

The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. Announces 2019-2020 Board of Directors

Nonprofit seeks to “Engage. Impact. Lead.” the Atlanta Community in 103rd year

(**ATLANTA, GA**) June 3, 2019 – The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. (JLA) proudly announces its new President, Andrea N. Smith, and Board of Directors for the 2019-2020 league year. For 103 years, the JLA has left an indelible mark on the city of Atlanta, with some of the community’s most esteemed institutions founded or established in part by members of the organization. This year, with the charge to “*Engage. Impact. Lead.*,” the organization of over 3,000 diverse women continues its commitment to making a difference in the lives of women and children.

In line with their charge for the new league year, JLA volunteers will commit over 100,000 hours to *engage* with their community through the organization’s nonprofit partners. It is through this engagement that members of the JLA will work to leave a positive *impact* in the areas of generational poverty, early childhood education and commercial sexual exploitation/human trafficking. The organization will also continue to equip each member to *lead* in their community, offering leadership and civic training with programs including the JLA Leadership Institute, the JLA Women’s Leadership Forum and leadership retreats for new and returning leaders.

Driving this year’s efforts is the organization’s Board of Directors, led by President Andrea N. Smith, a 10-year JLA veteran with an extensive background in nonprofit leadership and fundraising. “The Junior League of Atlanta has been a catalyst for positive community change in Atlanta for more than a century,” said Smith, “we are the place for service-minded women to make a difference in the city, and by continuing to empower and equip these women to become leaders in the league and in their communities we will exponentially grow the impact we have on the city, thanks to our growing pipeline of trained community and civic volunteer leaders.”

“I am in awe of the women we work with every day in the JLA,” noted Smith, “It is invigorating to work alongside a force of diverse and civic-minded women who are so passionately focused on the health and wellbeing of women and children within their community, while also placing an emphasis on developing themselves and empowering others.”

Joining Ms. Smith, the 2019-2020 Board of Directors is comprised of a diverse set of civic leaders and professionals who will lead the organization over the next 12 months.

2019-2020 Board of Directors:

President - Andrea N. Smith

President-Elect - Bre West

Sustainer Representative to the Board - Michelle Wells
Advisory Planning Chair - Holly Portier
Assistant to the President - Quiana Riche-Clark
Recording Secretary - Melissa Brogdon
Parliamentarian - Jane Batcheller
Nominating Chair - Dr. Yvette Dupree
Director of Impacts & Measurements - Fran Cowart
VP of Advocacy & Initiatives - Joy Dyess
VP Community Impact - Macie Thompson
VP Fund Development - Eva Keough
VP Internal Operations - Erica Franko
VP Learning & Development - Maranie Brown
VP of Marketing & Communications - Chaundra Lockett
VP of Membership - Shawn O'Neill
Director of Support Services - Sharon Klein

To learn more about The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. visit jlatlanta.org.

About The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc.

The Junior League of Atlanta, Inc. (JLA) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and to improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. For more information on The Junior League of Atlanta, visit www.jlatlanta.org or call 404-261-7799.

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