




Mrs. Ansonia Smith-Gibbs

Mrs. Ansonia Smith-Gibbs is a dynamic motivational speaker and empowerment strategist who helps women step boldly into their purpose, amplify their voices, and lead with confidence.

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Mrs. Patrice Burton

Mrs. Patrice Burton: Has been a "Servant Leader" for more than 30 years! Her "force within" is about being more than a wife and Mom but making a difference in and serving the needs of her communities! A proud alumna of Thornridge High School, South Suburban College, Loyola University of Chicago, and Chicago State University, Burton is a fighter and a writer, a teacher and a leader, and a friend to the end for causes she believes in!

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Ms. Cassandra Howard

Ms. Cassandra Howard is a licensed clinical professional with over 20 years of experience, I provide evidence based therapy for mood disorders, trauma, emotional regulation, and behavioral challenges. I prioritize client needs, confidentiality, and delivering high quality care.

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Mrs. Kashaun Parker, MBA

Mrs. Kashaun Parker is a professional speaker, three-time best-selling author, and consultant for her company, Next Stop Forward. She brings a message that meets women where they are now—experienced capable, and ready for more.

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Mrs. Kaiyah Allison

Mrs. Kaiyah Allison has 20 years of experience providing wellness expertise focused on healing the mind, body, and soul. She is a restorative justice practitioner. She has created wellness space for the Chicago Police dept, CPS, YMCA educators and many more.

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Ms. Zakiyyah Ali, MBA

Ms. Zakiyyah Ali is a leadership development professional working in higher education at a top business school in Chicago, where she designs and supports leadership programming for MBA students. She holds a masters degree in business with a concentration in school entrepreneurship and has experience across leadership.

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Ms. Octavia Matthe – Regional Vice President

Ms. Octavia Matthe is a Regional Vice President with over 25 years of successful corporate experience at Aramark Management. She has operated successfully in Corporate America for 25 years.

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Ms. Erin Dubich

Ms. Erin Dubich : A registered dietitian and professional speaker since 2010, Erin Dubich teaches a mindful and sustainable approach to nutrition, fitness and wellness. She's known for bringing compassion, practicality and joy to her work. Erin has degrees in neuroscience and psychology from Allegheny College and a Masters in Nutrition Communication from Tufts University' Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.

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Dr. Lisa Cook

Dr. Lisa Cook is a highly effective executive with over 20 years of demonstrated experience in community and behavioral health programs, strategic planning, operations, population health, and provider, volunteer, and government relationship management. In her leadership role, she upholds four pillars of excellence: aligning macro and micro vision, demonstrating strategic and programmatic insight, ensuring operational proficiency, and exemplifying execution expertise.

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Ms. Felicia Clotworthy

Felicia Clotworthy is a visionary leader, strategist, and the Founder and CEO of Felicia Clotworthy Collective (FC|C), an enterprise built on the principle that Mindset, Style, and Strategy are inseparable components of self-described success. With over three decades of high-impact experience driving organizational excellence, Felicia is a sought-after strategist known for her ability to translate complex organizational "pain points" into actionable growth and transformative results.

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Ms. Faith Mickley – Labor Market Researcher

Ms. Faith Mickley is a labor market researcher who analyzes job opportunities and coaches' individuals undergoing career changes.

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Ms. Dawn “The Dancing Diva”

Ms. Dawn, known as “The Dancing Diva,” provides professional line-dancing instruction.

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