

Crown Me was established out of necessity to help improve the futures of our women and girls. Our goal, purpose, and mission is to rectify the miseducation and misguidance that our Queens are facing today in order to eradicate unhealthy relationships while building healthy families. We are educating women and girls in order to prevent toxic relationships, retrain toxic upbringings, and create emotionally healthy women that thrive in our societies.

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**FRI
3RD JUN
2022**



Scholarship
GALA

**7:00p - 12:00a
Higgins Hotel**

**Entertainment by
T-Ray the Violinist & Tonya Boyd-Cannon
7:00-7:30 Sponsor Mix and Mingle**



**Danyel Nicole Black,
Founder/CEO**

Welcome

In the spirit of our beloved Crown Me Foundation, I have the GRAND HONOR of WELCOMING you to our FIRST INAUGURAL GALA held at the exquisite Higgins Hotel in DOWNTOWN NEW ORLEANS. I am Danyel Nicole Black, Founder and CEO of Crown Me Foundation. My Board and I are on the frontlines restoring Femininity, Self-Love, Self-Worth, and Mental/Emotional Health in our communities. Crown Me is a nonprofit organization on the move educating women and girls in order to prevent toxic relationships, retrain toxic upbringings, and create emotionally healthy women that thrive in our societies. This is a movement to help women and girls of all colors, sizes, and creeds to show up boldly, authentically, and confidently in the world knowing that someone valued them enough to invest in their futures.

Having had my own life encounters with toxicity, I have to be forthcoming with you by saying this mission is deeply personal. I know what it feels like to feel rejected, abandoned, and worthless. I have taken all of my pain and life's lessons and built the beautiful PINK and GOLD CROWN ME FOUNDATION! This is a PINK and GOLD MOVEMENT OF FEMININITY AND POWER!

We have done so many great things already such as: Blessing Bags for the women's shelter, New Orleans Women and Children's Shelter Bubble to Bubbly Fundraiser, Crown Me Kitchen, Crown Me Closet, Crown Me Ritz Experience, Crown Me Spa Day, and countless seminars, to name a few.

Now we are having our 1st Annual Crown Me Image Awards/Scholarship Gala in honor of my late grandmother Beatrice Foster. God knows how much I loved and still love her! I am so happy that you all are helping honor her memory in such a beautiful way! Everytime I crown a woman, I see her! Whenever I am able to bring comfort or a warm embrace, I feel her! Whenever I lean into the mirror to put on lipstick, I smile at her! I know her strength and resilience lives in me! I am so proud that my grandmother, Queen Beatrice Foster, was the first to be buried with a crown me pin, She will forever remain our PINK & GOLD TRAILBLAZER beyond the SKY!

In the words of my sweet dear Queen Maw Maw, "The RACE has been SET! I BETTER RUN ON!" May we all run on together to build healthier relationships, families, and communities! I pray that every authentic and genuine connection made will allow us to continue to fulfil God's purpose in the earth! I love each and every one of you with all of my pink and gold heart! Showers of blessings upon you all!

Congratulations to all of our CROWN IMAGE AWARDEES and SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS! A heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors and contributors! On this night, because of you, our dreams are coming true!



Beatrice Foster



Lauren Perry,

Crown Me Foundation's Ambassador and Consultant, is the former Executive Director of The Beautiful Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides a safe space for adolescent girls to learn and express themselves. Lauren is a native New Orleanian. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University New Orleans with a major in Theater Arts and a minor in Business Administration in 2012. Upon graduating, she launched her career as a production makeup artist but soon after realized that she had a passion for empowering adolescent girls by providing them with the tools and resources needed to advocate for themselves.

Under her leadership at The Beautiful Foundation, she fostered sustainable organizational growth by empowering nearly 350 girls through direct services, growing the organization's operating budget, increasing fundraising totals to include over \$350,000 in public and private funds, and profoundly engaging and growing its Board of Directors.

Lauren currently serves as the Founder and Principal Consultant of Lauren M. Perry, LLC. She provides consulting services to new and start-up nonprofit organizations. Lauren is in pursuit of obtaining her MSW degree from California Baptist University.

