

### **Hannah Calhoon, Financial Health Network**

As the Financial Health Network's Vice President for Innovation, Hannah Calhoon is responsible for the strategic direction of our Innovation practice, including the Financial Solutions Lab. In her role, she leads our efforts to uncover new ways to support our innovators as they work to improve financial health and deliver quality services that treat communities with dignity.

Hannah has more than 12 years of experience building mission-oriented innovation systems. Before coming to the Financial Health Network, Hannah founded Blue Ridge Labs, an initiative inside the Robin Hood Foundation that unites communities and technologists to build new tech platforms that address economic inequality. Before founding Blue Ridge Labs, Hannah was Project Leader in BCG's healthcare and global development practice areas and held roles at Acumen and Embrace. She currently sits on the Legal Service Corporation's Emerging Leaders Council and the advisory boards of Finance Forward and legal tech start-up community.lawyer.

Hannah holds a BA in Social Studies from Harvard College and an MBA from Stanford's Graduate School of Business. She lives in Dallas, Texas with her husband and her two daughters. In her free time, she enjoys baking, hiking, and sci-fi novels.

### **Keith Hanson, City of Shreveport**

#### **Davante Lewis, Louisiana Budget Project**

Davante Lewis is the director of public affairs and outreach for LBP, where he focuses on monitoring legislative developments and works with advocacy groups and coalition partners to advance a policy agenda that makes a difference for Louisianans with low and moderate incomes. Prior to joining LBP, he was an elementary school teacher in the Coweta County School System in suburban Atlanta. Davante has worked on multiple campaigns and even was a candidate for School Board at 18 years old and recently for City Council in 2020.

Davante graduated from McNeese State University with a B.A. in Political Science where he served as a two-term Student Body President. He currently serves on the board of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, The Friends of the Capitol Park State Museum, New Leaders Council of Louisiana, and the Foundation for Louisiana's Truth and Racial Healing Advisory Committee.

### **Bonnie Moore, City of Shreveport**

Bonnie Moore is a certified specialist in affordable housing development, HOME, and grant writing. She has secured and managed over 13 million dollars in Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds for the city of Shreveport, and has successfully coordinated and prepared over 34,000,000 dollars in grant funding from private foundations, local, state and federal entities.

As director of Community Development, she is responsible for the administration, planning, organization, direction and monitoring of a wide range of complex federal,

state and local resources, programs and activities in a diverse yet interconnected variety of fields. Programs administered include housing, homelessness, public service, public facilities, workforce development, and business development, with multiple program elements within each category.

Ms. Moore is in charge of four bureaus, which include Administration, Housing and Business Development, Bureau of Special Programs and Workforce Development. She administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs, Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Program, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), National Emergency Grant (NEG), Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund Grant, National Park Service Grant, Cities for Financial Empowerment Grant, Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Louisiana Jobs Employment and Training (LAJET) Program.

Prior to her appointment, she was executive director of Centerpoint, the multi-faceted service agency for the homeless and indigent in NW Louisiana. Prior to coming to Centerpoint in 2002, Bonnie was the lead planner for Shreveport's Community Development team. She has more than 28 years' experience with social services, revitalization planning, and affordable housing development. She has management experience in the public and private sector and has been intimately involved in continuum of care planning in the Shreveport-Bossier community.

Ms. Moore has longstanding personal commitment to community service. She serves on a number of Boards including: Former Chairman of National Community Development Association Board of Directors, Co-Chair of the Strategic Action Council CDC, Bio-Medical Center Research Board, HOPE Connections Board, Shreveport Common Board, Goodwill Board, and the State Tax Sale Committee.

She has received numerous awards in her career including the 2021 Goodwill Champion Award, 2021 Liberty Award, 2016 Chamber of Commerce Life Time Achievement Award, 2015 Grambling State University Foundation Community Development Award, 2014 John H. Wilson Trailblazer Award, Champion for Children Award, Women Who Make a Difference Award, Mt. Canaan Baptist Church Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award, Black Social Worker's Humanitarian Award, and the Veterans Administration Citizen of the Year for 2004, 2006 Top Ten Leadership Award from The Times, and the 2007 Rosa Parks Award. She has been featured in the Shreveport Times in 2005, and the Forum, as One to Watch for in 2003.

**Chad Sanders, The First 72+**

Chad is a summa cum laude graduate of South Carolina State University where he majored in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. Following his undergraduate studies, Chad worked for Pfizer, Inc. as a territory sales representative in both Columbia, SC and Atlanta, GA. Later, Chad graduated from Tulane University Law School where he was a Dean's Scholarship Recipient and earned the Association of Administrative Law Judges Public Service Scholarship Award for his work in the community. Additionally, he was elected Editor-in-Chief of Tulane's Journal of Technology & Intellectual Property and selected for publication.

Chad has extensive private and public work experience having spent time with the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, U.S. Department of Justice Environmental Enforcement Section, New Orleans Saints and Pelicans, City of New Orleans, and most recently with The Woods Law Group, L.L.C.-- a boutique law firm specializing in public housing, real estate redevelopment, and construction law.

