




80 YEARS STRONG & PROUD

ANNIVERSARY *Gala*

JUNE 16, 2018 HYATT REGENCY
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



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2018 ANNIVERSARY GALA

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Welcome!

Dear Friends of the Urban League:

Welcome to our 80th anniversary celebration! Tonight we celebrate the accomplishments of our missioned Movement to attain civil rights through education and economic empowerment.

As we reflect on our last eight decades in the community, we honor individuals who have played a significant role and will continue the work to spread our mission and movement throughout the state of Louisiana. Tonight, our honorees are those who have shown an extraordinary devotion to the **Mission** of our cause, an incredible sense of dedication to **Service**, a longstanding commitment to **Partnership** and a vision for the **Future** of empowering communities and changing lives.

As we look forward to the next 80 years, we envision a stronger and more strategic Urban League, ever-committed to ending issues of racism, poverty and discrimination. We will continue to fight for access for everyone, whether that means access to a quality education, affordable housing or a job that pays a saving-wage.

We are sincerely grateful to all of our corporate sponsors, partner organizations and supporters who have made this night possible. Specific acknowledgment of generous support goes to William Goldring and the Goldring and Woldenberg Foundations for their commitment to Sustaining the Movement. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to Empower Communities and Change Lives.

Sincerely,

Erika McConduit
President & CEO

Chris D'Amour
Chairman

Eight Decades

1938 - The Urban League of Greater New Orleans, Inc. begins operation.



1939 - Urban League Housing Committee Meetings with the New Orleans Housing Authority leads to construction of the Magnolia Project.



Urban League launches Business in Action program to establish affirmative action locations for local businesses.



1966 - The Clarence Barney era begins.

1957 - Private fund-raising begins. in response to the threat of losing funding spurred by hostilities from the White Citizens Council.

Urban League led voter education initiatives laid the basis for the formation of BOLD and COUP political organizations.

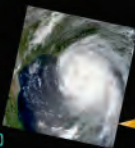


UL initiates the Heritage Square Project to bring about economic revitalization of Central City.



UL initiates development of the Black Tourist Center.

2006 - UL launches Katrina Help Center.



2002 - UL completes Bienville Corridor Master Plan.

2001 - The Achievers Basketball Classic is created and the first headquarters facility is purchased.



2008 - ULGNO re-establishes the State of Black New Orleans and officially launches the Young Professionals Chapter (YP).



2009 - Urban League launches key economic inclusion initiatives targeting minority contractors.

2012 - Hosted the NUL Conference and opened Head Start Center in the 9th Ward.



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1942 - League's track record of effective work establishes the basis for inclusion in "Community Chest" which is now the United Way.



1944 - Urban League's "Post-War Conference on Employment and Employment Opportunities for Negroes" takes place.

1947 - The League focuses on social justice issues such as police community relations.



1955 - Construction begins on the Pontchartrain Park development.

1948 - The survey "A Review of the Economic and Cultural Problems of New Orleans, Louisiana, as They Relate to Conditions in the Negro Population" is printed.



1979 - The First Annual Golden Gala

UL gives birth to the Street Academy to reclaim school dropouts.



UL co-founds the Scholarship Classic, now the Bayou Classic.

UL advocates for Children First Ballot Initiative, calling attention to the deteriorating condition of the NORD playgrounds.

2000 - Urban League Women's Business Resource Center begins operating.



1997 - Edith G. Jones becomes the first woman to hold the position of President and CEO.

1996 - The Barney Era ends.

2013

- Erika McConduit named President & CEO.



2014 - Urban League purchases new Headquarters facility at 4640 S. Carrollton Avenue.



2016 - Urban League responds to historic flooding in Baton Rouge through launch of the Red Stick Retail Shop, and launches Urban Leaders for Equity and Justice on the heels of the Alton Sterling killing.

2017 - ULGNO expands statewide to become the Urban League of Louisiana.

2015 - ULGNO hosts RISE Katrina 10 Commemorative Conference.



Urban League of Louisiana

T-Ray the Violinist



Roi Anthony and "Lejit"



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Camille Whitworth

Journalist, Entrepreneur, Civic Activist



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Dear Friends,

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.*

It is with great honor and pride that I rejoice with the Urban League of Louisiana in celebrating 80 years of empowering communities and changing lives. Congratulations on this momentous anniversary! I also join with them in honoring individuals and organizations whose efforts and activism have made it possible for the Urban League to exist and thrive here in my hometown New Orleans, as well as the state of Louisiana.

Tonight we recognize individuals for their impact on the history of our movement, their exemplary service to our mission and their commitment to the future of advancing civil rights and social justice, which will impact the lives of African Americans and disenfranchised individuals and groups for many years to come.

I want to congratulate this year's 2018 80th Anniversary Gala Honorees and commend them for their past, present and future commitment to equality and justice. We thank them for their contributions to our continuing crusade to stand firm and to speak up, demonstrate and work diligently for what is right and just.

I'm so very proud of the Urban League of Louisiana and their ongoing pledge to the betterment of my home state. On behalf of the National Urban League, thank you. We are all grateful to you and your dedicated staff for the work that you do. Congratulations on reaching this milestone!

Yours in the Movement,

Marc Morial
President and CEO, National Urban League



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Greetings,

On behalf of the citizens of the great State of Louisiana, I want to welcome you to the 80th Anniversary Gala of the Urban League of Louisiana.

Since 1938, the mission of the Urban League of Louisiana has been to enable communities seeking equity to secure economic self-reliance, party and civil rights as a premier non-profit service provider. The Urban League's core vision to eradicate all barriers to equal participation in economic and social mainstream is not only commendable but critical to sustainable change and improving individual life chances.

This year's theme, "80 Strong and Proud", highlights the work and accomplishments made by the League focusing on critical issues that people in our communities face daily.

Congratulations on reaching this exciting milestone and best wishes for a memorable time of celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards
Governor





City of New Orleans

Mayor LaToya Cantrell

Dear Friends,

It is my absolute pleasure, as the Mayor of the City of New Orleans, to welcome you to the Urban League of Greater New Orleans' 80th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

We are honored to host this event purposed with raising money to support the work of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans. Targeting workforce development and building communities, your programming changes lives. New Orleans is a better city because of your work.

Together, we are moving New Orleans forward and the Urban League of Greater New Orleans is a strong partner in our city's progression. To all the guests, thank you for your valued support of this impactful organization. On behalf of the people of New Orleans, welcome and I wish you a joyous evening.

Sincerely,

LaToya Cantrell
Mayor
City of New Orleans



Our Mission

The mission of the Urban League of Louisiana is to assist African Americans and other communities seeking equity to secure economic self-reliance, parity and civil rights.

Our Movement

For 80 years, the Urban League of Louisiana has fostered and encouraged activities that lead to increased opportunities for under-served communities. The Urban League of Louisiana is one of 90 affiliates of the National Urban League, which provides advocacy and direct service programs spanning 36 states. The strength of "the Movement" has been the identification of equality gaps in the African American community and the League's ability to design and deliver vital programs and policy initiatives to bridge these barriers.

Throughout our history, Urban League programs have been focused to ensure quality education and access to information, equal employment, entrepreneurial opportunities, economic inclusion and shared dignity under the law. The Urban League believes the opportunities that emerge from closing these gaps will benefit business, industry, and the greater community, and create a sustainable and dynamic future for everyone. With our tradition of success, coupled with support from every sector of the community, the Urban League is destined to remain the leading entity for social and economic equality as the new century continues to unfold.

During the past year, the Urban League has served more than 15,000 citizens through an array of advocacy and direct service programs housed within our Center of Education and Youth Development, Center of Workforce and Economic Development, and our Center of Policy and Social Justice. These important programs include Urban League Head Start; Project Ready; Parent Information Center; Education Empowerment Program; Office of Workforce Development; the Women's Business Resource Center and Entrepreneurship Center; and Policy and Social Justice Initiatives.

REVEREND SAMSON "SKIP" ALEXANDER

One of New Orleans' last original civil rights leaders, Reverend Doctor Samson "Skip" Alexander was born July 20, 1930 and raised in the Gert Town & Magnolia neighborhoods of New Orleans, having attended Daneel Elementary, Gilbert Academy, and Booker T. Washington High School prior to joining the U.S. Air Force in 1947. While stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Denver, Colorado, he organized fellow African-American airmen to oppose segregation and the base was ultimately integrated. After an honorable discharge from the service, he was one of the first blacks employed at the U.S. Customs House on Canal Street.

As an Eyewitness to History, Reverend Alexander was in attendance on February 14, 1957 when the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded at New Zion Baptist Church. One of his photographs features Martin Luther King, Jr. with the late Judge Israel Augustine, which now hangs on the wall of Little Dizzie's Restaurant.

At a time when unions were unpopular in the black community, Reverend Alexander worked tirelessly across the nation with the AFL-CIO and the AFSCME organizations to assist defenseless black laborers who had no voice in negotiating for their rights. It was during this time that he was called on by Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Memphis, Tennessee and support the garbage workers strike. Dr. King was scheduled to meet with Reverend Alexander and the garbage workers on the evening of his assassination.

Reverend Alexander helped to bring an end to the systematic abuse of black customers & employees of the former Bode's Venus Garden store. After organizing a successful boycott of the store, it was forced to stop selling rotting meat to blacks. He also organized a successful strike of the former Baumer Foods; where black workers had been abused for generations. Finally, after a successful strike of West Jefferson Hospital, new standards were put in place to allow fair and equitable paths to career advancement for blacks seeking to move up in the medical field.

As a community mentor, Reverend Alexander has been a hidden force behind the scene for many a successful politician. He was a part of the strategic planning that helped to elect our first black mayor, civil sheriff, and congressman from the 2nd district since reconstruction.



Reverend Alexander has a cable television and weekly radio show dedicated to remembering our history. Through his lectures, speeches, photographs, and recordings, he continues to be an inspiration to many. He survives his wife, Theresa Jarrow Alexander, who passed during the aftermath of Katrina and is the proud father of two sons (Samson Joseph Alexander (deceased) and Jerome Gregory Alexander as well as three daughters (Gloria Irvin of Marietta, Ga; Joanne & Jacqueline Alexander of New Orleans).

FLOZELL DANIELS, JR

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Flozell Daniels, Jr., CEO & President of Foundation for Louisiana (formerly the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation), is a public policy and community engagement strategist with expertise in community development, resilience building, legislative strategy, and leadership development. With a focus on building successful coalitions that increase success in expanding economic opportunity for all, Flozell is accomplished in expanding capacity and outcomes in areas that include community development finance, criminal justice reform, coastal/environmental policy, transit equity, and asset development. Flozell has led more than \$50 million of award-winning community investment strategies while at the Foundation.

Prior to his appointment at the Foundation, Flozell served as Tulane University's Assistant Vice-President & Executive Director of State and Local Affairs for nine years. Before that, he cut his public policy and community engagement teeth as an Urban Policy Specialist & Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Mayor, Division of Federal and State Programs for the City of New Orleans.

In his civic capacity, Flozell currently serves as Ex-officio & Policy Committee Chair of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans Board of Directors, where he was honored with the first-ever Distinguished Service Award for board leadership after serving five years as the post-Katrina Chair leading critical recovery efforts. Flozell is also a founding member and Board Chairman of the Orleans Public Education Network; a Mayoral-appointed commissioner for the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority; the Supreme Court Chief Justice appointee to the Louisiana Public Defender Board; a founding member of the Greater New Orleans Funders Network; steering committee member of the first of its kind New Orleans White House Local Resource Network; an advisory member of the ResilienceNOLA/100 Resilient Cities Initiative; and has served as a commissioner of the Mayor's Working Group on Criminal Justice Reform in New Orleans that led to historic reductions in jail size.

Flozell is a 2013 graduate of University of Oxford Saïd Business School's Impact Investing Programme, 2011 Fellow of the Opportunity Agenda Communications Institute, a life Fellow of the Louisiana Effective Leadership Program, an alumnus of Leadership Louisiana and a graduate of the Metropolitan Leadership Forum. Flozell has an MBA from the A.B. Freeman School of Tulane University, a BA in Biological Sciences from the University of New Orleans, and spent six years doing materials research for the USDA. A New Orleans native who was raised in the Freret neighborhood, Flozell has a daughter, and spends free time enjoying second lines, festivals, and other celebrations of Louisiana's amazing culture.



UNITED WAY OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA

MICHAEL WILLIAMSON, PRESIDENT & CEO

Michael L. Williamson is President and CEO of United Way of Southeast Louisiana (UWSELA) serving Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington parishes and has had a pivotal role helping the 1.3 million people of the seven-parish region better their lives and communities since 2005. During that time, he served as Vice President of Field Leadership at United Way of America (UWA) in Alexandria, VA and provided overall management and leadership to the UWA Hurricane Response and Recovery Fund developed in Hurricane Katrina's wake. At that time, his desire to assist this area became ever stronger and when presented with the opportunity to serve here, he accepted it enthusiastically.

Williamson hit the ground running, creating new opportunities and developing community partnerships with sports teams and individual players, new businesses and a growing volunteer base. As Chief Operating Officer at UWSELA, Williamson was responsible for all fund-raising campaign activities and related committees. He oversaw campaign and marketing staff to assure United Way conducted an effective annual campaign.

Some of United Way's biggest challenges and successes have come in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Isaac, the BP Oil Spill, and most recently the August, 2016 Floods. Before the rain stopped falling, Williamson had people on the ground and a page created on United Way's website to begin collecting critical funding. All together more than \$1.1 million dollars was raised; over \$1.4 million collected and distributed in much needed supplies; and volunteers took the opportunity to spend 1,700+ hours helping their neighbors.

