

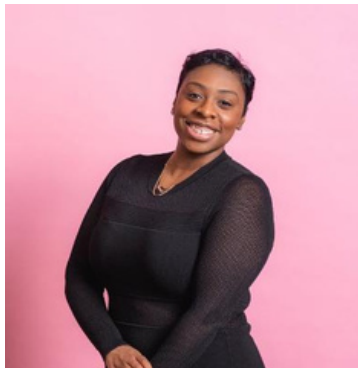
# LEADERSHIP CONNECT

## 2024 Cohort



### ALICIA BAILEY, MOMENT OF CREATION STUDIO

Alicia Chianté Bailey, a native of Memphis, TN, has always harbored a deep passion for the world of entertainment. Her journey began when she moved to Nashville, TN in 2010, earning her bachelor's degree in mass communications from Tennessee State University in 2014. In 2020 Alicia took a significant leap by co-founding Moment of Creation Studio, her transition into a full-time entrepreneur. As a dedicated business owner, she has brought to life a diverse array of projects, spanning from captivating podcasts to dynamic live streams and compelling web series, all underpinned by her unwavering commitment to the art of video and audio production.



### CHARMIN BATES, CREATIVE GIRLS ROCK

Charmin A. Bates is the founder and executive director of Creative Girls Rock® (CGR), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization born from a passion for creative arts, youth development, community engagement, and a therapeutic method for anxiety. Our mission is to educate and empower young girls and women to utilize their creative talents to enhance their lives and the world around them. Their programs help the 900+ youth and women that they serve explore their emotions, develop self-awareness, cope with stress, and boost self-esteem by providing a safe space for them to express themselves through creativity and fellowship.



### ZOE BECKHAM, PIVOT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT LEADERS

Zoë has worked in Tennessee K-12 schools since 2011. From a large family in New Orleans, LA, Zoë makes a mean gumbo and loves working on and with teams. She's a movie buff with a concentration in nerd lore, an avid consumer of both serious and frivolous reading material, and she will talk trash over boardgames. Pivot School Improvement Leaders develop and support the most effective school leaders who drive results for every learner in our highest need schools. They do this by running a cohort of K-12 leaders across TN. Cohort participants collaborate in monthly group learning sessions, weekly 1:1 coaching and implementation support sessions, and school visits.

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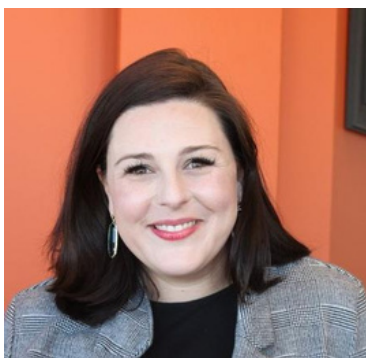
### QUAWN CLARK, PIVOT TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Quawn Clark, from Nashville, TN, is a dedicated entrepreneur with a passion for making a difference. Quawn serves as the co-founder of Pivot Technology School, an innovative school that equips students with the knowledge needed to excel in the rapidly evolving tech industry. With a relentless commitment to education, he aims to bridge the gap and provide opportunities for aspiring technologists. As the founder of HoodGeek, a thriving lifestyle brand, Quawn fosters a powerful message of self-acceptance and pride in one's roots. Through HoodGeek, he empowers individuals to embrace their unique identities and celebrate their diverse backgrounds.



### JEFF LEARNED, NEXT LEVEL SOLUTIONS

Jeff is a former Green Beret turned C-Suite Executive and Operations Consultant. He moved to Nashville in 2019 while serving in the military at Ft. Campbell. After separating in 2022, he made the decision to stay in Nashville, and be a part of the most exciting community in the U.S. He enjoys solving problems, especially with unique solutions, that some people may not see possible. Next Level Solutions (NLS Co. LLC) brings 16 years of business, military, and Lean Six Sigma experience to clients to help them run their business more efficiently.



### LEIGH LINDSEY, MCNEELY BROCKMAN PUBLIC RELATIONS

Leigh Lindsey, APR, is a communications strategist known for driving results for brands ranging from small businesses to Fortune 250s. As a partner at McNeely Brockman Public Relations, she works with Mark McNeely and Kelly Brockman to help lead an award-winning and fast-growing team of professionals providing public relations services to clients across multiple industries. Leigh specializes in developing creative strategies that bridge earned, owned, and paid media, internal communications, crisis communications, events and corporate social responsibility.

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### CARLOS PARTEE, THE NASHVILLE BLACK MARKET

Carlos Partee is a serial entrepreneur born and raised in Nashville, TN. He co-founded the Nashville Black Market Retail and Studio, National Black Market and founded Cashville etc. When he's not working on his business, he's connecting with the community through teaching, cultivating, or amplifying them. Nashville Black Market focuses on empowering black businesses and entrepreneurs while curating a family friendly atmosphere. They've created an ecosystem for entrepreneurs to translate their products and services to the marketplace.



### DR. CONTRECIA THARPE, FAYEVAUGHN CREATIVE

Dr. Contrecia Tharpe is the Chief Executive Officer of the boutique marketing and communications agency Faye Vaughn Creative. Contrecia's professional background includes business management and development, marketing, branding, communications, team building and development, and operational strategy. With over 15 years of experience, she has worked in and with various industries, brands, and businesses to develop solid foundations for growth and profitability. She advocates for small and medium business success and works to maximize and identify opportunities, craft strategies, and create solid business foundations.



### BILLY WALKER JR., ELAVON PAYMENT SOLUTIONS

Billy Walker Jr. is a devoted individual with a rich life journey that spans from his Memphis, Tennessee roots to his current home in Nashville, where he has resided for over two decades. Professionally, Billy has found his stride at Elavon, where he leverages his skills and expertise to make a meaningful impact. However, his dedication extends beyond the workplace as he actively mentors and guides others, sharing his knowledge and insights to uplift those around him.

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### JENNA WOLF, THE LOTUS ROOM AYURVEDA

Jenna Wolf is a creative entrepreneur and healer with 13 years of experience in the wellness industry. She founded The Lotus Room Ayurveda with the intention to serve her community through the transformative power of massage therapy, and holistic wellness education. Her work as a massage therapist, Ayurvedic counselor and yoga instructor has evolved into coaching others to build successful and sustainable wellness brands. Her secret superpower is throwing fabulous dinner parties. And yes, she always howls at the full moon.