



THE DR. KATHERINE Y. BROWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



The KYB Leadership Academy has embraced the mission to build the capacity for global leadership while increasing awareness of pulmonary hypertension. The Academy is sponsored by Roberta Baines-Wheeler Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Group, founded in honor of Dr. Brown's late mother, to increase awareness of pulmonary hypertension.

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MISSION OF RBW PH AWARENESS GROUP

The mission of The Roberta Baines-Wheeler (RBW) Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Awareness Group 501c3 is to increase awareness of pulmonary hypertension while also building healthier communities.

MISSION OF KYB LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The mission of the Dr. Katherine Y. Brown (KYB) Leadership Academy is to build the capacity for global leadership while also increasing awareness of pulmonary hypertension.

OUR SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

Roberta Baines Wheeler (RBW) Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) Awareness group a non profit organization that sponsors cohorts of KYB Leadership Academy allowing scholars learn transferable leadership skills that are used to create programming to help increase awareness of pulmonary hypertension and build healthier communities. RBW PH Awareness Group continues to find innovative ways to meet its mission and achieve organizational goals. Education and training is at the core of what we do. We grow by learning. We learn by doing. We embrace each cohort as we continue to provide awareness, empowerment, and hope to the communities we serve.

IN THE BEGINNING...

On April 3, 2016, the first meeting was held at Old School Farm with four student leaders. Later the KYB Leadership Academy officially began its inaugural cohort with seven members. Established June 14, 2016, KYB Leadership Academy has grown to 29 cohorts nationally and internationally. Our scholars are highly sought-after leaders who demonstrate mastery in the KYB 4 core areas, 4 modules, and 7 competencies.

The inaugural cohort known as The Significant Seven is comprised of 7 leaders: Sydney Y. K. Brown, Morgan Harvell, Ashley Mimms, Josephine Onyeme, Taylor Northington, Ashlee Young, and Jewell Windrow.

The KYB Leadership Academy initially opened its programming to local and global leadership experiences for youth in 9th to 12th grades. Now the program includes tracks for grades 5-8, 9-12, collegiate, and post graduate, school based and cohorts through community service organizations and educational institutions. Program participant members receive intense training in leadership skills including communication, resilience, teamwork, and collaboration.

Our approach includes a training curriculum, individual and group work, mentorship, community service projects, and self-directed project management. Upon completion, Academy members move into our Alumni group and serve in a training and advisory role for future cohorts. KYB Leaders and Leaders of Leaders.



Left to Right: Taylor Northington, Sydney Y.K. Brown, Ashley Mimms, Ashlee Young, Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE CONNECTION



I'm excited to introduce to you the KYB Leadership Academy, a program sponsored by the Roberta Baines-Wheeler Pulmonary (RBW) Hypertension (PH) Awareness Group, a 501(c)3. Our mission at the RBW PH Awareness Group is to increase awareness of pulmonary hypertension while also building healthier communities. Pulmonary Hypertension is high blood pressure in the arteries of lungs. This progressive disease is chronic in nature and affects women four times more frequently than men.

It is often misdiagnosed. Without education about PH, diagnosis and treatment may be delayed. By serving in this area of focus, you're making a significant contribution to our community and helping to save lives through community health education. The RBW Mantra is: Awareness, Empowerment, Hope; together we can make a difference. KYB Leaders are needed to help increase awareness of PH. Scholars provide innovative service projects with RBW PH Awareness Group and collaborating organizations. Through the training they receive they are equipped to serve and gain transferrable skills that can be applied and used in other aspects in their daily lives.

Serving in your community is vital to creating a positive impact and making a difference in the lives of those around you. Whether it's through volunteering, donating time or resources, or simply lending a helping hand, every act of service has the potential to transform individuals, families, and entire communities. By giving back, we not only strengthen our local neighborhoods, but also foster a sense of connection and unity that can have far-reaching benefits. Ultimately, serving in your community is a powerful way to create a better world for everyone.

Through KYB Leadership Academy, you will have an opportunity to learn about community service and actually serve. I hope you will join the upcoming cohort. The leadership skills you'll gain will remain with you for a lifetime.

In Leadership and Service,
Sydney Y.K. Brown, MA, BS, Executive Director
Roberta Baines-Wheeler Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Group

- Cohort 1 President (2016) KYB Leadership Academy

LEADERSHIP

FROM THE START

Thank you for taking an opportunity to learn about KYB Leadership Academy. Get ready to unleash your full potential. Whether you are a donor, prospective scholar, family member, friend or community member you are in the right place at the right time. We know your brilliance and invite you to become part of the KYB Leadership Academy family! This program is designed to take participants leadership skills to new heights and elevate their ability to lead with confidence. Through a series of fundamental steps, including leadership assessments, 4 core modules, public speaking training, and the opportunity to demonstrate 7 essential competencies, KYB Leaders gain the tools needed to serve their community and make a lasting impact.



We are always looking for scholars who are ready to explore their untapped potential. Are you one of them? Do you know the next KYB Leader who needs to be connected with us? At the KYB Leadership Academy, we're committed to excellence and eager to share our passion with leaders who are ready to embrace the journey and transform their lives. Through our 4-4-7 concept, you'll gain valuable insights and tools to help you lead at an elevated level and serve your community with confidence.

