

New Prospect Baptist Church

2020 Graduation

Celebration



Sunday, July 12th at 2p.m.
Damon Lynch III, Senior Pastor
James Wilson, PH.D Executive Pastor
1580 Summit Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45237

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“Keep your Vision on the Mission!”



Welcome! From Senior Pastor Damon Lynch III



To the Graduates,

I am so proud of each and every one of you on your recent achievements, you graduated in a year of pandemic, protest uncertainty and Trump, but remember your journey didn't start in 2020 nor does it end in 2020.

To get where you are today it took patience, perseverance, preparation and participation of loved ones, friends and family.

Whether you know it or not the world is waiting for you to share with it your brilliance. You are the hope our ancestors struggled for, your success is their reward.

I challenge all of you to be, "strong and courageous", and make us all proud. I challenge you to always put your faith and trust in the belief that God is real and that he can guide you in, "paths of righteousness for his namesake".

I challenge you to fight for those that cannot fight for themselves.

I challenge you to speak truth to power, in love.

I challenge you to put morals over money and character over comfort.

I don't know where your journeys will lead you but know that as long as I am living don't hesitate to reach out for advice, prayer or comfort. No matter where you roam New Prospect will always be your home.

Sister Regina and I love you all,

Pastor

Welcome! From Executive Pastor James Wilson PHD



Congratulations & keep growing!

I greet each of you and celebrate with you in reaching this awesome milestone in your life.

Your achievement is an example to many others of what hard work and persistence can do.

This is one of many successes and blessings in your life and you take a moment to enjoy!

While COVID-19 pandemic has impacted you, your family and your school we trust in God to open doors of opportunity you have prepared yourself to walk through.

As your march forward in your life's journey, chapter and pursuit, understand that the same God who helped you yesterday, is the same God who will guide you through the uncharted waters of tomorrow. You can never go wrong when you put your trust in God.

On behalf of the New Prospect Baptist Church family we love you, salute you and say job, well done!

Pastor James Wilson PHD

Congratulations

2020

CLASS OF

FROM THE ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT MINISTRY

MISSION:

ASSIST YOUTH AND ADULTS WITH ACHIEVING THEIR ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11



NEW PROSPECT
BAPTIST CHURCH



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Keynote Speech for High School Graduates - Brother Curtis Johnson Jr.

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Keynote Speech for College Graduates - Grundi R. Allen, Ph.D

College Graduates Presentation - Sister Patricia Smith

Graduation Drive - By Celebration Sister Elyse Jenkins

Closing Remarks - Sister Elyse Jenkins

Keynote Speaker

Grundi R. Allen, Ph.D



I am amazed, by my journey and how God has guided me to this place **Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV): For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

I obtained my GED in 1990 at the age of thirty. I was receiving disability at the time and had the desire to seek higher education. I sought help from the state's vocational rehabilitation services to go to college, but was told by a vocational rehabilitation specialist that I was not "educate able" they denied supporting my goal of attending college, but I pressed my way through without the Ohio Rehabilitation Commission's support. I was able to move past all the negative reports and assessments of my ability to achieve anything higher than a GED. I was a single mother with two children trying to find her way.

It has taken a long time for me to allow the person on the inside of me to come out. The person that has been on the "inside of me all the while." My fear of failing was the energy I needed to set me free for my quest for higher learning.

I have since obtained four degrees from the University of Cincinnati. I obtained an Associate of Applied Business in Legal Assisting in 1993, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice in 1995, Master of Science in Criminal Justice with a focus on Addictions Studies in 2007 and finally a Doctorate degree in Health Promotion and Education in 2019. It can take a long time to become the person God has designed one to be. I am still learning about His Amazing Grace and myself.

I have been working in the social service field for over 20 years. I was given the responsibility of sowing into the lives of people from all lifestyles. I never envisioned that my life's experience would touch so many people's lives. It has been with gratitude, respect and honor that I have served and taught in various capacities in areas such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, child abuse and neglect, mental health, substance abuse and homelessness.

I now understand that brokenness is to be shared I was "broken to be shared." To whom much is given – much is required – Journey Well

Keynote Speaker

Curtis Johnson Jr



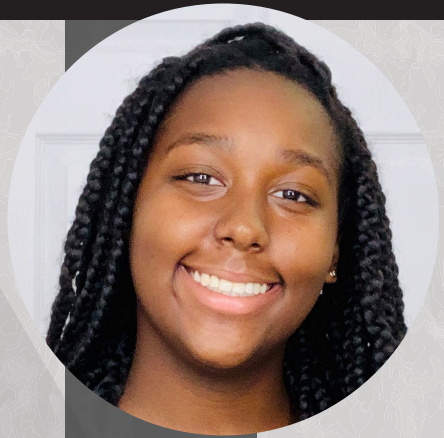
Curtis Johnson Jr is a recent 2019 graduate of Walnut Hills High School. He is currently arising Sophomore at Tennessee State University, where he is studying Business Administration with a concentration in Supply Chain Management.