Under Williamson's leadership, United Way has developed a Blueprint for Prosperity with a framework to eradicate poverty in southeast Louisiana. United Way has a bold vision of equitable communities where all individuals are healthy, educated, and economically stable.

Williamson has ensured UWSELA is strategically investing in programs, initiatives, collaborations and advocacy efforts to meet the greatest needs. This year United Way is funding 78 programs in 54 agencies. In addition, UWSELA is hard at work developing programs focused on issues like financial literacy, early grade reading, and preparing our youth for jobs.

Williamson has a B.S. in Marketing from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. He has served as President of United Way of Aiken County, Aiken, SC and Director, Resource Development/Executive Director ATC Foundation, Aiken Technical College, Aiken, SC. He is married and has two sons. The family resides in Mandeville, Louisiana.



LEADERS OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MOVEMENT

Future

The Urban League of Louisiana Young Professionals – Greater New Orleans Chapter is an Urban League of Louisiana volunteer auxiliary of young professionals between the ages of 21- 40. The group is committed to promoting and supporting the mission and goals of the Urban League of Louisiana through volunteerism, fundraising and membership development.

The New Orleans Chapter is celebrating ten years of service to the Greater New Orleans area. In the past decade, the NOLAYP has participated in a variety of community empowerment projects and activities which involved everything from feeding the hungry, to neighborhood clean-ups, voter registration drives and civic social justice forums. In addition to their community work, NOLAYP has also become renown for their professional development activities and partnership efforts with other young professional organizations.

JADE BROWN-RUSSELL

Jade Brown-Russell is a founding member and the inaugural President of the Urban League of Greater New Orleans Young Professionals. A proud native of New Orleans, Jade is Principal of JD Russell Consulting, LLC (“JDR”), a full service consulting firm focusing on regulatory compliance, legal counsel, corporate turnaround/workout services and governmental relations.

Under Jade’s leadership, JD Russell Consulting has grown from a “solo shop” to a team of ten professionals who focus on providing results-driven strategies and outcomes for their clients. The JDR team works collaboratively with several public and private agency clients, including the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District and the New Orleans Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Jade remains civically involved in several organizations including the City of New Orleans’ 2018 Tricentennial Commission’s Community Engagement Committee, the Urban League of Louisiana Board of Directors and serves on the boards of Bricolage Academy, Ashe Cultural Arts Center and the Arts Council of New Orleans.

Jade is co-author of the Amazon Best Seller, “Champions Never Tell”, and she co-hosts two radio shows: Pumps, Pearls and Politics on WBOK 1230 AM (New Orleans) and Momentum Mondays WQSW 100.5FM (Indianapolis).

Jade earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, in Political Science from Howard University, where she was named a Patricia Roberts Harris Fellow. She earned her Juris Doctorate, cum laude, from Southern University Law Center. Jade is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Links Incorporated. She is the proud mother of 12 year-old daughter, Jadon, and 5 year-old, Dorsett.



JONATHAN SUMTER

Jonathan Sumter served as president of the Urban League Young Professionals from 2010-2012 and was a part of the team that successfully executed the National Urban League Conference in NOLA.

Jonathan is an ardent, accomplished, culturally competent, charismatic professional with more than 15 years of experience in leadership, development, management and supervision of complex stressful situation. He is also a devoted family man, entrepreneur and compassionate ecumenical leader.

A Southern University at New Orleans graduate with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. After graduating from college Jonathan worked with the foster youth of New Orleans, Boy's Town of Louisiana and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), where he inspired and motivated the underrepresented youth to achieve their dreams. Jonathan is a visionary, game changer and a future leader for his generation with a passionate commitment to maintain its cultural footprint. Jonathan Sumter will continue to use his voice to empower a generation.



RICARDO THOMAS

Ricardo Thomas served as president of the Urban League Young Professionals from 2013-2015. He is a graduate of Loyola University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. He is a Registered Financial Consultant, Chartered Federal Employee Benefits Consultant, Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Examiners and Fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners. He became a fully licensed investment broker at the age of 19.

He is a practicing financial consultant and is the president of Thomas-Waddell & Associates, Inc. Mr. Thomas is also a member of the International Association of Registered Financial Consultants and the American College of Forensic Examiners. He is also involved in the community by serving as a board member for the past 14 years for Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Louisiana where he is currently corporate secretary and serves on several committees including chairing the fundraising/marketing committee.

He is also a board member of the Urban League of Louisiana and is the current president of the Urban League Guild. Additionally, he serves on the Executive Council for WWNO FM radio.