Leadership isn't just about making decisions or giving orders. It's about understanding your own strengths and weaknesses, knowing how to communicate effectively with others, and being willing to learn and grow every day. It's about stepping up when others are afraid to, and leading by example even when it's hard.

But leadership isn't just a set of skills - it's a mindset. It's about having the confidence and courage to take risks, try new things, and challenge the status quo. It's about being willing to fail and learn from your mistakes, and never giving up on your dreams.

If you're ready to embrace the process, learn new things, and discover what you're truly capable of achieving, we invite you to join us as a scholar of the KYB Leadership Academy. The journey won't be easy, but it will be worth it - because together, we can make a real difference in the world.

In Service & Commitment to Your Success,
Dr. Katherine Y. Brown, Founder

A MESSAGE

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm excited to be the President of KYB Leadership Academy for the 2023-2024 term. This program is unique and unlike anything I've experienced before. I've had many opportunities to learn about leadership, such as training sessions and observing others lead. And, I've led!



In my portfolio, I wrote that a leader is someone who can guide a group through tough situations without breaking down. Since then, my understanding of leadership has expanded. I now know that it involves being committed, open to learning, and able to work with others.

Attending the KYB Leadership Academy Conference in Turks and Caicos Islands was my first international trip, and it was a fantastic experience. We were driven around the island to different places where we packed food for people in need, met government officials, and trained a KYB Leadership Academy cohort.

I'm excited that you may take this journey and eager to help you. I'll be leading meetings and using our KYB program to make sure you crush it as a leader. Can't wait to welcome you and watch you grow!

Sincerely,

KYB Leader Zeboreh Bynum

- 2023-2024 President
- Cohort 16 President (2021)
- KYB Alumni Ambassador

A MESSAGE

FROM IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

When I joined KYB Leadership Academy, I was the youngest scholar in the history of the program. I was in middle school. I worked hard, tried a lot of new things, and eventually was the co-president of my cohort, a KYB Alumni Ambassador, and served as President of KYB Leadership Academy during the pandemic. They did not give me any short cuts and I met all requirements despite my age.



It was fun, I wanted to be a KYB Leader. I had the opportunity to serve with the KYB Leadership Academy Scholars in Huntsville, Alabama and Turks and Caicos Islands.

Currently, I'm a freshman honors student and student leader at Father Ryan High School in Nashville, Tennessee. I use the KYB concepts of 4-4-7, what I learned from the DISC assessment, our 16 values, and many other KYB lessons to serve as a student leader. My time in KYB has served me well and I look forward to serving you well should you decide to join us!

Sincerely,

Robert D. Brown

- 2022-2023 KYB Leadership Academy President
- Cohort 10 Co-President KYB Leadership Academy (2019)
- KYB Leadership Academy Alumni Ambassador

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Leadership involves participation and influence. At the onset, we equip our scholars with leadership principles. Our scholars learn to demonstrate mastery in the KYB 4 core areas, 4 modules, and 7 competencies. Next, they have an opportunity to design, implement, and evaluate community service projects through volunteerism with RBW PH Awareness Group and other civic organizations. The outcome is fantastic. They challenge themselves, try new things, and expand their leadership capacity.

On top of that, they have been accepted into some of the top universities in the country, such as Spelman College, Agnes Scott College, Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Howard University, Prairie State College, Texas Southern University, Middle Tennessee State University, Lipscomb University, University of Tennessee, Florida A&M University, and the University of Alabama proving their exceptional skills and potential.

We have high expectations for our KYB Leadership Academy scholars, and we encourage them to actively participate in activities that they find meaningful, including school sports, clubs, or student government positions, as we believe that leadership extends beyond just our program. Communication and time management are significant components of leadership. We offer flexibility so scholars can identify ways to complete their competencies if they have a schedule conflict. Time management + innovation = endless possibilities. Scholars make time for what matters most to them.

4 CORE AREAS

1. Health
2. Leadership
3. Government
4. Finance

4 MODULES

- Introduction to Leadership & Effective Communication
- Managing Difficult Situations through Teamwork
- Commitment to Lifelong Learning & Service to the Community
- Welcoming & Appreciating Diversity

7 Competencies:

1. KYB Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead Conference
 2. KYB Leaders are Readers - I am that bird
 3. RBW Her Life, Our Legacy - Honoring Mothers and Loved Ones Who Have Transitioned
 4. RBW Mental Health Symposium
 5. RBW PH Awareness Day (Health Fair, 5K, 6-Minute Walk)
 6. RBW PH Awareness Sunday
 7. KYB Caregiver Appreciation Day
- Other: KYB Leadership Academy Anniversary published booklet

Our Scholars Learn 16 Core Leadership Values And Facilitate Education Sessions in the Community To Teach Leadership Values to Other Youth. They are leaders of leaders of leaders.

Choice
Growth
Attitude
Commitment
Relationships

Character
Forgiveness
Self-Worth
Responsibility
Courage

Initiative
Priorities
Teachability
Self-Discipline
Resilience
Influence

THE 4-4-7 CONCEPT

1 Orientation

The purpose of orientation is to understand the expectations of the KYB Leadership Academy and meet peers.



2 4 Core Areas

Our first meeting is full of instruction beginning with the four core areas of our concentration.



3 4 Modules

We lay the foundation for the four leadership models that scholars refer back to throughout the program.




4 7 Competencies

Scholars design, implement, and evaluate 7 competencies - skills, abilities, and knowledge that are required to execute seven community service activities. The competencies are their ability to implement specific service projects. Success is defined by a minimum of 20 participants in attendance (in person or virtually).



5 16 Core Values

Our foundation rests on 16 core leadership values that scholars learn as they maneuver through KYB Leadership Academy.



CALENDAR 2023*

Step 1: Apply to be a KYB Leader

- May 14, 2023 - The application window opens
- May 24, 2023 - Application Deadline
- May 26, 2023 - KYB Meet and Greet 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 - Nashville City Club. If you cannot attend, please let us know.
- May 27, 2023 - Acceptance Letters and Welcome Packets Sent
- May 29, 2023 - Deadline to Accept Cohort Invitation & Complete Consent Forms

Step 2: Preparing for Your Journey

- June 2, 2023 Deadline to Submit Membership Dues and Apparel Sizes
- June 7, 2023 Deadline to Complete the Online DISC Leadership Assessment
- Virtual Parent Orientation Session

Step 3: The Journey Begins

July 21, 2023 - 9:00am - 4:00pm Nashville City Club

- Orientation and 4-4-7 Completion
- DISC
 - Introduction to Leadership & Effective Communication
 - Managing Difficult Situations through Teamwork
 - Commitment to Lifelong Learning & Service to the Community
 - Welcoming & Appreciating Diversity
- Put Your Dreams to the Test Mastermind Session 1
 - (Scholars will receive a copy of the book)
- Begin 16 Core Values (Values 1-3)
- Portfolio Project Overview
- Committee Chair Checklist - KYB Community Service Module
- Mentorship Session #1
- Government Module
- Finance Module

August 6, 2023 - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

- Cohort Competency Planning Meeting: TBD by Cohort
- KYB Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead Conference - Guest speakers and interactive activities

September

- Cohort Competency Planning Meeting: TBD by Cohort
- September 10, 2023 - 2:00pm - 5:00pm RBW Mental Health Symposium
 - Location: TBD - Brief Monthly Meeting will follow the event

*Tentative

CALENDAR 2023*

October

- Cohort Competency Planning Meeting: TBD by Cohort
- October 1-31, 2023 KYB Leaders are Readers Literacy Initiative
 - Scholars will identify community groups they will serve at least 20 students by reading a book on leadership and facilitating a roundtable discussion. Training and materials will be provided.
- October 1, 2023 - 2:00pm - 3:00pm RBW Her Life Our Legacy - Virtual Tribute
 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm Monthly Meeting

November

- Cohort Competency Planning Meeting: TBD by Cohort
- November 4, 2023 - RBW PH Awareness Day Walk / Health Fair
- November 5, 2023 - RBW PH Awareness Sunday & KYB Caregiver Appreciation
 - Cohort will do RBW PH Awareness Sunday and KYB Caregiver Appreciation tables at locations of their choice
 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm - Cohort Meeting

December

- Cohort Competency Planning Meeting: TBD by Cohort
- December 2, 2023 (tentative) - Scholar Recognition & Blazer Ceremony
 - Location: Nashville City Club 6:00pm - 9:00pm
 - Invitations will be sent to Parents to invite community, guests, and family.

*Tentative

OUR SCHOLARS SPEAK



KYB Leadership Academy challenged me to become the highest version of myself. In the beginning, I did not think I could master the seven competencies, but Dr. Katherine Y. Brown believed in me and I learned to believe in myself. I mastered the competencies, enhanced my leadership skills, and each year I come back to speak to KYB Leaders. For the past 6 years, I have remained an alumni ambassador to this program. I am now a college graduate, and I know that KYB will be part of my life for years.

*My name is Ashley Mimms and I am a KYB Leader.
KYB Leadership Academy Cohort 1 - Year 2016
KYB Leadership Academy Alumni Ambassador 2017-
2023*

I joined KYB Leadership Academy in my freshman year of college at Fisk University. This program changed my life and helped me to understand what it meant to live at my full potential. I hope everyone has an opportunity to become a KYB Leader; it's worth the time and commitment to achieve this level of success. Since graduating from Fisk with my Bachelor's Degree, I still use the leadership skills from KYB in my current role as a graduate student.