Since being in college Curtis made the Dean's list both Fall and Spring semester, and he also was admitted into his school's honor program.

When Curtis is not focused on his schoolwork he participates in a few clubs at his school, those of which include their Supply Chain Club, And Men's Initiative. Curtis' favorite scripture is Proverbs 19:21, "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand"

High School Graduates

Amaya Boyd
Walnut Hills High School



Psalm 150:6
Let everything
that has breath
praise the Lord.

I plan on attending the University of Cincinnati and major in Psychology. I am working to become a clinical psychologist. I want to understand the mind so that I can help others achieve greatness in their lives!

Parents: Rashaan & Marcia Boyd

Jalen Brunson
Lakota West High School



Philippians 4:13
I Can Do All Things
Through Christ That
Strengthen Me.

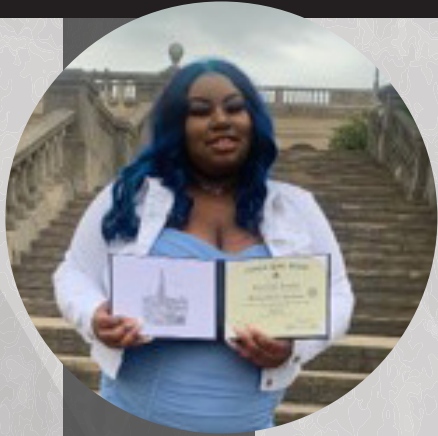
I will be Furthering my education at the University of Cincinnati majoring in Marketing and a Minor in Psychology. My future goals and plans are to work as a Marketing Analyst.

Parents: Angela Brunson

Amaya Boyd

Jalen Brunson

Tiarra Branham
Withrow University



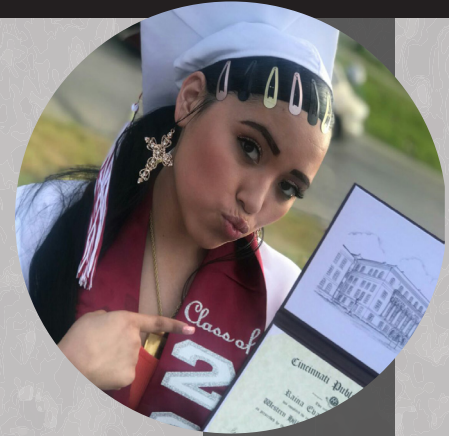
Philippians 4:13

I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me.

I will be attending the University of
Cincinnati | Blue Ash for Nursing.

Tiarra Branham

Raina Evans Carmichael
Western Hills University



Philippians 4:13

I can do all things
through Christ that
strengthen me.

I plan on furthering my
education by attending the
University of Cincinnati and
majoring in Social
Services to become a
Social Worker.

Parents: Racine Carmichael

Raina Carmichael

Alayshia Chichester
North College Hill High School



Psalm 139:14

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

After High School, I plan on going into the National Guard.

Parents: Latonya Chichester

Juwaan A. Davis
Hughes STEM High School



John 13:7

Jesus Replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

I've been accepted to and plan to attend and play football at Lake Erie College in Painsville, Ohio. One reason I chose this school is because of the football program. My major will be Early Childhood Education.

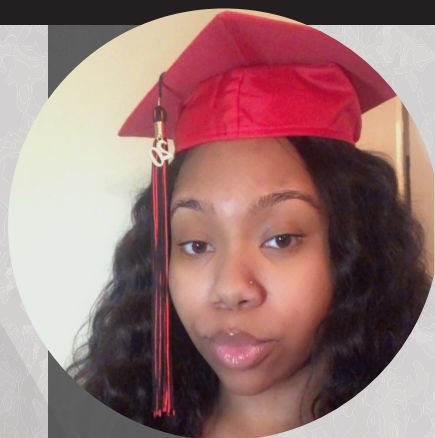
My future goals are to learn more about religious beliefs by taking some theology courses and continue playing football.

Parents: Lisa & Lorenzo Davis

Alayshia Chichester

Juwaan A. Davis

Londyn Alaina Davis
Mt Healthy High School/Diamond Oaks



Ephesians 3:20
Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

I plan to attend college in the fall to obtain a nursing degree.

Parents: Rodney & Karen Davis

Londyn Alaina Davis

Derrick Duskin
Winton Woods High School



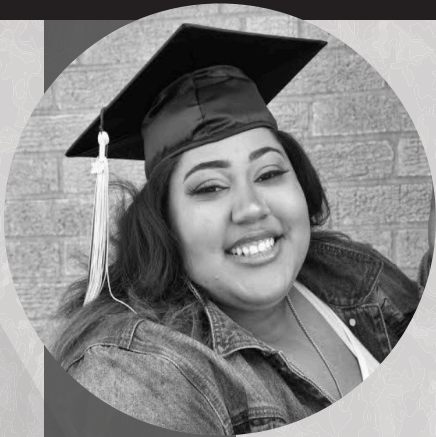
Philippians 4:13
I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

For my future goals I plan to attend Trade School for HVAC.

Parents: Deandria Duskin

Derrick Duskin

Victoria Evans
DePaul Cristo Rey High School



Isaiah 41:10

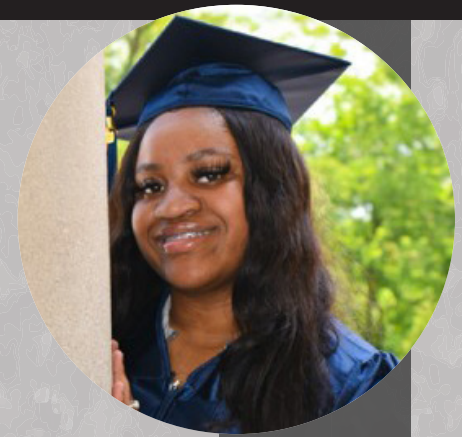
Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

I plan to attend the University of Cincinnati | Blue Ash with a Graphic Communications major. My future goals include owning my own Photography and Graphic Design Business and being able to travel around the world to take photos.

Parents: Tjuana & Robert Evans

Victoria Evans

Marianna Denae Foreman
DePaul Cristo Rey High School



John 15:13

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

My next steps are to attend college and major in Pre-law. I want to become a lawyer and later a judge. I chose this field because I want to make a difference in my community.

Parents: Emmett & Katreece Hixon & Leon Foreman

Marianna Foreman

Ciara Hankerson
Summit Transition Academy



1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I
spoke as a child, I
understood as a child, I
thought as a child: but
when I became a man, I
put away childish things.

I plan to attend college,
graduate, get a job.

Parents: Cynthia Watts

Chyna Hendley
Winton Woods High School



Psalms 118:14

The LORD is my strength
and my defence; he has
become my salvation.

I plan to attend the University
of Cincinnati. I haven't
decided if I'm going to pursue
my career in nursing or law.

**Parents: Keira and Mark
Adames**

Ciara Hankerson

Chyna Hendley

Jah'Eisha Hill
Riverview East



John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

I plan on attending the University of Cincinnati | Blue Ash Campus for Early Childhood.

Parents: Gloria Johnson

Jah'Eisha Hill

Caydenn Johnson
Gamble Montessori High School



2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

I'm attending Eastern Kentucky University, majoring in Communications. After I graduate from Eastern Kentucky University in Communications and Music Business, I'm going to pursue working with artists and musicians.

Parents: Caprise Johnson

Caydenn Johnson

Kyasia Lashay
Woodward Career Tech High School



Matthew 7:12

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

I plan to attend school at Shawnee State University and obtain my Bachelors degree in Marketing and Hospitality Management. My plan for the future is to use my hospitality management degree to be able to travel the world.

Parents: Renee Brown

Joseph C. Ligon
Colerain High School



2 Timothy 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

I plan to attend Tuskegee University and major in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. I want to provide opportunities for people of color to engage with the business world and make impactful changes within my community.

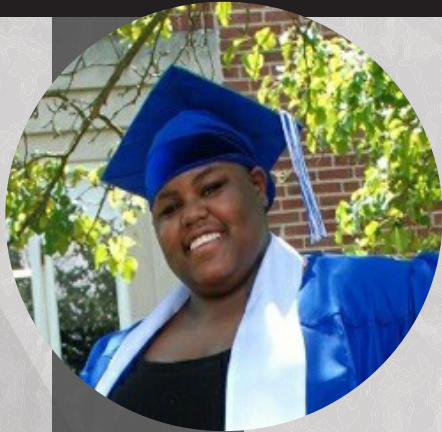
Parents: Christy C Thompson
Joseph Ligon

Kyasia Lashay

Joseph C. Ligon

Briana Mimes

Woodward Career Technical High School



Colossians 3:17

And whatsoever ye do in word of deed, do all in the name of the lord, Jesus giving thanks to god and the father by him.

