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## LEADERS OF COLOR LA ANNOUNCES 2023 FELLOWS

*26 selected to take part in year-long leadership development fellowship*

**LOUISIANA** - Leaders of Color, LA, [an organization](#) focused on identifying, training and elevating Black and Latino leaders in Louisiana, announced the members of the 2023 fellowship cohort. Leaders of Color works to improve education outcomes for Black and brown children through this leadership development work.

The 26 fellows were named after a selective process that began last year. The 2023 fellows will participate in the year-long leadership development program.

The 2023 Leaders of Color, LA fellows include:

- Anthony Kenney
- Billy Anderson
- Dr. Brian Turner
- Chantrisse Burnett
- Cleveland Auzenne
- Daryl "Joy" Walters
- J. Christopher Johnson
- James Baker
- James Self
- Jarred Jupiter
- Jason Gale
- Jerome Johnson
- Jordan Johnson
- Josh Davis
- Karen Burks
- Kayla Santiago
- Keisha Fleming
- Keith Bradford
- Latifah Gray
- Melvin Ukaegbu
- Micah Nicholas
- Michael La'Fitte, II
- Micheal Franklin
- Morgan Walker
- Dr. Renee Akbar
- RJ Johnson
- Simeon Dickerson
- Sydney Epps

Mike Bland, Leaders of Color Vice President, welcomed the new fellows to the Leaders of Color family.

“We are thrilled to support yet another dynamic and inspiring group of local leaders this year in Louisiana,” Bland said. “Each fellow brings something powerful and unique to their communities and to leadership within them. Over the coming year, it is our goal to provide these community leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools that they need to make a positive impact on their local public schools, their local communities, and well beyond.”

A virtual kick-off was held on February 28. United States Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey [greeted the Leaders of Color staff and fellows](#). The virtual kick-off focused on the importance of civil rights, education, and the need to support Black and Latino candidates, campaign operatives, and becoming change agents in their communities.

Leaders of Color currently has over 80 program alumni impacting both political and civic space. Some 75 percent are in community leadership positions and 20 percent are engaged politically, either running for political office themselves or serving on a campaign.

To learn more about Leaders of Color, to interview one of the fellows or speak with Mike Bland, please contact Brendan Williams-Kief at [bwk@georgetownpa.com](mailto:bwk@georgetownpa.com) or 202-905-6284.