*My name is JaNiya Gibson and I am a KYB Leader!
KYB Leadership Academy Cohort 11 - 2019
KYB Leadership Academy National Membership Chair
2019 - 2022*

KYB LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

- Cohort 1: The Significant Seven - Sydney Y.K. Brown
- Cohort 2: The Sagacious Six - Lindsey Pettis
- Cohort 3: The Elite Eight - (Medellin Colombia, South America) - Amalia Cadavid Moll
- Cohort 4: The Savant Seven - Jordan Hill
- Cohort 5: Triumvirate Three - Irving D. Brown III
- Cohort 6: The Noetic Nine - Carolina Castaño
- Cohort 7: The Transformative Twenty - Basha Rush
- Cohort 8: Tenacious Three -(Johannesburg, South Africa) Snethemba (Sne) Maphisa
- Cohort 9: The Triumphant Three - Zariah Holloway / Jayla Scarver
- Cohort 10: The Ferrous Five - Kevin D. Rome, Jr / Robert D. Brown
- Cohort 11: The Stalwart Seven - Diamond Means / JaNiya Gibson
- Cohort 12: The Earnest Eleven - Rhyan Hewlin
- Cohort 13: The Tactful Three - Kendall Rucker
- Cohort 14: The Fortitudinous Five - Kristin Holmes
- Cohort 15: The Optimistic Ones - Dabeluchukwu Okolo
- Cohort 16: The Tireless Two - Zeboreh Bynum / Theodore Holloway
- Cohort 17: The Tranquil Three - Yvonne Buscane / Hannah White
- Cohort 18: The Flexible Four - President: Kavon Raggs / Jordyn Simpson
- Cohort 19: N/A
- Cohort 20: The HU 7 - Amber Jones / Nok'khanya Edwards
- Cohort 21: The Opportune One - Christopher Scarver
- Cohort 22: The Synergistic Six -Alecsis Taylor/Monique Lawson/Jailan Mcgee
- Cohort 23: The Omnipotent One -Donovan Gilmore
- Cohort 24: The Felicitous Fifteen - Brianna Walcott/Chelsea Stubbs
- Cohort 25: The Tranquil Ten - Taylor Cunningham
- Cohort 26: The Efficient Eight - TiNiyah Abernathy
- Cohort 27: Studios Six - Alexandra Dubuisson
- Cohort 28 - The Courageous Ten - Lillian Spears

KYB LEADERSHIP ACADEMY PARENT OF THE YEAR

- 2016 - Dr. Lesia Crumpton Young
- 2017 - Roberta Pettis
- 2018 - Sherita Hill / Yvonne Starks
- 2019 - Mrs. Stefanie B. Rome
- 2020 - Dr. Ocheze Joseph
- 2021 - Denika Rucker
- 2022 - Dr. Allyscaeioun Britt
- 2023 - Will be announced at the 2023 scholar recognition ceremony

ADVISOR APPRECIATION AWARD

- 2019 - Wilie Jude - Fisk University
- 2020 - Dr. NaTara Garvin - Fisk University
- 2021 - Shirley Nix- Davis - Tennessee State University
- 2021 - Dr. Ocheze Joseph - Howard Univeristy
- 2022 - Ramona Wiggins - Tennessee State University



As a current college student at Tennessee State University, the lessons I learned about first impressions and how to design, implement, and evaluate service projects are all skills that I learned from KYB Leadership Academy. There were times when I didn't think I could do it. I thought it was hard, and to be honest, I had a few moments when I wanted to quit because I didn't think that everything required goals, objectives, and the level of planning required by the program; we even had to do committee chair checklists to hold us accountable. Well, guess what? I did not quit, and now when people compliment me on my leadership skills and ask where I learned to set goals, design, implement, and evaluate service projects, I proudly smile and say this came from my time in KYB Leadership Academy. KYB Leadership Academy taught me that failure is not an option, and I have the tools for success. Even when things don't go as planned, I learned to look for the lesson and try again. Dr. Katherine calls these "teachable moments" and always asks, "What did you learn? After all, few people get it right the first time, let's try again". She does not lower the standard, she stretches us and I truly love KYB Leadership Academy and thank them for expecting nothing less than the best in me.

*My name is Cydney Elliott and I am a KYB Leader!
KYB Leadership Academy Cohort 7
KYB Leadership Academy Alumni Ambassador*



MEET OUR KYB ALUMNI

Cohort 1:

The Significant Seven

President: Sydney Y.K. Brown
Morgan Harvell
Ashley Mimms
Taylor Northington
Josephine Onyeme
Jewell Windrow
Ashlee Young

Honorary Member:

Sophia L.R. Howard

Cohort 2:

The Sagacious Six

President: Lindsey Pettis
BryNiah Brazier
Brooke Burgess
Anyah Le Gilmore-Jones
Sydney Hall
Kaiya Porter

Cohort 3:

The Elite Eight

President: Amalia Cadavid Moll
Yorledys Mena
Daniela Ortega Solis
Valeria Areiza Villa
Noemi Rizo
Fabiana Ramos Cano
Carolina Muñoz Benítez
Mariana Quiroz Gallego

Cohort 4:

The Savant Seven

President: Jordan Hill
Co President: Kayce Pritchett
Katelyn Starks
Trinity Kinslow
Saidia Bell
Hadiyah Bell
Cartiana Bell

Cohort 5:

Triumvirate Three

President: Irving D. Brown III
Zion Hicks
Javari Henderson

Cohort 6:

The Noetic Nine

President: Carolina Castaño
Carolina Castaño,
Samuel Rivera Córdoba,
Jhon Garcés,
Stephania Marino,
Sebastian Avila Mejia,
Julian Mesa Mesa,
Maikel Moreno,
Valentina Vasquez Ospina,
David Restrepo

Cohort 7:

The Transformative Twenty

President: Basha Rush
Co President: Madisyn Starks
Darrienne Burkes
Kendal Rome
Jiya Copeland
Aysha Dean
Erionna Griggs
Dayna Gant
Dajash Gant
Cydney Elliott
Amiya Jenkins
Jai Parker
Vanessa Pinnock
Damisha Hanserd
Patricia Emele
Chloe Anderson
Delani Edwards-Davis
Italia Snyder
Eden Sekwat
Daionna White

Cohort 8:

Tenacious Three

President: Snethemba (Sne)
Maphisa
Ntokozo Mhlongo
Plumeria (Mimi) Mhlongo

Cohort 9:

The Triumphant Three

President: Zariah Holloway
Co President: Jayla Scarver
Najaah Brandon

Cohort 10:

The Ferrous Five

Co-President: Kevin D. Rome, Jr
Co-President: Robert D. Brown
Kennedy Jenkins
Ava Joseph
Aria Obey
Wilson Lauren Watts *
Theodore Holloway *
Imani Cameron *
McKenlie Dickerson *

Cohort 11:

The Stalwart Seven Fisk (Univ.)

President: Diamond Means
Co President - JaNiya Gibson
Breanna Page
Brionna Tolbert
Naderi Tweedy
Joi Brown
Brandi Bruce
Advisor: Willie Jude/Dr. Natara
Garvin/Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 12

The Earnest Eleven (Fisk Univ.)

President: Rhyan Hewlin

Mondale Smiley

Tiana Rodriguez

Dwayne Robinson, Jr.

Chideraa Apakama

Jordan Henry

Nabria Thompson

Janaya Allen

Jordan Smith

Jasmine Voss

Kyra Henderson

Advisor: Willie Jude / Dr. Natara

Garvin/ Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 13

The Tactful Three (MLK Magnet High School)

President: Kendall Rucker

Kameron Rucker

Jayden Ross

Akil Radford *

Asauda Radford *

Cohort 14

The Fortitudinous Five (Fisk Univ.)

President: Kristin Holmes

Brianna Brown

Deja McKnight

Elizabeth Daniels

Daikerra Sweat

Advisors: Dr. Natara Garvin/

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 15

The Optimistic Ones (Nigeria)

President: Dabeluchukwu Okolo

Mark Princewell Chogoziri

Eniola Fatokun

Ifeoluwa Owolabi

Sopuruchi Ndubuisi

Nurudeen Umar

Advisor: Dr. LarryGlover /

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 16

The Tireless Two

President: Zeboreh Bynum

Theodore Holloway

Iyanu Oktupe *

Kamaria Hutchinson*

Nailah Hutchinson*

Christian L. Banks *

Cohort 17:

The Tranquil Three

President: Yvonne Buscane

Hannah White

Yazmin Williams

Aqeel Hutchinson *

Cohort 18

The Flexible Four (Fisk Univ.)

President: Kavon Raggs

Co President: Jordyn Simpson

Kyndall Neeland

Kyla Newman

Advisor: Dr. Larry Glover/

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 19: Participants

Chartered at Tennessee State Univ.

Lauren McNary *

Arbriana Razor *

Mya Millines *

Coreyontez Martin *

Keona Gwinn *

Ariyah Baker *

Advisors: Shirley Nix-Davis

Shakeria Foster

Cohort 20:

Chartered at Howard - HU 7

Amber Jones

Sydney Armstrong

Charles Cox

Nok'khanya Edwards

Essence Hunter

Jade Stepney

David Orvis

Advisor: Dr. Ocheze Joseph

Cohort 21

The Opportune One

President: Christopher Scarver

Niles Clancey *

Aqeel Hutchinson *

Cohort 22

The Synergistic Six

Co President: Alecsis Taylor

Co President: Monique Lawson

Co President: Jailan Mcgee

Serene Lewis

Jada Bell

Trinity Upshaw

Advisor: Dr. Larry Glover /

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 23

The Omnipotent One

Donovan Gilmore

Cohort 24

The Felicitous Fifteen (Turks and Caicos Islands)

President: Brianna Walcott

Co President: Chelsea Stubbs

Claribel Mercedes

Siobhan Faith Bowens

Thamara Pierre

Luis Serpas

Ishan Bowen

Kiyanna Hamilton

Bryce J.A Lightbourne

Judah Rigby

Sarah Stuart

Rashante Skylar Garland

Sayanah Escoc

Cristy Alexander

Kendly Smith

Advisors: Roxann Wake-Forbes,

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown, Charvis

Ferguson, Sydney Y.K. Brown

Cohort 25

The Tranquil Ten

(Huntsville, Alabama)