I will be attending Central State University to major in psychology. After graduating, I'll become a teacher.

Parents: Keyanta Mimes

Briana Mimes

Cepada Morgan II

Walnut Hills High School



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

I plan to attend the University of Cincinnati - College of Education. My future goals include graduating from The University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

Parents: Paula Davis

Cepada Morgan II

Kevin Mullins
Walnut Hills High School



Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and
courageous.

I will be enrolling in college at Bluffton University. I am going to play college football and obtain degrees in both Finance and Kinesiology to help teach our communities physical and financial fitness.

Parents: Elaine & Kevin Mullins

Aliyah Murph
The Seven Hills School



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

I am attending the University of Cincinnati's college of DAAP for Architecture. I plan to work towards my degree by taking advantage of the study abroad and co-op program while in school. I eventually plan to obtain my degree and become a licensed architect.

Parents: Alisa Murph

Kevin Mullins

Aliyah Murph

Caitlin Natasha Patton
Queen City Career Prep High School



Psalms 100:1

Make a joyful noise unto
the Lord, all ye lands.

My career path is health and nutritionist. I would like to go to Cincinnati State and have a great career for myself. I love to help others, also living in a safe and healthy environment, and will continue to put God first in my life.

Parents: Nichele Patton

Niangela Patton
Dater High School



1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on your guard; stand
firm in the faith: be
courageous; be strong.

I plan to attend Nail School. My future goals are to stay healthy and become financially stable.

Parents: Margaret Patton

Caitlin Patton

Niangela Patton

Ashley Picou
Indian Hill High School



Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me.

I am attending the University of Arkansas in the Fall of 2020 to pursue a degree in education.

I plan to be an educator. I love teaching children. I have been a counselor at the Jewish Community Center for 3 summers and I get excited watching my students learn and grow.

Parents: Monique & Brian Picou

Ashley Picou

Taylor Shearer
Roger Bacon High School



2 Corinthians 12:9-10

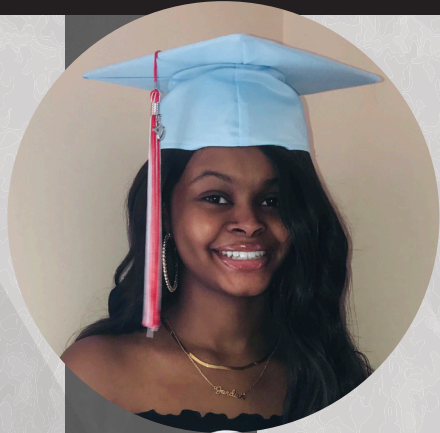
And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

I will be majoring in accounting at Northern Kentucky University on an academic scholarship. While in college, I would like to obtain an internship so I can be extremely knowledgeable and marketable. After graduating, I would like to continue my studies in graduate school and obtain my CPA. I would like to start my own business within the community. I would also like to work and volunteer within my community to assist in educating my neighbors about financing.

Parents: Pamela & Terrie Shearer, Sr

Taylor Shearer

Jordan Young
Finneytown Secondary Campus



Isaiah 43:2

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee

I will be studying psychology at the University of Cincinnati. I want to graduate college and become financially stable.

Parents: Stephanie Young

Niles Whatley
Withrow University



I Corinthians 13: 11

When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

I will be attending Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. I look forward to playing football and majoring in Fitness Management.

Parents: Maurice & Regina Lamar

Jordan Young

Niles Whatley

Stephen “Avery” Wilson
St Xavier High School



Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me.

I plan to attend North Carolina A&T State University where I will study Mechanical Engineering in their Honors Program. I plan to graduate with Honors in Mechanical Engineering from North Carolina A&T State and work on passenger safety in the automotive industry.

Parents: Stephen and Robin Wilson

Donovan Blackley
Walnut Hills High School



2 Corinthians 4:8

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;

As apart of my future goals, I plan to attend college, go into Air Force ROTC, and once I graduate I will join the Air Force. While there, I plan on going to dental school and become an officer and general dentist in the Air Force. One of my future goals is to get my personal trainers license so that I can be a personal trainer while perusing my career as a dentist. I want to do this because I enjoy helping people be the best version of themselves.