Chad joined The First 72+ in January 2019 and, prior to being appointed to Co-Executive Director, he served as Operations Manager, Reentry Court Case Manager, and as the Director of Economic Empowerment.

Chad is a native of Columbia, SC and is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

### **Jamie Schmill, Foundation for Louisiana**

Jamie Schmill is a creative systems thinker, strategist, and team builder, who has cultivated her expertise in program design, grant making, capacity building, and equity-centered evaluation through work across the higher education, nonprofit, and philanthropic sectors. She currently serves as the Vice President of Programs at the Foundation for Louisiana where she is grateful to be part of the movement towards a Louisiana in which every person has the freedom, dignity and power to live, learn, work, and play.

Jamie is fascinated by the relationship between diverse ways of learning, knowing and being, values-based leadership, and community-led social change and nurtures these interests as a doctoral student at the Graduate School of Leadership and Change at Antioch University. A life-long dancer and athlete, she is a Tulane University alumna with Bachelor's degrees in gender and sexuality studies and dance and a Master's degree in liberal arts with a concentration in philosophy. She also holds a Master's degree in education with an emphasis on leadership and learning in organizations from Vanderbilt University.

### **Sabrina Short, New Orleans Black Tech Collective**

Sabrina Short is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of NOLAvate Black, the New Orleans Black Tech Collective. She is a life-long community organizer, social justice

advocate and has a proven track record of creating spaces to lift up the voices of underserved and disenfranchised communities.

As a tech ecosystem builder, she maps accessible and equitable pathways in tech. She has been recognized nationally for her work of making an impact in the technology sector as a multi-year Ada Lovelace Award nominee, 2020 Silicon Bayou 100 Honoree, Tech2Empower Alumni, and Grace Hopper Gold Scholar Recipient. Spearheading the inaugural Black Tech NOLA in July 2018, the first and largest Black Tech conference in New Orleans, NOLAvate Black has reached over 2,000 Black professionals through programming that focuses on building a sustainable and inclusive tech talent pipeline.

A motivational speaker, published author, community advocate and start-up founder Sabrina says, “I have a personal mission and purpose to bring Black and Brown people together to build collective power. NOLAvate Black isn’t just about diversity. We are breaking down racist barriers and systems of inequity by equipping our people with tools to leverage their resources, close the racial wealth gap, and create pathways toward economic opportunity.”

Sabrina serves on the board of Rooted School New Orleans and is a member of the New Orleans Digital Alliance.

### **Sam Spiewak, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation**

Sam Spiewak is the Program Officer for the Opportunity Youth Workforce Development Initiative at the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The Initiative works in four geographies – New Orleans, Los Angeles, Mexico City, and Mombasa – to reduce youth disconnection and to advance its vision that all young people achieve economic self-sufficiency and well-being. In support of this mission, Sam develops a portfolio of grants, monitors and assess grantee outcomes, builds partnerships with the public and private sectors, and develops strategies that advance the Foundation’s strategic goals. Prior to joining the Hilton Foundation, Sam led programming at the Stanford University Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, a leading academic research center for scholars and leaders. He holds a M.S. in journalism from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and a B.A. in Literature, Language, and Culture from Antioch College.

### **Libby Whiteside, Disability Rights Louisiana**

Libby Whiteside is the Program Manager of the Financial Access Inclusion & Resources (FAIR) program at Disability Rights Louisiana. Libby began her career at Disability Rights Louisiana in 2012, after graduating from Loyola University New Orleans with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Between 2013 and 2018, Libby worked primarily as a benefits counselor, supporting job seekers with disabilities in their pursuit of financial security and independence. Afterwards, Libby led the development and launch of the FAIR program, which is the only program tailored to support people with disabilities in navigating employment and financial barriers after incarceration. Currently,

she manages FAIR program operations and fundraising activities, and she provides financial coaching, case management, and benefits counseling services to formerly incarcerated people with disabilities. Libby is trained in financial coaching by the Change Machine and is nationally certified as a Community Partner Work Incentives Counselor by Virginia Commonwealth University. Furthermore, she serves as a board member of Louisiana Association for People Supporting Employment First, and a member of the New Orleans Reentry Task Force, New Orleans Economic Community of Practice, and National Association of Benefits and Work Incentives Specialists.

**Erika Wright, JPMorgan Chase & Co.**

Erika Wright is a Vice President for Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co., where she directs the Foundation's philanthropic investments across Louisiana, Tennessee, and Missouri. Erika oversees a portfolio of economic development, nonprofit, educational, and research partners dedicated to increasing economic opportunity through a combination of workforce, small business, community development, and financial capability initiatives. Prior to joining JPMorgan Chase, Erika served as the Program Lead for Violence Prevention in the New Orleans Health Department, where she led youth violence reduction initiatives across the department.

Erika received her undergraduate degree from Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD and served as an English teacher in the U.S. Peace Corps prior to completing her Masters in Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis.