertation, for his PhD in Criminal Justice from Capella University. He is also graduate of the FBI National Academy 220th Session and a graduate of the inaugural class of Mercer University's Public Safety Leadership Institute.



Jawara Mars has served the Fulton and DeKalb County communities as a prosecutor for his entire 8 year career. ADA Mars spent time serving in Fulton County Juvenile Court where he was awarded the Juvenile Court Attorney of the Year in 2014 by the Georgia Conference on Children and Families. After serving as a juvenile prosecutor for over a year he moved to the Complex Trial Division under the supervision of DA Willis. During this time, he gained

invaluable experience in the courtroom prosecuting a variety of cases from Aggravated Assault to Armed Robbery and more. ADA Mars has a passion for youth development and empowerment, especially among young black men, volunteering with several organizations across the metro Atlanta area. Working with the S.M.A.R.T. Moves Chess program and as a mentor/ panelist for the Next Level Boys Academy among others.

ADA Mars grew up in the Stone Mountain and Lithonia communities after his family moved from New York to Georgia in the early nineties. He graduated from Dunwoody High School in 2004 and later attended Furman University on a football scholarship earning degrees in Health & Exercise Science and Political Science respectively. While attending Furman University he crossed into the greatest fraternity, Omega Psi Phi, Inc. in the spring of 2007. Mr. Mars then attended and graduated from the Florida A&M College of Law in 2012 before returning to Georgia to practice law. He is also the proud father of a beautiful 2 year old daughter, Malika Mars.

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**Alpachino Hogue** is the Senior Strategic Advisor to the Superintendent of Atlanta Public Schools. This May, he will complete his Doctorate in Education Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. His personal story as a first-generation college graduate, combined with experiences working in college admissions and as a leader within the out-of-school learning space, has helped Chino develop a keen understanding of the challenges facing

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students from marginalized populations. He believes that young people are thinkers, and learners, and can be the solvers our society needs -- no matter where they start out in life. Chino envisions learning experiences that aim to teach, inspire, embolden, and support students, as well as the adults who love and care for them, as they continue the fight for equity and justice by challenging the convention and mediocrity they see in this world.



**Michelle Dawes Birt** is an Entrepreneur, Speaker, Community Service Activist, Philanthropist, Podcaster, Talk Radio Personality, and Professional Mentor. Michelle earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information Sciences from DeVry University and her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. After graduating from DeVry, she relocated to Atlanta, Georgia. She previously worked as a Project Manager for IBM, Coca-

Cola, Carter's OshKosh, Recall, Home Depot, and The Southern Company. Currently, Michelle works as a Senior Project Manager at Delta.

Michelle is also the founder of the Real Chicks Rock!<sup>™</sup> brand and Real Chicks Rock!<sup>™</sup> Presents Real Discussions Talk Radio Show. Real Chicks Rock!<sup>™</sup> is a 501c3 non-profit organization that raises awareness regarding issues that impact women through the arts (music & media), community service, public speaking, mentoring, workshops, and more. Real Chicks Rock!<sup>™</sup> has been in existence for over nine years and branched into media to assist with the forward movement of organizations locally, nationally, and globally, reaching the masses with their Live Radio Show: 'Real Chicks Rock!<sup>™</sup> Presents Real Discussions.



**Erika Y Mitchell** Erika Y. Mitchell, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, earned her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer Information Systems from Alabama State University. Erika has worked for major global brands, including: Coca Cola, Cbeyond, and Kodak as an Information Technology (IT) specialist. Erika is a multitalented professional and local public servant committed to bridging the gap between

non-profit organizations and for-profit companies.

Currently, she serves on the Atlanta Board of Education's Policy Review Committee, Board Development Committee, and the Board of Directors for the Atlanta Beltline. In addition, Erika is on the Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce Workgroup, Fulton County Citizen Court Watch for

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Zone 4, and was appointed by former Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms to serve on the Atlanta 2020 Census Committee. Erika is an elected member of the National School Boards Association's Council of Urban Boards of Education's Steering Committee and serves as Vice-Chair 2021-2023. She also serves as the elected Secretary of the National Black Council of School Board Members, where she chairs the Policy & Resolution Committee for both Councils.

Erika has received several awards throughout her career, including: the 2020 Atlanta Business League's 100 Women of Influence, National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (The Greater Atlanta Chapter) Public Servant Award, and the 2019 C.T Martin's Public Servant Award, just to name a few. Erika is a mother of two - son Kaden (13), daughter Anna (10), and dog George (2). In her spare time, she enjoys golfing, traveling, and volunteering in her community.



**Dr. Lisa Herring,** began her position at Atlanta Public Schools on July 1, 2020, coming home to make a difference in the state that raised her, and in the city that made her an educator. A Macon, GA, native and graduate of Spelman College, the Univ. of South Carolina, and Georgia Southern Univ., Dr. Herring's enduring career includes experience in both public and private, and urban and rural settings, notably serving as Superintendent of Birmingham City

Schools, Chief Academic Officer for Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, KY, and Deputy Superintendent of Academics for the Charleston County (SC) School District.

She is known for stewarding districts towards equitable, measurable, and accountable improvements impacting the lives of students from diverse social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. Dr. Herring recognizes the inner strength and talent of all children and believes educators must meet each student at their beginning and guide them in the direction of their purpose.



**Greg Bannister**, I am currently the Executive Director for the At-Promise West Boys and Girls Club. I am from Roanoke Va. I attended George Mason University, where I received a Bachelor's degree in Community and Preventive Health. I aspire to become a trainer, speaker, and published author speaker. I am currently working towards obtaining my real estate license and plan to purchase various properties for future entrepreneurial projects. My hobbies are being

a Husband, Father, and fitness. My expertise is in youth development

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and project planning. I was placed on this earth to help others become committed, intentional, and consistent towards their dreams.



**Aakeem Woodard** is an author a certified speaker, coach & trainer for The John Maxwell Team. A certified Behavioral Consultant with Personality Insight Institute. A sought after youth transformational coach who has mentored over 800 youth. He has worked as a sentencing consultant for Fulton County public defender's office. Mr. Woodard designed and operated a behavioral modification program as a youth Transitional Coordinator for The Department of

Juvenile Justice and now currently works for the Fulton County DA's Office as a Youth Advocate & Liaison. Judges refer to Mr. Woodard as a unicorn concerning the transformation that they have seen take place in his life. As well as how he is able to connect with the youth in such a unique way.




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