Saturday, October 24th, 2026 3pm
Emma Jewel Charter Academy | Cocoa, Florida

The 99th Squadron

Youth Ground School Commencement

Welcome & Occasion

Introduction of Speaker

Kendall Ty Moore, II

David Jones - Founder & CEO
Diversity of Thought, Inc.
Elevated Leadership Academy

Introduction of Speaker

Ramone D. Hemphill, Sr.

Lt Col. Paul Lopez (USAF, Ret.)
United Airlines First Officer
Former F-22 Raptor Demonstration Pilot

Presenting the 2026 Cohort

Ms. Cassaundra Bowe …. *Mother of Honoree T'mari Bowe, USAFA % 2030*
2LT Kaylah Williams ……. *795th MP BN, US Army; USMA % 2025*

The "T'mari Bowe Squadron"

Avery Whitmore	***Edward Umansky***	***Liam Capps***
Blake Rankin	***Hunter McConaha***	***Solomon Eckles***
Brayden Taylor	***Jeremiah Jackson***	***Vicente Rivera***

A Token of Gratitude

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David Jones - Diversity of Thought | ELA Space Coast

David Jones is the founder and CEO of DOTI and the Executive Director of the Elevated Leadership Academy-Space Coast, where he equips leaders, teams, and organizations with the mindsets and systems they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. With more than 25 years of leadership experience, he has become a trusted advisor to companies seeking to build cultures grounded in purpose, trust, and high performance.

David's commitment to leadership extends far beyond the organizations he serves. He was elected the 2024 Chairman of the Board of the Greater Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce and has served on the Space Coast Economic Development Commission, playing a vital role in advancing regional competitiveness and economic growth. His advocacy has taken him from Tallahassee to Washington, D.C., where he has championed the needs of businesses, entrepreneurs, and creative professionals. He also serves as the Government Relations Chair for the American Advertising Federation Florida/Caribbean, working at the intersection of policy and industry to ensure the voice of the business community contributes to meaningful change.

In addition to his regional and statewide leadership work, David has held multiple civic roles within the City of Palm Bay, including service on the Infrastructure & Oversight Committee and the Charter Review Board. He also served on the inaugural board of the Space Coast Black Chamber of Commerce, helping lay the foundation for a more inclusive and connected business ecosystem.

Recognized for his ability to scale leadership systems, develop high-performing cultures, and elevate human potential, David continues to shape the future of organizational leadership with clarity, conviction, and a deep belief in what people can achieve when they are empowered to grow.

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Lt Col Paul Lopez (USAF, Ret.) - United Airlines

Paul Lopez II is an aviation enthusiast with over 2 decades of experience in the industry. He started his aviation journey at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University as a member of Detachment 605, "The Screaming Blackbirds", named after the famed SR-71. Paul is a distinguished graduate from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps, and he graduated with honors, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Paul served as a fighter pilot in the Air Force for over 20 years. He has over 2,300 hours flying the F-15C Eagle and F-22 Raptor. He is an expert in the field of Air Superiority. Paul has deployed to support worldwide operations in the homeland, the Middle East, and Asia. During his time in service, Paul has served on various teams with elite Warfighters and talented personnel across the joint services and alongside our regional partners and allies. He was the F-22 Demonstration Pilot for two years and led a team that showcased American AIRPOWER, recruited and retained the best personnel for the Profession of Arms, and enhanced international and domestic partnerships. Paul completed his Air Force career after serving for three years in the coveted leadership position of Fighter Squadron Commander. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Paul has continued his aviation career with United Airlines as a First Officer flying the Boeing 737 where he connects people and unites the world. He still shows up to work with a smile and cherishes every opportunity he gets to, "slip the surly bonds of Earth and dance the skies on laughter-silvered wings" (High Flight, John Gillespie Magee jr.)

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