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As we near the end of Women’s History Month, we’d like to take a moment to introduce you to women in New Orleans who are diligently engaged on multiple fronts and driving forces behind some of the most important industries and organizations in the city. Not only are they considered some of the best and brightest in their respective fields, but they have made significant impacts in and on our community, and they serve people with a passion for the culture. Let’s meet the women ensuring the future of New Orleans.

GOVERNMENT: Meet Candace N. Newell, Esq.
– State Representative, Louisiana District 99

Candace Newell, a former teacher, has been a practicing attorney for five years and has represented District 99 for the last four. When the much-debated issue of Black women’s hair became a national conversation/obsession, Newell led the charge to pass the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair Act, or CROWN Act, which prohibits employment discrimination based on hairstyles and hair textures historically associated with race. With Governor John Bel Edwards signature, it capped a two-year effort and made Louisiana the first Southern state to pass a law protecting against hair discrimination.

EDUCATION: Meet Adrinda “Drin” Kelly
– Executive Director, BE NOLA

New Orleans raised and Harvard trained, Adrinda Kelly embodies the words, “Be the change you want to see.” As Executive Director of Black Education for New Orleans, whose mission is to support Black educators and Black-led schools to provide a quality education to New Orleans children; Kelly has overseen the delivery of high-impact programs to more than 1,000 Black educators, quadrupled BE NOLA’s base of actively engaged supporters, and launched several new funding strategies, successfully adding more than \$2M to the organization’s budget. Kelly has earned numerous awards for her work as a nonprofit leader. Most recently, in February, she was selected for the 2023 Black Changemakers Program by the PepsiCo Foundation and Doritos SOLID BLACK, which included a \$50,000 grant and leadership development training.

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HEALTHCARE: Meet Dr. Lauren Teverbaugh – Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, Tulane School of Medicine

Dr. Lauren Teverbaugh wears many hats. Triple board certified in Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry, she currently serves as Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Tulane School of Medicine, Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Psychiatrist at both Children's Hospital and Community Health Center, JeffCare, and supervises clinical services provided by trainees in Jefferson and Orleans Parish school-based health clinics. When she's not cultivating the next generation of medical professionals, Dr. Teverbaugh – who's also a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics – provides clinical direction as part of emPOWER NOLA, a group comprised of fellow New Orleans Community healthcare workers who are Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars. Their project, "Training Community Leadership of Naturally Occurring Social Networks to Improve Access of Children Suffering from Trauma to Mental Health Services;" trains New Orleans' culture bearers on how to recognize trauma-affected children, and links them to trauma informed care to support youth who have lived through profoundly traumatic events.

LAW: Meet Judge Rachael Johnson – Division D, Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit

Judge Rachael Johnson was first elected as Judge of Civil District Court, Division B in Orleans Parish, from 2017 to 2022, and now serves as Judge for Division D of the Louisiana Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit. Judge Johnson attended Spelman College in Atlanta, GA where she received a B.A. in Psychology. She also holds a Master's in Social Work from Smith College in Northampton, MA, and she practiced clinical and adoption social work in Atlanta before returning to New Orleans to attend Tulane Law School. Her education and experience, including 12 years as a lawyer, make her a uniquely qualified jurist in a unique and, sometimes, complex legal system. Judge Johnson's ability to discern situations and interpret Louisiana and U.S. Constitutional Law helped her to be re-elected without opposition to Civil District Court, in 2020, and win election for the 1st District Judge of the Louisiana 4th Circuit Court of Appeal outright in last November's primary. In 2022, Judge Johnson received the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Legal Society's prestigious Ernest N. Mo-



Adrinda Kelly



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Judge Rachael Johnson



Risa Hall

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SPORTS: Meet Risa Hall – Senior Director, Administration & Major Events - Allstate Sugar Bowl

Risa Hall is a name you should know. She has either led or been involved in some

of the biggest sporting events in the country, including the NFL Super Bowl, NBA All-Star, and NCAA Men's and Women's Final Fours. As the Senior Director for Administration and major events for the third longest-running bowl game, the Allstate Sugar Bowl, Hall is responsible for managing internal operations and communication

for a staff of 11, and producing large-scale sporting events, including the College Football Playoff. She also directs logistics and budget forecasting, arranges transportation/lodging for 300 athletes and associates, and works with local and state entities to accommodate 100,000 visitors and fans, annually. Hall, who previously held

positions with the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation and Houston Texans, earned degrees from Xavier University of Louisiana (Bachelor's) and the University of North Texas (Master's), and completed the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program, "The Business of Entertainment, Media and Sports," in June 2022.