President: Taylor Cunningham

Faith Warner

Zavien Brown

Marquasia Jones

Ryan Shoulders

KaVaughn Adams

Carina Coleman

Caley Coleman

Cayman Little

Dustin Strain

Advisors: Ms. Angelia Martin,

Dr. Donna E. Goodrich,

Mr. Darnell Whitney

Cohort 26

The Efficient Eight - Undergraduate National Cohort

President: TiNiyah Abernathy

Janiia Johnson

Gerriah Young

Michayla George

Raven Summerall

Maya Peete

Jai Carter

Audriella Henderson

Advisors: Dr. Katherine Y. Brown,

Mrs. Ramona Wiggins

Cohort 27: Studios Six - Graduate Students - National Cohort

President: Alexandra Dubuisson

Alexandra Dubuisson

RaVonya Hawkins

Blare Gerido

Sunteasja Billings

Meagan Roberts

Brittani Littleton

Advisors: Dr. Allysceaeioun Britt,

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

Cohort 28

The Courageous Ten

Lillian Spears

Janelle Salliant

Laila Jackson

Alexa Williams

Adjoa Walker

DNijah Brown Jones

Christopher Barksdale II

Analise Wiliams

Jada Jackson

Sophia Washington

Parent Liaisons: Ebony

Jackson,

Dr. Allysceaeioun Britt

Cohort 29

KYB Summer Camp in Turks and Caicos Islands

Shamya Clerveaux

Khadijah Forbes

Latecia Freites

Russell Gardiner

Eboni Harvey

Samondre Lewis

Breanna Mighty

Talya Smith

Tristin Taylor

Chelsea Walkin

Makhya Wignal

Advisors: Charvis Ferguson,

Roxann Wakes-Forbes,

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown



My first international trip was traveling for the KYB Leadership Academy International Conference in Medellin, Colombia, South America. I also traveled with KYB Leadership Academy for their conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. Many people in the program experience 1st time experiences as a result of this program, some fly in a plane for the first time and many travel internationally with KYB for the first time. This is what leadership is about; learning new things. Learning to lead the KYB way is more than I could have ever imagined. The skills I learned in KYB when I joined as a high school student served me as a college student at Tennessee State University and also at Howard University, where I was a charter member of KYB Leadership Academy at Howard University. As a college graduate and business owner, I can honestly say that I have used every skill I learned from mastering the seven competencies, four modules, and four core areas at some point in my life. The KYB Mantra is forever embedded in me. Yes, the program is challenging but you can do it if you commit. You should commit because the skills you gain are life-changing and as a graduate of many leadership experiences, I can attest that there is no program like KYB Leadership Academy. They believed in me when others did not and I will always believe in Dr. Katherine and the team at KYB Leadership Academy.

*My name is Anyah Le Gilmore Jones and I am a KYB Leader!
KYB Leadership Academy Cohort 2 - 2017
KYB Leadership Academy Alumni Ambassador 2017 - 2023*



KYB LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

WALL OF FAME

KYB Leader of the Year

The highest recognition that can be earned by a KYB Leader Nationally / Internationally. Given for mastering core competencies, serving as an alumni ambassador, completing the KYB portfolio, increasing awareness of pulmonary hypertension, bringing resources to RBW, and demonstrating the spirit of KYB Leadership Academy.

- KYB Leader of the Year: Sydney Y.K. Brown 2016
- KYB Leader of the Year: Lindsey Pettis 2017
- KYB Leader of the Year: Irving D. Brown III 2018
- KYB Leader of the Year: Katelyn Starks 2018
- KYB Leader of the Year: Cydney Elliott Dec 2019
- KYB Leader of the year- JaNiya Gibson 2020
- KYB at Fisk Leader of the Year- Kristin Holmes- 2021
- KYB Leader of the Year - Robert D. Brown - 2022

Mr and Miss KYB Leadership Academy at Fisk University

- Irving D. Brown III and JaNiya Gibson- Fall 2020
- Irving D. Brown III and Kristin Holmes - 2021

Mr. and Miss KYB Leadership Academy Tennessee State University

- Donovan Gilmore and NaBria Thompson - Fall 2021
- Donovan Gilmore and TiNiah Abernathy - Fall 2022

Campus Based Awards

KYB at Fisk Leader of the Year - JaNiya Gibson - 2019

KYB at Fisk Leader of the Year - Irving D. Brown III - 2020

KYB at Fisk Leader of the Year- Kristin Holmes- 2021

KYB at TSU Leader of the Year - NaBria Thompson 2020

KYB at TSU Leader of the Year - TiNiya Abernathy 2022

Collegiate Leadership Awards Earned

2020 - KYB Leadership Academy at Fisk University won the Fisk ROC Award for Student Organization of the Year Award. This award is the highest designation a student organization can earn; it is voted on by an external panel, and is given by the student affairs office at the ROC Awards Ceremony.

BUILDING THE CAPACITY FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP!



Photo: Legislative Module (a day at the TN capital): KYB scholars from Medellin, Colombia (cohort 3) with KYB cohorts 1 and 2.