She is driven by her passion for serving others and shows this in everything she does. Whether in her career as a makeup artist and helping people bring out their inner beauty, her direct service work with adolescents, or helping fellow nonprofit leaders grow and sustain their organizations. She loves her family and all things community-related. Lauren strives to achieve balance in all of life's endeavors, and she believes that the work we do should not overpower the quality of life that we desire to live.





Ms. LaVerne Toombs, *Mistress of Ceremony*

is a native of Homer, Louisiana, a small rural community located in North Louisiana. LaVerne has demonstrated dedication and commitment that has been exemplified in the many roles and accomplishments of her career.

LaVerne has been in the political and nonprofit sectors for the past twenty-plus years as a Senior Staffer for a United States Senator, Parish Administrator, Interim CAO of an HBCU, Executive Director of a Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, and currently the VP of Development for the American Heart Association (AHA).

Beyond her work in the public and nonprofit sectors, LaVerne founded Write for You, a management and development consulting firm which assists nonprofit organizations and profits businesses across the country. She has also authored two books, *How to Run a Successful Home-Based Business* and *Tips for Successful Grant Writing*, received numerous awards, and served on various local, regional, and national civic and community boards. As well as her latest major accomplishment as a TEDx speaker.

When she is not serving the community at large, LaVerne enjoys the company of her four adult children, five loving grandchildren, cycling, or reading a novel.



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Elizabeth Broekman

When you think of Elizabeth Broekman, you can't help but think of the color purple. Purple is the color of Fidelity Bank's P.O.W.E.R. Program in Louisiana and it is Liz's signature color. Liz is the director of the 1600 member women's initiative in Southeast Louisiana. The acronym POWER stands for Potential Of Women Entrepreneurs Realized. A graduate of LSU, Liz has powered her way to this role by working in various professions. This includes the Development Coordinator for the American Red Cross and the PR and Events Coordinator for the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association). She went on to get her real estate license and then owned her own photo booth business. Her role as the Director of POWER has enabled her to tie all these experiences and relationships together and thrive. She was an integral part of creating P.O.W.E.R. Plates which highlights women in hospitality and was on the steering committee for Loyola's Women's Leadership Academy which she has also served as a mentor.

Liz has been recognized as a Top Female Achiever, City Business Women of the Year, ABWA Top 10 Nominee, ABWA Protégé of the Year and Fidelity Bank's Core Value Nominee. Her passion is connecting women with one another to help them succeed and flourish. She is a native of Kenner, married to her wonderful husband, Jason, for

28 years and has two grown sons, Matthew and Chandler, that aspire to be as active as she is.

She is a member of several organizations including the American Business Women's Association, National Association of Women Business Owners, the New Orleans Women's Opera Guild, Junior League of New Orleans, Vieux Carre Patio Planters, Ursuline Alumnae Association and she is most proud of her membership in the Mardi Gras Krewe of Muses. She is also the wedding coordinator for her church. Needless to say, her favorite quote is "My candle burns at both ends; it will not last the night; but ah, my foes, and oh, my friends" -- it gives a lovely light! By Edna St. Vincent Millay





Avis “Coach Curator” Brown,

televised on several NBC news affiliates discussing ways to deal with stress and anxiety, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Board Approved Clinical Supervisor with 30 years of experience in a variety of settings with adults, children, and families. She has extensive experience in working with survivors of sexual trauma. Avis is the owner/founder of Victory Unlimited, LLC. In addition to providing clinical services, she is a Self-Care Coach, specializing in self-care and wellness for professionals in high pressure positions. She self published “Ignite: The Sassy Self-Care Planner Journal”, “Sage Scripts: The 30-Day Affirmation Coloring Book”, “Silver Lining Self-Care Plan for Youth Workbook”, and an ebook, “Girl, G.R.I.E.V.E.”