Bayou Phoenix Updates and Information

Kenneth Cooper
Blacksourcemedia.com

Good things are coming to the East, finally. The long vacant Six Flags site is officially set to become Bayou Phoenix. As planned, Bayou Phoenix is set to become an amusement park and transportation hub that should bring economic development to the East and city in general.

Think 504 recently sat down with Troy Henry, the man behind Bayou Phoenix, to see what people can expect now that the city has signed off on the deal.

So, what's next now that you finally got the go ahead for Bayou Phoenix?

The next thing is we have a public meeting on the 27th of March at Franklin Ave Baptist Church. You know, it's a public meeting to get



New Orleans Businessman Troy Henry.

public input.

Wait, that's in the East, right, not actually on Franklin?

Yeah, that's right. And it's the first of 3 things we have to do to finalize the lease.

And that's on behalf of the city?

Correct. Like I said, it's the first of three things. One is to produce an economic impact analysis, which we've already done. We just haven't presented it yet. The second is a master plan, which is done as well. And the third is to have a public meeting where we collect public input. That's the purpose of the upcoming meeting.

After you fulfill the three requirements, how long do you think it will take to have

Bayou Phoenix up and running?

Well, so our time frame is a 42-month schedule. We think we can have our development done in that time frame. And that's, you know, from the day we signed the lease.

Hold up, 3 ½ years? You telling me I gotta wait 3 ½ years to tell my wife, hey let's go to Bayou Phoenix and make out on the Ferris wheel?

(Laughs) Hey, brother, good things take time, you know, good things take time, you know what I mean. Some of it will be completed perhaps sooner. But we're not making any promises at all on that piece.

I'm sure somebody has asked you this before, or maybe they haven't, but what made you pick Phoenix as the name?

Well, you know it was just one of my colleagues, from our partners, he thought that just the rising after all these years. He was thinking of something positive rising out of the bayou.

That's fitting, considering the development in the East, and also how long it's not only taken to get the deal done, but how long the site has sat vacant.

Yeah, it took a lot longer than we ever imagined, but no sense in looking back. We're just focusing on the positive.

Yeah, that's right. But, you know, who knows if we'll even keep that name. In fact, we'll ask people if

they think there's a better name.

Really? So that's something you'll bring up at the meeting?

I think so. If there's something somebody comes up with that's better for it, you know, a perfect fit, then cool. We're open to suggestions.

At the meeting will there be some type of visual presentation so people can get a feel for what's coming?

Definitely. It's going to be a highly visual presentation. You'll visually be able to see the entire project, the renderings. At the meeting, I think the public will get a chance to see exactly what Bayou Phoenix is going to look like.

Oh alright, that sounds cool.

Yeah, I think it's going to be pretty cool.

Did the city make any demands on y'all, as far as a minimum wage and things like that?

Yeah, we have a wage requirement and a non-discrimination requirement, you know, those kinds of items.

Standard process, I guess?

Yeah, nothing we felt was difficult to deal with. And it was nothing we wouldn't have done anyway. So, agreeing to that wasn't a big deal. For our people we view this as a career opportunity, not, you know, just some type of means to an end.

Well, that sounds like just what the East and really the city overall needs. I'm sure you're excited, and it sounds like this thing is really about to take off.

It is. And yeah, we're excited. We're looking forward to going full speed ahead and getting everything done. It's going to be a great process.

It sounds like Mr. Henry and his partners have something really special planned for the East. With all that's going on in the city, this is a story to feel good about. So, mark the date on your calendars. March 27th, next Monday. That's the meeting where the public can show up and give your input. Who knows, you may be the one to give the park its official name.

