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# MEET THE CLASS OF 23

## 2023 COLLEGE PREP & MENTORING ACADEMY



**Natalia Arellano**  
Dallas, TX  
Grade 11  
DeSoto High School



**Phillip Baker**  
Alexandria VA  
Grade 10  
Hayfield High School



**Drew Downs**  
Dallas, TX  
Grade 11  
DeSoto High School



**Mia Meheranna**  
La Palma, CA  
Grade 10  
John F. Kennedy High School



**Luna Selasie**  
Alexandria VA  
Grade 11  
Howard Gardner School



**Eyueal Sisay**  
Silver Spring, MD  
Grade 10  
Wheaton High School

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COLLEGE PREP  
& MENTORING  
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Preparing Underserved  
High School Students  
for College

# Kai Williams Accepts New Position



We are pleased to announce Kai Williams as Chief Human Resources Officer. As Coronis has grown in our global footprint, we've tasked Kai with helping to optimize our global workforce and create a best-in-class culture.

Throughout her career, Kai has excelled as a trusted advisor and change agent in the finance, printing, manufacturing, marketing, and technology industries. She joins the company with a diverse background across a variety of companies like Apex, Epsilon, RR Donnelley and Bank of America. Kai is an accomplished Global Human Resources Executive with a 20+ year record of proven success conceiving, leading, and executing HR initiatives. She has led teams in the US, India, Singapore, London, and Ireland.

Kai is passionate about leadership development and is a member of the John Maxwell Certified Leadership team and a DISC consultant.

Kai is based out of Dallas, TX and has a Master of Human Resource Management from the University of Phoenix. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, crafting and volunteering. She is passionate about working with youth to unlock their potential and teaching them the importance of a positive mindset.

She is on the advisory board for Circle Ten (Boy Scouts of America - Dallas), co-founder of the Page 1 Foundation College Prep and Mentoring Academy, and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She is a proud Mother of one daughter, London (18), and they enjoy traveling together.

# Cofounder Receives Presidential Award



## PRESS RELEASE

### CCNA Executive Director Receives Presidential Award



**Jim Paige**  
CCNA Executive  
Director

**"I am humbled by this award and feel honored to be among awardees from across the country who are doing so much to serve their communities."**

**"Let me offer special thanks to our board of directors, staff, volunteers, donors, and other supporters who continue to do so much to help so many."**

(Alexandria, VA | April 16, 2023) **Jim Paige** (COL RET), Executive Director of the Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria (CCNA), was named as a recipient of the **President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award for Volunteer Service**.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is presented on behalf of Points of Light, AmeriCorps, and the 46th President of the United States, President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., and Vice President Kamala Harris to individuals across the country whose service positively impacts their home communities and inspires others around them to take positive action as well.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is distinct from other iterations of the President's Volunteer Service Award in that it requires a minimum of 4,000 hours of volunteer service for a recipient to be eligible.

Jim and CCNA collaborate closely with numerous community stakeholders including, Alexandria city officials, fellow nonprofits, business sector leaders, Howard University Departments of Psychology and Ophthalmology, Prevention of Blindness, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Saved Hands Foundation, Priority Soldier, Inc., and the faith-based community, among others.

"Congratulations Colonel Paige. The American Psychiatric Association Foundation (APAF) is pleased to partner with you and your CCNA colleagues to address mental health issues across the communities we serve in Alexandria, VA and beyond. Said APAF Executive Director, **Rawle Andrews, Jr., Esq.**, who is also a Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Jim serves on several equity-focused boards and committees including the City of Alexandria Racial Equity Leadership Tool Task Force, the Page1 Foundation College Prep and Mentoring Academy, the School Law Enforcement Partnership Advisory Board, the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria, Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (VOICE), and the Alexandria Region INOVA Action Committee.

In January 2023, The Alexandria City Public Schools System highlighted Jim and CCNA as great community partners. In March, he was honored by the city of Alexandria, VA as a Living Legend, acknowledging his contributions to the community.

"We are proud of Jim and blessed to have his great leadership," stated CCNA Board member, retired US Air Force Colonel, **Charles Wilson**, who is also a fellow Alexandria Living Legend, and like Jim, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., "Jim is the consummate professional, with the rare skills to inspire others to serve."

**"It's wonderful to see Colonel Paige receive this richly deserved President's award."**

**"It is a fitting tribute to recognize his great work as he leads CCNA. We thank him for his service and congratulate him for this honor."**



**Justin Wilson**  
Alexandria Mayor

**The Lifetime Achievement Award** ceremony for honorees in the Mid-Atlantic Region will be hosted by Premiere Coalition Partners Association, LLC, certifying agent for the Presidential Volunteer Service Program, in Washington, DC during September 2023.

**About CCNA** — Founded in 2009, the Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria (CCNA) is a nonprofit organization in Alexandria, VA whose mission is one of Equity in Education, Health, and Social Justice.