Avis earned a Bachelor of Science from Southern University A & M College (Baton Rouge) in Rehabilitation Counseling in 1992 and Master of Social Work from Tulane University in 1994. She has extensive experience working in state government providing direct care and administrative duties. She has corporate and non-profit sectors experience as well. Avis retired from state government after 20 years of service and still works in the health care industry. In 2016, after the loss of her 21 yr son in a tragic car accident, she was inspired with a life saving blueprints for healing and personal recovery. As she continues to victoriously focus forward, she

trains busy professionals on how to implement essential work-life balance. Coach Curator uses her signature framework, the Silver Lining Self-Care Treatment Plan, to provide a blueprint for making intentional self love and self-care a priority. She recently founded a nonprofit organization, Sterling Smiles Foundation, in honor of her son Sterling’s memory.

The Foundation’s mission is to educate and provide resources and supports to the local community with knowledge and tangible tools to hope and cope. The inaugural event “Fresh Cuts & Fresh Kicks” provided elementary aged scholars with haircuts and gift cards to purchase sneakers in time for Easter.

You can catch a week podcast “Sanity Saving Self-Care” on Apple, Google, and various other platforms. Victory Unlimited, LLC can be found on Facebook. Coach Curator can be found on Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok.



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Cherrian Levy

A young, vibrant and energetic realtor dedicated to giving her clients the best service and the ultimate NOLA experience. Cherrian brings a strategic and stylish approach to the home buying process with a unique set of qualities that sets her apart. She is a knowledgeable real estate broker with an exceptional understanding of the market trends in New Orleans and the surrounding areas including the hidden gems, residential & luxury properties.

Cherrian has built a reputation for her work ethic, trust, professionalism and market knowledge. Her hard work, fortitude and persistence are focused on what is ultimately best for her clients and her achievements stem from her genuine care for them, ensuring that they come first. Cherrian learned a long time ago that her success is not derived simply from selling homes. She is confident that through her love for her craft and dedication to her clients, she can position and guide people to a better financial future. Her love for real estate is contagious, and shines through in every single transaction.

Cherrian's charitable contributions have emulated throughout the forefront of her life, always making sure to give back to the community. She was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana where she earned her Bachelor's Degree at Xavier University

of Louisiana. After college, she moved to Atlanta for seven years where she learned about business development. Those skills coupled with her experience and her implementation of top level professionalism allowed her to quickly rise to the top of NOLA's real estate industry, becoming one of the most sought after real estate agents in the city.

After years of consistently being the top producing realtor at her previous brokerage and securing a \$3 million dollar listing, a record high for the brokerage, Cherrian decided to expand her business. This included taking on new developments and opening her own real estate firm, Levy Realty Group in January 2022. Recognized as one of the most dynamic, high-performing agents in NOLA's real estate market, Cherrian is also an investor and has developed a passion for flipping properties. Cherrian strives to maintain a work-life balance by spending time with her family and friends.

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Elizabeth Cigali-Manshel,

is a creative, innovative, and one-of-a-kind thinker. When it comes to the promotional marketing business, Elizabeth knows how to steal the spotlight. As the owner /CEO of ITC Creative Branding, she has taken control of this fifth generation, 124-year-old family business, known for creating unique strategies to build value and brand awareness selling quality branded merchandise.

Elizabeth is very active within the community by being a board member on the Fidelity Bank P.O.W.E.R. advisory board, an executive board member of the East Jefferson Business Association, a member of ABWA, a member of the Women's Professional Council, a member of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce. In the past, Elizabeth was a board member of the Loyola Alumni Association, and the past president of the Loyola Greater New York Alumni Association. She was also a past member of Ochsner Moonlight and Miracles committee.

Before her time with ITC, Elizabeth attended Mount Carmel Academy and Loyola University of New Orleans and spent her time devoted to her studies and herself by finding her own inner entrepreneurship. Elizabeth shares many passions some of which include gardening, adopting pets,

cooking, traveling, learning, but most importantly, family and faith. Elizabeth is married to Larry Manshel and they have one daughter, Margaret Rose, and several furry children. Through her family, her passions flourished. Margaret Rose, who was a purple butterfly at Mount Carmel Academy and now attends Texas Christian University, shares her love of gardening and raising monarch butterflies. Just as butterflies rise up to the sky with their magnificent wings, Elizabeth helps others through the Fidelity Bank Power Up mentorship program helping mentee's take flight after being under her wing.