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UNCF Mayor’s Masked Ball, March 25, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans

Data News Staff Edited
Report

Celebrating a Mission of
Pursuing Excellence

The UNCF Mayor’s Masked Ball is one of New Orleans’ signature fundraising galas and premier social events of the year, focusing on raising awareness of the need and benefits of a college education, the students UNCF serves and the contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

This must-attend event is full of fun, fashion, glitz and glamour that supports UNCF’s mission of investing in better futures for the young men and women we serve and by helping them move to and through college.

This year’s event will feature cuisine from the Leah Chase Legacy Chefs and Hyatt Regency Pastry Chef, Milan Smith.

The music line-up includes T-Ray the Violinist, Chris Walker and Grammy Award Winning Artist, Regina Bell.

This year’s honorees are Henry

L. Coaxum, Jr., CEO of Coaxum Enterprises and Paul Flower, CEO of Woodward Design+Build.

The chairpersons of
this year’s event are
Gayle Benson and
Michael O. Smith.

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This three-pronged approach is powerful: Since their founding in 1944, we’ve helped to more than double the number of minorities



Grammy Award Winning singer and actress Regina Belle will perform at the 10th Annual UNCF Mayor’s Masked Ball.

attending college. The six-year graduation rate for UNCF African American scholarship recipient is 70%. This is 11% higher than the national average and 31% higher than the national average for all African Americans.

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National Newspaper Publishers Association Visits the White House

During the National Newspaper Publishers Association's Annual Black Press Week in Washington, DC, we were invited to the White House for a briefing on the Economic Status of America and the Biden Administration's relationship with the African American Community.

We were graciously welcomed by Erica P. Loewe, Director of African American Media for the White House and Karina Jean-Pierre, Press Secretary for President Joe Biden.



The National Newspaper Publishers Association visited the White House and was greeted by Karina Jean-Pierre, Press Secretary to President Joe Biden.



After attending a luncheon honoring Bennie Thomas, Democratic Congressman for Mississippi, he joined the group for a photo. Pictured left to right – Bobby Henry, Publisher, Westside Gazette, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Clovis Campbell, Publisher, Arizona Informer, Phoenix, AZ, Congressman Bennie Thomas, and Terry B. Jones, Publisher, New Orleans Data News Weekly.



Erica P. Loewe, Director of African American Media for the White House, pictured with Terry B. Jones, Publisher/CEO of New Orleans Data News Weekly.

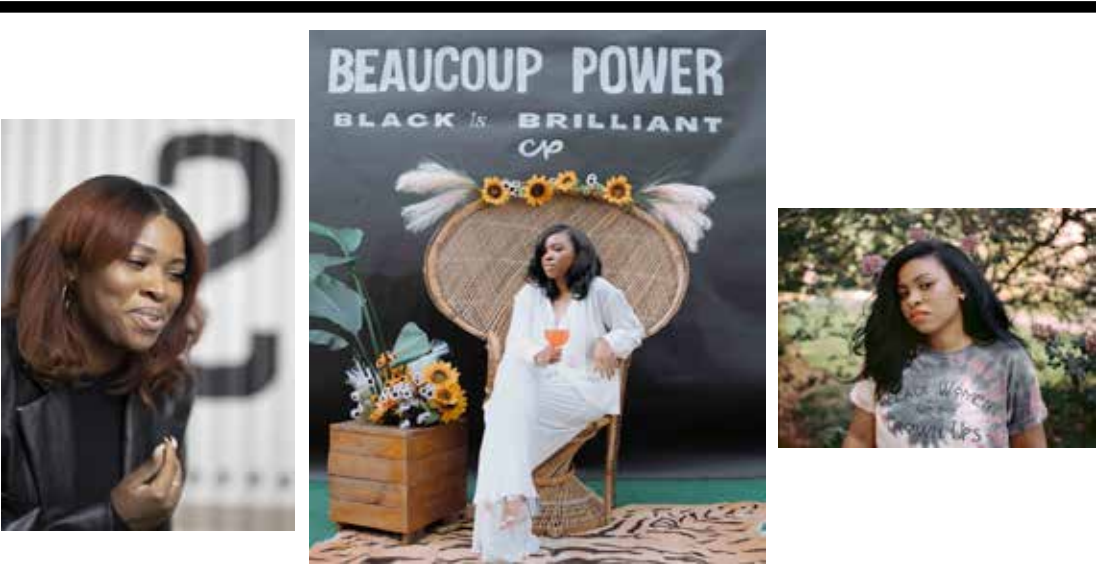


Terry Jones, Publisher of Data News Weekly takes the opportunity for a photo opt at the podium.