Parents: Holly Blackley

Stephen Wilson

Donovan Blackley



College Graduates

Grundi R. Allen, Ph.D

University of Cincinnati

Doctor of Philosophy



Grundi R. Allen, Ph.D

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

I aspire to be one of the best Health Education Instructor in the community and academia field of Health Promotion and Education by conducting world class research and providing a creative learning environment that will inspire women to be the very best they can be.

I will be dedicated to developing and expanding innovative research projects that are align with the needs of the community and the mission of various institutions missions. I will address important local, national and global needs to contribute to the enchancement of our society. I will provide counseling that will engage women in developing a plan to obtain their educational, career and life goals for their success.

Charles A. Anderson III

Middle Tennessee University

Masters of Education Higher Ed Administration



Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

I plan to obtain a Doctorate in Educational Policy at Howard University. I want to revolutionize the world of education, specifically impacting black people and HBCUs, but wholly impacting everyone.

Charles Anderson

Kyla Croom

Central State University

Bachelor of Arts major in Broadcast Media



Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

My next step is to secure an entry level position at a radio station. My ultimate goal is to have my own radio show.

Kyla Croom

Amara Johnson

North Carolina A & T State University

BS in Journalism and Mass Communication



Joshua 1:9

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

This summer I will begin my career path with CBS in their Audience Development Department as a Social Media and Editorial intern.

My future goals include becoming a Communications and Marketing Director of a Fortune 500 company.

Amara Johnson

Brian Nicholas Jenkins Johnson
North Carolina A&T State University
Bachelor in Marketing



Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ that strengthen me.

I plan to excel in career and to be debt free, including school debt. I want to continue growing my relationship with God. Also, I want to make a community impact.

Brian Johnson

Leah Johnson
University of Pittsburgh
Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Isaiah 40: 29-31

He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

I plan on working as a registered nurse in pediatrics. After gaining some experience, I would like to work as a traveling nurse. My ultimate goal is to obtain my Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Leah Johnson

Kadori Ngirabakunzi
Northern Kentucky University
Master's of Science in Nursing



Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me

I plan to become a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and help take care of people with mental illness in our community.

I want to open an African American led practice that will consist of psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, nurses, medical assistants, pharmacist etc.

D’Najah Picou
University of Cincinnati
Bachelor Marketing & International Business



Psalms 23

I love all of the 23rd Psalms!! The Lord is...and has been my shepherd!!

I will be joining Walmart at their HQ in Bentonville, Arkansas. I will be entering their Associate Finance Development Career program. I intend to complete the 2 year program and then return to school and get my master's degree.

Kadori Ngirabakunzi

D’Najah Picou

Reggie White
Penn State University

Masters of Professional Studies in Supply Chain Mgmt



Mark 9:23

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

I plan to identify a plan for mentorship effort for HBCU students. Also, to find opportunities to give motivational speaking events to college and HS students. Continue career at GA Aviation at least until 2025. Plan Business Model for Arcade Store I want to open. I want to mentor/inspire the next generation of leaders. Over the next 10 years I want to get into motivational speaking and create a small business.

Reggie White

Special Thanks to:

Senior Pastor Damon Lynch, III and First Lady Regina Lynch for their tremendous leadership and support.

Executive Pastor Jimmy Wilson and Sister Andrea Wilson for their key advice on planning the celebration in spite of our social gathering limitations.

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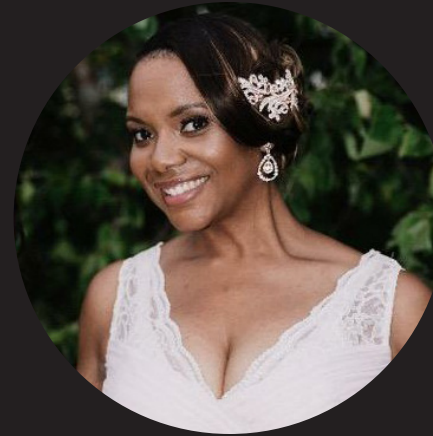
Brother Curtis Johnson Jr and Dr. Grundi Allen for serving as our keynote speakers.

Sister Elyse Jenkins for creating the registration video and serving as our mc for the virtual program.

Sister Barbara Collins for assisting with our celebration decorations.

Sister Myki Bobo for her media, marketing, and production contributions.

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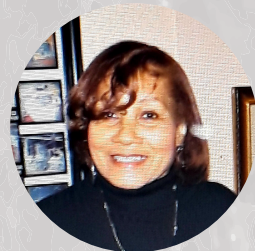
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Not Pictured: Kayla Lowe