The KYB Leadership Academy International Conference is a cultural immersion experience designed to allow participants to master the KYB Leadership Academy modules, core areas, and competencies. From the courtroom to the island, our most recent experience, right after COVID-19 was a trip to the Turks and Caicos Islands, we learned, explored, and increased awareness of PH. [Learn more about KYB Leadership Academy.](#)

KYB Leadership Academy Conferences

March 15-21, 2017: Medellin, Colombia, South America

June 15 - 24, 2017: Nashville, Tennessee, USA

March 29 - April 4, 2018: Medellin Colombia, South America

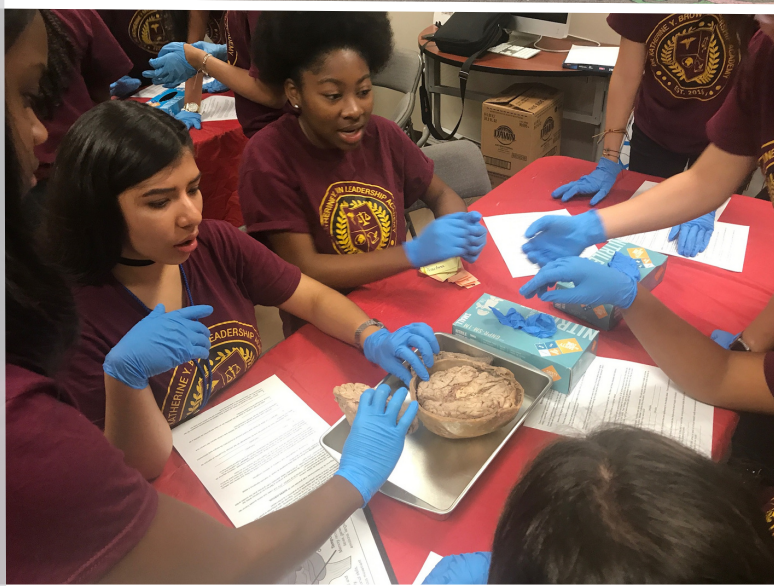
July 12 - 21, 2018: Johannesburg South Africa

March 7 -13, 2019: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

December 28 - January 2, 2020: San Jose, Costa Rica

December 17 - 21, 2021: Turks and Caicos Islands

July 7 - 13, 2022: Nashville, Tennessee, USA



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A MESSAGE

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR

I'm thrilled that Zeboreh is participating in the KYB Leadership Academy! As her parents, we've always been aware of her incredible spiritual gifts and have intentionally nurtured them from an early age. We also understand the importance of helping her learn to set herself up for success and overcome any challenges she may face. This program has provided her with valuable experiences to continue growing and thriving as a leader.



I'm excited to share with you my experience with the KYB Leadership Academy! This program creates a supportive community of like-minded youngsters who inspire each other to lead and take initiative. At first, they may be unsure of their capabilities, but as they witness their fellow scholars speaking up and making a difference, they begin to mimic and then model that behavior. The environment is full of teenage angst at first, but quickly transforms into cheers and support. I have yet to find another program that offers this kind of intensive and transformative experience.

As a parent, I urge you to consider enhancing the story you tell your child about themselves. We have always encouraged Zeboreh to believe in herself and know that she is meant for greatness. We remind her that we are not raising her to be just another ant in the colony, but someone whose life truly matters. We have shared her incredible birth story with her, which has instilled in her a strong sense of purpose and destiny. As parents, we play a crucial role in guiding our children towards their unique place in life, and I believe that the KYB Leadership Academy is an invaluable tool in helping them develop irreplaceable leadership skills.

Trenay Bynum, MSP

- KYB Leadership Academy Board Chair
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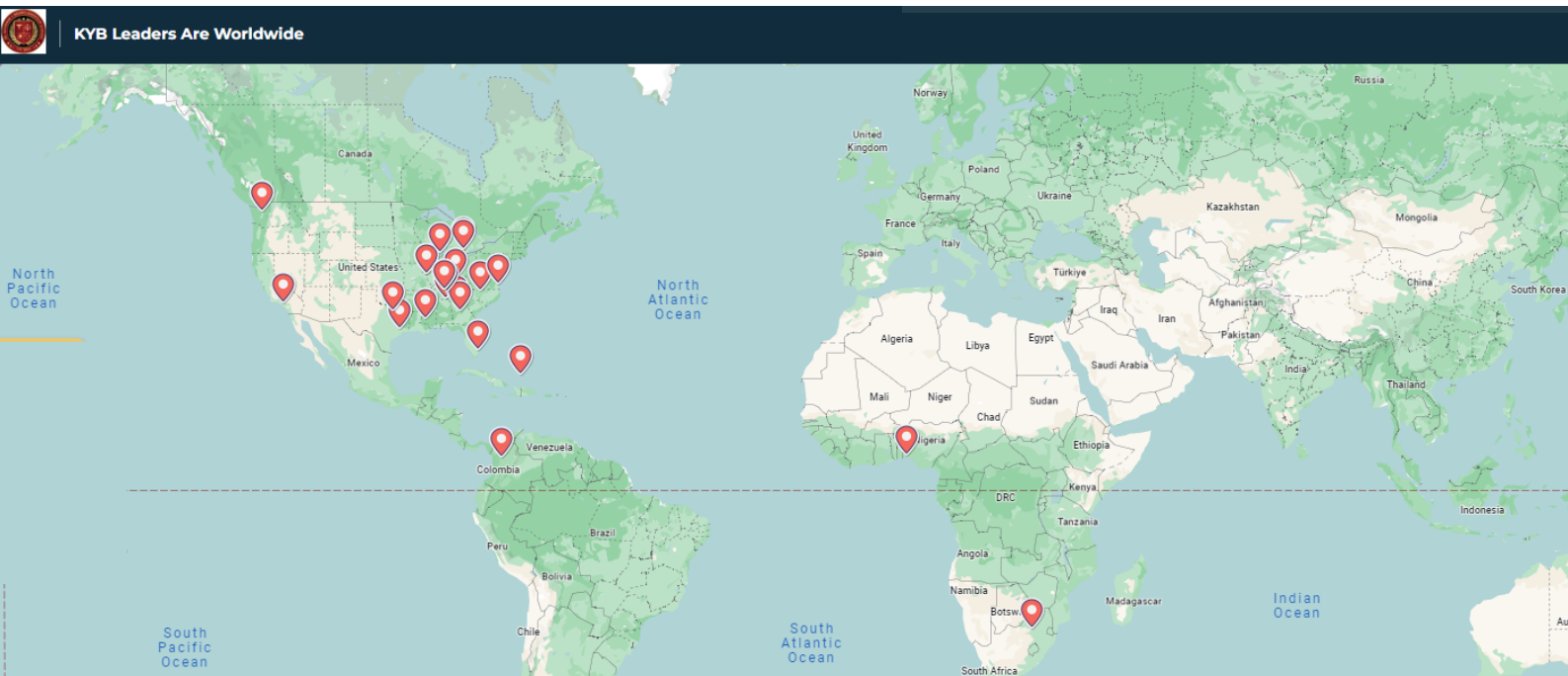