Karina Jean-Pierre, Press Secretary to President Biden, pictured with Terry Jones, Publisher, Data News Weekly.

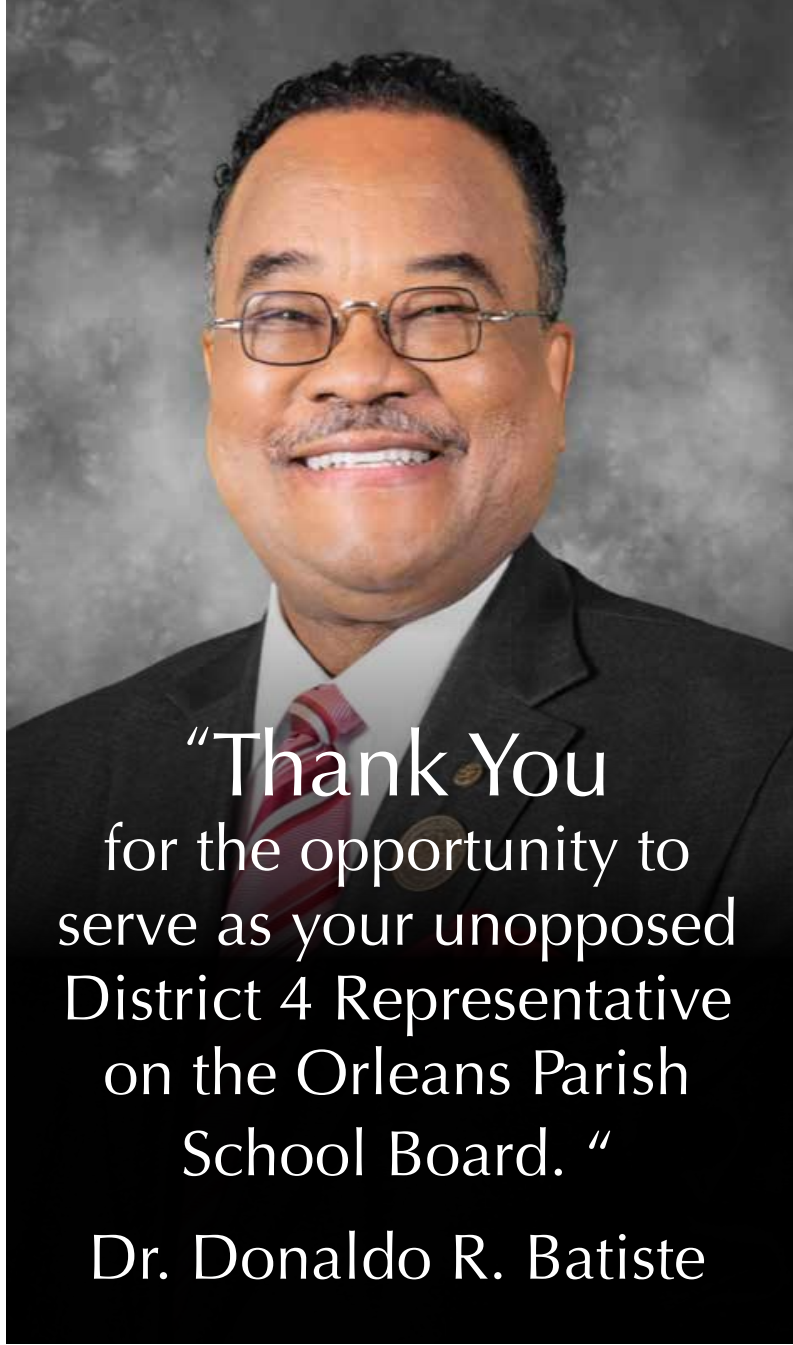
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Stevona "Stevie" Elem-Rogers is the Chief of Community Programs and Partnerships at Black Education For New Orleans (BE NOLA), and the founder and creator of BE NOLA’s Black Is Brilliant Institute. She is also a womanist writer, educator, and orator with a passion for innovative examination and advocacy of Black culture and womanhood.