For more information, visit [ccnalexandria.org](http://ccnalexandria.org)

# Page1 Foundation Mentor, Howard Jean Appointed to University Board of Advisors

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Black Meta Agency CEO, Howard R. Jean Appointed to Prestigious Universities at Shady Grove Board of Advisors, Strengthening Pathways to Technology Careers"

Washington, DC - June 1, 2023 -

Howard R. Jean, CEO & Founder of Black Meta Agency Corporation, has been appointed as a member of the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Board of Advisors. The appointment comes after an enthusiastic recommendation from the USG Board and Mr. Jean's unwavering commitment to advancing education and workforce development.

The Universities at Shady Grove, a regional higher education center of the University System of Maryland (USM), has established itself as a model for delivering quality higher education to students in Montgomery County and the surrounding region. With nine of the University System's degree-granting institutions offering upper-level undergraduate and/or graduate degree programs, as well as advanced education and certificate programs, USG is bridging the gap between academia and industry.

"I am honored to be appointed to such an illustrious board to address the challenges our region faces regarding preparing students for a technology-focused workforce, including Web3, Fintech, Blockchain, electrical vehicle careers, and, most importantly, the biotechnology and biomedical industry," said Howard R. Jean. "I look forward to leveraging my relationships with local and national business chambers, the Web3 community, and other key partnerships to add value and contribute to the incredible work done thus far by the board."

Through powerful partnerships with Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, and other community colleges, USG is providing access to higher education and degree completion opportunities. It offers tailored bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as professional certifications, that align with the needs of businesses and industries within Montgomery County and the metropolitan region.

As a member of the USG Board of Advisors, Howard R. Jean will provide valuable advice and support to the campus leadership and the University System of Maryland. His extensive experience in workforce development and training across multiple industries, as well as his dedication to promoting diversity and inclusion, will contribute to the ongoing success and growth of USG.

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**KEVIN PAIGE ART**

**Beaver Creak, Colorado  
June 6-9, 2023**

**Kevin Paige Supports Veterans Causes  
w Live Painting for Charity.**  
Sponsored by Frontier Airlines to offer college  
scholarships to students of fallen veterans.



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## JUNETEENTH

**Kevin Paige**

Executive Director  
Page1 Foundation

Juneteenth is an opportunity to recognize the progress we've made and acknowledge the work we still have to do. It's a reminder of the day in 1865 when news of freedom finally reached enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas. That moment was a major turning point in the fight for equality and justice.

Juneteenth is a day to reflect, learn, and take steps towards a better future for everyone. As we commemorate this important day, let's come together and commit ourselves to building a society that celebrates diversity, promotes equality, and stands up for justice. ***We've got a long way to go, but together, we can make a difference.***

# PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US!



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Sunday, August 6, 4:00-5:30 PM EST

## LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS "Building Your Own Bridge to the Future"

### SPECIAL GUESTS



**Bob Prince**  
Retired Corporate  
Transportation Executive &  
President Foot Prince, LLC



**Hank Van Putten, Jr.**  
Anti Racist Education  
Trainer for the Peace &  
Justice Institute



**Diana Mendes**  
Corporate President for  
Infrastructure and Mobility  
Equity, HNTB & Adjunct  
Professor at Rutgers University



**Sylvia & Rodney McCants**  
Retired Army Colonels  
Nurse & Ministers



**Rawle Andrews, Jr. Esq.**  
Executive Director  
American Psychiatric  
Association Foundation (APAF)

### CPMA Alumni Updates



**CPMA Alumni Updates**  
Mimi's Moments  
Mimi Nadey  
First Year Reflections  
Saliyah Hurst & London Williams



Meeting ID: **972 8711 1492**  
Passcode: **S9isFy**

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**Meet the Mentors**



Join Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 828 1755 4178  
Passcode: 448252



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# SUPPORTERS' THOUGHTS

**“This program is a great return on investment”**

Bob Prince, Jacksonville FL

**“I am proud to be a charter member of the foundation and love mentoring.”**

Jean Porter, Woodbridge VA

**“We are grateful for this great program. It is helping my daughter prepare for college.”**

Bill Fuller, Boston MA

**“Great program that continues to make a difference in the lives of so many. We are pleased to donate monthly.”**

Jenny & Ron Sprott, Kerrville TX

**“Wonderful program that encourages our students to DREAM BIG!”**

Deron Campbell, Alexandria VA

**“I am eternally grateful for the academy for helping my daughter get into college.”**

Mia Montez, Hampton VA

**“Jim, Great work! We are pleased to support.”**

Lois & Bob Sinclair, Fairfax VA

# It's Okay To Talk!

NATIONAL MINORITY  
MENTAL HEALTH  
AWARENESS MONTH



## An Opportunity to

**Address** mental health care

**Promote** understanding and reduce stigma

**Provide** support and resources

**Encourage** action and advocacy