



# Leadership Atlanta

## LEADERSHIP ATLANTA PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE LEAD ATLANTA CLASS OF 2021!

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Atlanta, GA— Fifty-four community leaders have been selected to participate in LEAD Atlanta’s Class of 2021 Program. An initiative of Leadership Atlanta, LEAD Atlanta seeks to empower young leaders with the skills and knowledge needed to create enduring positive change in the community. Over the seven-month program, these talented individuals will learn more about themselves and the greater metro Atlanta region by participating in all-day workshops, community projects, immersion activities and direct interaction with key decision makers.

“We are thrilled to welcome these exceptional young professional leaders,” says President and CEO Pat Upshaw-Monteith. “LEAD Atlanta goes beyond educating its members about the current issues in the region. It helps foster meaningful relationships that emphasize the importance of community and gives them the tools to fulfill their passion in making Atlanta an even better place to live. We are excited to share this experience with the Class of 2021!”

### LEAD Atlanta Class of 2021

**Sameed Afghani**

*Vice President & General Manager*

Atlanta Symphony Orchestra

**Alexandra Joseph**

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FWD.us

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*Director of Marketing*

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**Julie Allen**

*Principal/CEO*

International Community School

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*Lead Advisor to the Chairman & CEO*

Chick-fil-A, Inc.

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*Brand Strategy Manager*

Georgia Power

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Teach for America - Metro Atlanta

**Maria Alejandra Baetti***Product Designer*

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Development**Andrea Bilbija***Corporate Counsel*

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Hands On Atlanta

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City of Atlanta

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Nelson Mullins Scarborough &amp; Riley, LLP

**Kathryn Comer***Regional Community Development Manager*

Facebook

**Christopher Copeland***Engagement Manager*

McKinsey &amp; Company

**Adam Kolojechick-Kotch***Head of Operations and Growth*

PadSplit

**Joel Langdon***Associate*

Butler Wooten &amp; Peak LLP

**Jacob Martin***Senior Leadership Specialist*

Russell Reynolds Associates

**Cora Miller***VP, External Affairs and United Health Foundation*

UnitedHealth Group

**Tony Mitchell***Associate Director of State Government Affairs*

CSL Behring

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Cox Automotive

**Brandon Morgan***Orthodontist*

Beautiful Smiles Dental Centers

**Christian Murphy***Chief Development Officer*

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta

**KaeAnne Parris***Health Scientist*

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Christopher Purdy***Lyndon Baines Johnson Fellow*

Human Rights First

**Andrew Reynolds***Director of Enterprise Accounts*

United Parcel Service

**Taylor Spicer***Programs Manager, Office of Sustainability  
Initiatives*

Emory University

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Reinvestment Fund

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Boston Consulting Group

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**Pierce Hand***Staff Attorney*

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation

**Kelly Harper***Educator*

Fulton County Schools

**Jina Haynes***Vice President*

BlackRock

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**Kate Hewitt***Executive Director*

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**Joel Stern***Employee Benefits Advisor*

Pritchard &amp; Jerden

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YMCA of Metro Atlanta

**Raymond Tran***Associate*

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Ron Clark Academy

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