

**2022 BLN SCHOLARSHIP SOIREE  
PROGRAM**

**6 PM**  
NETWORKING RECEPTION

**7 PM**  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**MELISSA BROWN**  
DIVERSITY INITIATIVES DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
CALL TO ORDER

**JAY STROMAN**  
USF FOUNDATION CEO  
GREETINGS FROM THE USF FOUNDATION

**RHEA F. LAW**  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA PRESIDENT  
WELCOME

**EMARI CRAFT**  
BLN/HELIOS EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLAR  
INTRO OF GUEST SPEAKER

**AVRIL STINSON**  
SENIOR DIRECTOR  
MINORITY BUSINESS ACCELERATOR & ECONOMIC INCLUSION  
TAMPA BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GUEST SPEAKER

**ED NARAIN**  
BLN CO-FOUNDER  
PRESENTATION OF BLN GRADUATES,  
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND DONORS

**ASHLEY BUTLER**  
BLN CO-FOUNDER AND CHAIR  
CLOSING REMARKS



**AVRIL STINSON**

Senior Director  
Minority Business Accelerator  
& Economic Inclusion  
Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce

A South Florida native, Avril Stinson moved to Tampa 20 years ago. Seasoned in investor/sponsor relations, and program management, she brings years of investor relations and sponsor engagement knowledge to the Tampa Bay Chamber. Stinson is passionate about powerful community support development and entrepreneurship, in addition to networking, programming, and strategic leadership within organizations.

Stinson has previously worked at Tampa Bay Wave, as Director of Development, and at the Tampa Bay Economic Development Council, as the Investor Relations Director, leading their investor engagement and programming efforts. Additionally, Stinson holds a B.A. in Public Relations from the University of Florida and a Master's Degree from Marshall University in Counseling. Stinson was also an integral member of the Junior League of Tampa's Marketing and

Diversity Committees, and currently serves as a Sustainer Member. Stinson also has a passion for the arts and serves on the Advisory Committee for Hillsborough Community College's Art Gallery, as well as The Tampa Museum of Art's Diversity & Inclusion Task Force. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Florida Business Development Corporation, as well as the Synapse Impact Board and is a founding member of the Synapse Inclusion Lives Here Committee.

Recently, Stinson was honored by the Tampa Bay Business Journal as a 2022 BusinessWoman of the Year and has been accepted into the Tampa Bay Chamber's Leadership Tampa '23 class.

On a personal note, Ms. Stinson is married to her husband Jake, and their blended family is comprised of her two daughters, his two sons and their family St. Bernard, Gracie.

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**2022**



**BLACK LEADERSHIP  
NETWORK**  
FOUNDED 2016

**Scholarship  
Soiree**  
Thursday  
Sept. 1  
6p.m.

**USF Sam & Martha  
Gibbons Alumni Center**

 **USF Foundation**  
UNIVERSITY of SOUTH FLORIDA



## 2022-23 BLN SCHOLARS

### BLN/ARTIA T. SMALL ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ZARIYAH BETHEA\*

### BLN/APARTMENTS FOR BULLS SCHOLARSHIP

JASON KEE\*

### BLN/THE ADRIEN AND ASHLEY BUTLER POSSIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP

SCHAINADA CHERICHEL\*

### BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

AMY AMOAH\*

LAURYN LATIMER

### BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND – MOSAIC

IMANI COFIELD

### BLN/DR. HAROLD, DIXIE & HARRISON MOOTOO GENERATIONAL LEGACY

NADEGE NAU\*

### HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

EDWARD BAILEY\*  
TRE'LYSSA BIVINS  
ANAIAH CANTY\*  
JEAN CASTAMBY  
EARNEST CHERRY  
ZJNAI DAVIS\*  
ZOE DIEUDONNE\*  
SIMONE FRANCIS  
MEESHA FOUNTAIN  
MERNA GUIRGUIS\*  
DANIELLE JACKSON\*

### BLN/DR. HAYWOOD BROWN SCHOLARSHIP

SAMARA HABYARIMANA  
DA'LAUREN LARRY

### BLN/EMMA AND JULIUS HAWKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

TIERRA MATTHEWS-GREENLEAF\*

### BLN/ERICA G. D. DALEY SCHOLARSHIP

PAUL-ANN FRANCIS  
LINDA MONROE\*

### BLN/GAINER FAMILY EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

CALANDRA PETERKIN\*

### BLN/JUDY GENSHAFT GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

TIARA CLARKE

### BLN/KOGER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

DELAENAM AKAHOHO\*  
ISAAC WASHINGTON\*

KATRINA KERNIZAN\*  
JA'KAILA MCCALL  
ALEXANDER MERVEUS\*  
BEDJENA RESILIAC  
CAMERON ROWE\*  
ALEXANDRIA RUFFIN\*  
RYAN TODD  
NYLA TURPIN  
MAKAYLA WEBSTER\*  
ZOE WEBSTER\*  
ALAHNI WHITE

## 2022-23 BLN SCHOLARS

### BLN/HON. LES MILLER JR. AND HON. GWEN MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

AKEMAH ISAAC\*

### BLN/KEVIN SNEED PHARM.D. SCHOLARSHIP

MYA GILLIAM

### BLN/LISA ANNE MIFFLIN FINANCIAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIP

JEAN THOMAS\*

### BLN/LISA ANNE MIFFLIN PUBLIC POLICY SCHOLARSHIP

LAUREN CANADY\*

### BLN/PORTER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

EVELYN CURRY

### BLN/ROBERT L. GREENE JR. - BE GREAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

LONNIE COLE

### BLN/SALLEY FAMILY INSPIRING SCHOLARSHIP

JAMES LOCKETT\*  
NILAH NEELY\*

### BLN/THE GIBBS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

DAVAUGHN MCANUFF\*

### BLN/THE HAYS ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

ANAYAH WALKER\*

### BLN/THE NARAIN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

LACORYA LYNN\*

### BLN/THETA GAMMA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY VISIONARY SCHOLARSHIP

JUSTIN MBUYAMBA\*

### BLN/TONETHO'S TAMPA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

AMALIA RICHARDSON\*

### BLN/WELLS FARGO SCHOLARSHIP

JOSHUA CLERJUSTE\*

### BLN WESTIN AND EVA GIBBONS SCHOLARSHIP USFSP

KRISTION JACKSON\*

\* DENOTES NEW SCHOLAR

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022-2023 GRADUATES

ZAYNAB ALI-SALAHUDDIN  
BLN/WELLS FARGO SCHOLARSHIP

CHANITA BELCHER  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

DEREKAISHA BUSH  
BLN/KRYSTAL EVETTE ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DESMOND BUSH  
BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

RUTH CAJUSTE  
BLN/DONALD R. ODOM SR. ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

LAFRANCE (JOE) CLARKE  
BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

EMARI CRAFT  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

BRIANNA FLORISSANT  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

CHANTE FRANCIS  
BLN/MUIR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

ANTHONY GODEN  
BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

JACOB GOODLOE  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

ONIKA GRIFFITHS  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

TIANA HILL  
BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ANI HOYTE  
BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ELLIS KELLY  
BLN/THE BELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

AMANDA LAFLEUR  
BLN/THE FRAZIER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

MICHAEL LOWERY  
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MYLES MCCANTS  
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GOZIEM NWAFOR  
BLN/APARTMENTS FOR BULLS SCHOLARSHIP

JUSTICE POWE  
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CHRISTIAN PERKINS  
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LATRELL PRYOR  
BLN/THE BELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

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GAVIN WILLIAMS  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF

DE'QUAN WILSON  
BLN/WAYNE ANTHONY QUIN PHD SCHOLARSHIP

ELIJAH WRIGHT  
BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BEZAWIT ZEWDIE  
BLN/HELIOS - BLACK LEADERSHIP NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP AT USF