JAMEETA YOUNGBLOOD

Jameeta Youngblood served as president of the Urban League Young Professionals from 2016-2017. She is a proud, native New Orleanian with an affinity for service to her community. Ms. Youngblood earned her Master of Business Administration and Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Nicholls State University.

Jameeta is the Business Manager at 89.9FM WWNO radio station (NPR's New Orleans affiliate). In this position she has helped to enhance WWNO's financial strength by supporting the corporate underwriting program, which accounts for one third of WWNO's income.



Ms. Youngblood currently serves as Board Secretary for Girl Scouts Louisiana East and is a member of the District 2 Education Community Council. She was a part of the Urban League of Louisiana's Urban Leaders for Equity and Diversity (ULEAD) inaugural cohort. She has previously served on the Board of Directors for the Urban League of Louisiana and the New Orleans Women & Children's Shelter; as President, Vice President, Parliamentarian and Communication's Secretary for the Urban League of Louisiana Young Professionals -

New Orleans Chapter; as Co-Event Chair for Relay for Life of New Orleans; and as Director of Membership for EngageNOLA.

DEBORAH ANDERSON

Deborah Anderson is the current president of the Urban League Young Professionals. She is an Animation Specialist for Louisiana Economic Development - FastStart where she translates illustrations and photographs into 3D stills and animations for company training materials and community college instruction. She is also an adjunct professor at Loyola University - New Orleans.

In her free time, Deborah teaches adults and children 3D animation through workshops and classes. She has worked with the NOLA Mini Maker Faire, Youth Empowerment

Project, Louisiana Delta Community College and NOCCA. Additionally, Deborah is currently the President of the Urban League of Louisiana Young Professionals - Greater New Orleans (NOLAYP) where she has started initiatives such as the Well-Rounded Professional Program, a professional development program for members and the NOLAYP swimming initiative that works with NORD to provide swimming lessons to minority young professionals for free.



Future

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS – A DECADE OF DIFFERENCE

For ten years, the NOLA Young Professionals (YP) have provided service, civic leadership and volunteerism to the community. YP has been intentional in their efforts in creating partnerships to build networking opportunities for young professionals throughout the city, including the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, the Greater New Orleans Foundation and 504Ward.

The Young Professionals impact has been demonstrated through critical community service, including the National Urban League Conference in New Orleans, "I AM Empowered" Voter registration initiatives, visits to the Ronald McDonald House, Ozanam Inn, Second Harvest Food Bank, and donations of consumer goods to community programs. To ensure New Orleans families were protected, the Young Professionals also partnered with the N.O. Fire Department and the Red Cross, to install smoke detectors in homes.

Other community service projects include Disaster Recovery efforts, Christmas gift giving for children, and the "On the Money" Financial Literacy Program in partnership with the Black MBA Association. In an effort to promote breast Cancer awareness and education, YP launched the Pink Ribbon Jazz Brunch, which became a signature chapter event annually. During the 2013 Super Bowl, YP worked in partnership with the NFL and the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation to identify five parks across the City that were in need of refurbishing. Because of the organization's success and service in New Orleans, the YP's were featured in a Walmart commercial, bringing national attention to the work of the local chapter.

Throughout YP's ten years, partnerships were strengthened with the faith-based community, leading to the launch of "Faith in Action". Through "Faith in Action", YP coordinated comprehensive resource fairs for the community through Community Action Sundays and Community Action Saturdays. YP also launched a partnership with Miller Coors and Kenny Smith, retired professional basketball player, to provide basketball equipment to local gyms. Most recently, the YP, Millers Coors and Pelicans partnership led to refurbishing the basketball court at A.L. Davis Park.

Program

Entertainment.....	T-Ray the Violinist
Opening.....	Camille Whitworth, Mistress of Ceremonies Professional Journalist Entrepreneur & Civic Activist
Welcome.....	Honorable LaToya Cantrell Mayor, City of New Orleans
Remarks.....	Marc H. Morial President & CEO National Urban League
Remarks.....	Chris A. D'Amour Partner, Adams & Reese, LLP Chairman of the Board Urban League of Louisiana
Remarks and Presentation of Gala Chairperson.....	Erika McConduit President & CEO Urban League of Louisiana
2018 Chairperson Remarks.....	William Goldring Chairman Goldring and Woldenberg Foundations and Sazerac
2018 Recognitions.....	Erika McConduit
The Toast.....	Chief Justice Bernette Johnson Louisiana State Supreme Court
Entertainment.....	Lejit featuring Roi Anthony

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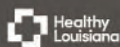
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