When I think of KYB Leadership Academy the words fun, challenging, exciting, and worth it come to my mind. Prior to KYB, I was in programs that were good but they did not bring out my untapped potential With Dr. Katherine Y. Brown its different because she teaches you a skill, you demonstrate the skill, and right when you think it's over she teaches you a new skill for you to master. It's like baby steps that teach you how to walk and then run. I joined KYB when I was in high school at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet High School (Nashville, Tennessee) and continued to volunteer as a KYB Alumni Ambassador through college. As a college student at Howard University, I helped to establish a cohort of KYB Leadership Academy at Howard University. In high school I traveled on the first KYB Leadership Academy conference to Medellin, Colombia, South America. I have sponsored new members into KYB, and returned to serve as a KYB Alumni Ambassador, mentor, help during the KYB Blazer Ceremony and so much more. I recommend KYB because they helped strengthen my strengths and taught me how to enhance areas in which I needed support and growth. Bring your best self to KYB and you will learn great things. We are a community of trust and leadership and everyone wants you to succeed.

*My name is Lindsey Pettis and I am a KYB Leader!
President of KYB Leadership Academy Cohort 2 - 2017
KYB Leadership Academy Alumni Ambassador 2017 - 2023*



KYB LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD




Proxi Map

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- Nashville, Tennessee
- Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Chicago, Illinois
- Old Hickory, Tennessee
- Detroit, Michigan
- Macon, Georgia
- Atlanta, Georgia
- Clinton Township, Michigan
- Hampton, Virginia
- Brookhaven, Mississippi
- Dallas, Texas
- Los Angeles, California
- Houston, Texas
- Huntsville, Alabama
- Lagos Nigeria
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- Johannesburg, South Africa
- Medellin Colombia, South America
- St. Louis, Missouri
- Lexington, Kentucky
- Seattle, Washington
- East St. Louis, Illinois
- Ft Lauderdale, Florida
- Greensboro, North Carolina

A woman, Dr. Katherine Y. Brown, is speaking at a clear acrylic podium. She is wearing a black dress with silver sequined sleeves and a necklace. She is gesturing with her right hand towards the audience. Behind her is a large, illuminated cherry blossom tree with pink and white flowers. The background is dark with a subtle floral pattern.

KATHERINE Y. BROWN, EdD, MSED, BSOT, OTR/L

Dr. Katherine Y. Brown, Founder of The KYB Leadership Academy shares, "We hope you will join KYB Leadership Academy. There is always a place for scholars, volunteers, mentors, and donors. We do not take it lightly that you and your family are considering learning and growing with KYB. We all have busy schedules and limited free time. However, a program focused on your leadership growth is a unique experience. This is a life-changing experience and it would not be the same without you."



SYDNEY Y.K. BROWN, MA, BS

This program requires a commitment of your time, resources, and emphasizes that leadership growth is a transformative experience worth pursuing. We invite you, your family, and community to be a part of this unique opportunity and emphasize that your presence is vital to the success and richness of the program. Join the KYB Leadership Academy today and be a part of a life-changing journey.



KYB LEADERS ARE LEADERS OF LEADERS

"Leaders of leaders are those who not only lead their own teams but also inspire, guide, and mentor other leaders to achieve their full potential. They understand the importance of collaboration, communication, and building strong relationships with their peers to drive meaningful change. -Dr. Katherine Y. Brown

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BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN!

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Parent Appreciation

KYB Leader of the Year

The KYB Leadership Academy exists thanks to the incredible generosity of our volunteers, youth, and donors. We deeply value your support and unwavering belief in the work we are doing to make a positive impact in our community. We understand that your contributions, whether time, money, or both, are given freely and with great consideration. That's why we believe that recognizing your dedication and hard work through awards is one small yet significant way we can show our appreciation. It is a small act, but it is our way of saying thank you for being an integral part of the KYB community and for helping us make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

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