Jolie Bernard

is a mompreneur, an innovator, a creator, and an orator. She is also a communications professional with over twenty years of experience in the industry. Jolie Bernard is synonymous with giving selflessly and working tirelessly to create meaningful, purposeful, and impactful engagements. She is also an architect of conditions that create positive outcomes and change for others. Bernard is a results-driven collaborator with proven success in building strong and sustainable relationships between stakeholders, executives, communities, organizations, and individuals regionally, nationally, and globally while prioritizing business growth and returns on investments.

As the principal owner of and lead brand strategist for The Bernard Group LLC, a full-service strategic communications and branding firm based in New Orleans, LA, she also has a successful track record of developing and facilitating effective strategic and organizational policies and procedures in diverse environments for a myriad of entities and institutions to include government officials and dignitaries, celebrities and professional athletes, CEOs of major companies, international recording artists, corporate partners, and hundreds of small business owners in the United States and abroad. Bernard is also a partner in four other companies to date as well as the principal owner of several other

business imprints.

Bernard is passionate about servant-leadership; aligning herself with causes and non-profit organizations that are anchored in the spirit and mission of helping those that do not have traditional access to resources position themselves to live, learn, and work in a more productive, meaningful, and impactful way. Her award-winning firm is a proud member of the New Orleans Black Regional Chamber of Commerce, New Orleans & Company, ColorComm- Women of Color in Communications, and the Female Founder Collective (FCC)– founded by Fashion Powerhouse Rebecca Minkoff. She is also a 2021 New Orleans City Business Women of the Year honoree.

Bernard also serves as the PRSA New Orleans Chapter Treasurer of the Board of Directors and is a member of the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Additionally, she currently leads the New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Program.





Laci Sherman

Laci Sherman serves as the CEO of Elite Circle Solutions, a boutique management consulting firm, based in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Laci is also a Co-Founder of Making Her Deposits, a professional network to support women in business through seminars, virtual workshops, and community engagement. As a minority women business owner, Laci advocates bridging the gap by empowering and educating professional businesswomen on the rise. In 2021, Laci was featured and nationally recognized as 100 Women in Business.

Laci, a Baton Rouge native, earned her Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Southeastern Louisiana University before earning her Master of Healthcare Administration degree at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

In her spare time, she commits and volunteers with organizations such as Young Entrepreneur Academy (YEA)- LSU, the North Baton Rouge Chamber, Professional Women of St. Tammany Parish, Business Network International.

MAKING *Her*
DEPOSITS



Bree Anderson

is a native New Orleanian advocate, social entrepreneur and trauma expert, in view of parental incarceration and her story has been featured on talk shows, panels, podcasts and news articles about how mass incarceration affects children. Her social experience led her to become a community leader by helping to eliminate race-based discrimination as a former committee member of the NAACP and actively serve as a member of Innocence Project New Orleans Young Professional Committee to defy society's stereotype of children with incarcerated parents. Bree has been nominated for several awards in 2019 including Champion of Change and Forbes 30 under 30, Forbes Next 1000, Jason Williams DA Transition Team, Community Advisory Group Safety & Justice committee.

Bree started an program called Embracing Barriers that's an initiative of The Embrace Space. Bree is also the Co-Founder of Daughters Beyond Incarceration, a non-profit geared towards enhancing the overall life of girls with incarcerated parents.

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Stephanie Chambliss,

a “Family Wealth Coach,” who is dedicated to helping individuals, families and businesses build their financial future. A New Orleans native, Ms. Chambliss received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting from Louisiana State University and her MBA from Texas Southern University. She currently holds the following FINRA Securities Registrations: Series 7, 63 & 65. Stephanie also maintains a license to offer life and health insurance.

Ms. Chambliss is the Owner/Operator of the PJ's Coffee located at 5733 Read BLVD. There she manages a staff of 17 full-time and part-time employees. She is extremely knowledgeable in creating start-up businesses by conducting market research and business plan writing.

Maintaining a strong sense of community and a solid professional foundation are evidenced by her current participation in the following: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; The New Orleans Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, Secretary and The Greater New Orleans East Business Alliance, Parliamentarian.





Tiffany McGary-Cyprian

is a Nurse by trade and the Founder and Operator of the non profit organization, Project Blessings All Year Round Organization (2013). Her organization is where her heart is and where you can find her putting all her efforts to work. Tiffany serves her community on different levels. Tiffany has 4 wonderful children, Nicholas, Anissa, Adrain and Melburn Jr. and 3 grandchildren. Her personality and passion for others is like no others.

Tiffany's hobbies are serving people, spending time with her grandchildren, teaching/coaching basketball and learning new ways to be a support system of those in need. Tiffany has worked with many organizations in disaster relief, community school supply drives, Christmas holiday adopt a child adopt a senior project and the development of veteran transition homes to help homeless veterans.

Tiffany has received multiple awards from her state, city and community.

She was chosen as the New Orleans Saints Community Quarterback recipient, Northshore HERO award recipient, Professional Women Of ST. Tammany, Louisiana Governor's Volunteer Champion and City of Covington Volunteer of the year award recipient. Tiffany is a 20 year Breast Cancer Survivor as of March 2022.

Tiffany's mission & vision is to serve those in need. Her favorite words are "I'm one woman on one Mission with one vision to change the world" her favorite bible quote is "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Her talent and her gift is to heal beyond her title!





Dr. Treva T. Brown

is a physical scientist at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory. Having completed her Bachelors of Science degree at Louisiana State University in 2011 and Doctoral degree in Chemistry at the University of New Orleans in 2017 as a Board of Regents Graduate fellow, she helps the Department of Defense gain a better understanding of organisms that cause corrosion on metal materials. With a passion for microscopy, she performs electron microscopy imaging, analytical and elemental analysis of specimens, and works on basic corrosion and microbial research.

Dr. Brown is a strong contributor to ongoing corrosion science research in the Physical Oceanographic Processes Section of the Ocean Sciences division at NRL. She is active in outreach and mentorship activities where she advocates for STEM outreach in the local community and spearheads initiatives aimed to improve diversity and inclusion within the scientific community. Furthermore, she is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers, the International Biodeterioration and Biodegradation Society, and is Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee for the Microscopy Society of America.

“Be the change you want to see in the world” is a quote that Dr. Treva T. Brown reiterates and lives by as she continuously strives to change the narrative and “faces” of STEM disciplines, particularly among youth from underrepresented backgrounds. She stimulates kid’s desire to learn about science through fun and engaging STEM demonstrations, while cultivating their minds to pursue STEM careers. Her self-motivated dedication and passion for engaging community youth through outreach is astounding, and for her selfless efforts, she is a deserving recipient of the many awards she has earned. Some of her most recent awards include “2020 Best Woman in S.T.E.M.”- a series of awards recognizing female leaders making an impact on New Orleans, LA and surrounding areas, Edge of the Lake Magazine’s Northshore Louisiana Forty under 40, and 2021 Women of Color in STEM Community Service in Government award. She has also served as 2018-2019 Ms. Black St. Tammany Parish, 2019 – 2020 Ms. Black Louisiana Empowerment, and 2020 – 2021 Ms. Black Louisiana International Ambassador.



Our Program

Welcome

Danyel Nicole Black, Founder/CEO

Mistress of Ceremony Introduction

Laverne Toombs

Fashion Show

Chris Grimwood

Auction

Chuck Mutz, Black Tie Auctions

Photography Gift Presentation

Sarah Dickerson

Image and Scholarship Awards

Laverne Toombs

Closing Remarks & Toast

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Entertainment

Tonya Boyd-Cannon &

Captain Charles

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