Curating the programming and community at BE NOLA allows Stevie to join together all of her passions. As Black women still make up the majority of Black teachers in the United States, Stevie finds it a duty and a legacy to advocate in person and by pen for the right of these educators to mold Black futures.

A former English teacher in New Orleans Public Schools, Stevie is a true force of nature, dedicated to uplifting the story and legacy of Black education in New Orleans. Through her work at BE NOLA, the Black Is Brilliant Institute, and her personal platform, Black Women Are for Grownups (BWAFGU), she is a curator of joyful, rigorous experiences that challenge and inspire everyone they touch.




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Terry B. Jones, Publisher, New Orleans Data News Weekly

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Dillard to Host the Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Achiever's Open House Workshop on March 25th

New Orleans Agenda

NEW ORLEANS — Dillard's School of STEM will host an open house workshop for the upcoming Verizon Innovative Learning STEM Achievers Program on Saturday, March 25th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dillard's campus in the Professional Schools and Sciences Building (PSB).

Dillard partnered with Verizon to offer this free immersive enrichment program to empower middle school students, 5th - 8th grades, in under-resourced communities to explore STEM subjects, learn problem-solving skills and gain exposure



to career opportunities in technology fields.

Participating students will learn about design thinking, 3D printing, augmented reality and social entrepreneurship, in addition to receiving mentorship, access to next-gen technology and hands-on training. The workshop is inclusive and welcomes all genders and nonbinary youth. Designed to create a more diverse pipeline for future careers in STEM fields, no prior knowledge or experience is required.

For more information about the open house workshop, contact Treshayne Tuircuit at vilmm@dillard.edu or 504-816-409

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Sci High Alumni Ryan Batiste will Team Up with the School's Jazz Ensemble Band to Commemorate Its 30th Anniversary with a Fundraiser Celebration.

The Celebration will feature a live performance by Tarriona "Tank" Ball of Tank and The Bangas
Data News Staff Edited Report

NEW ORLEANS - As Sci High gears up for its 30th Anniversary Celebration on Thursday, April 6, we're proud to announce Alumni Ryan Batiste will deliver a special performance with the school's jazz ensemble at the VIP reception! The event's lineup includes performances by Tarriona "Tank" Ball of the Grammy-nominated group Tank and the Bangas, Mykia Jovan, T-Ray The Violinist, and



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T-Ray The Violinist Mykia Jovan Stooges Brass Band
Tarriona "Tank" Ball

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Stooges Brass Band.

Ryan comes from a notable line of musicians, the Batiste family, who have been in the music industry for 50 years. With his family, Ryan has headlined stages in countries worldwide, including the Joy of Jazz Festival in South Africa, the Jazz Festival in Paris, and the Acura stage at the New Orleans Jazz Festival.

A fundraising event, this year's theme is "Honoring Our Past...Preparing For Our Future." Partygoers will enjoy an evening of delicious food by NeauxLA RollA and Creole Tomateaux, a phenomenal silent auction, and a complimentary full bar.

"The impact that Sci

High has had on New Orleans' youth and the surrounding community can be seen in the success stories surrounding our existence," said Erica Duroseau, Executive Director of the Foundation for Science and Mathematics Education, the school's charitable benefactor. "We are committed to providing high-quality educational opportunities to all students who are interested, regardless of their backgrounds and history."

To support this year's event, tickets can be purchased at <https://bit.ly/scihigh30party>. For sponsorship info, email eduroseau@nolafsmc.org or call (504) 710-5217.



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The State of the Black Press in America in 2023 is strong, resilient, and getting stronger day by day.

Black Press Week culminated with National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., delivering the State of the Black Press.

More than 30 NNPA publishers and journalists followed up the address with a special White House visit in which Shalanda Young, the director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, and White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre spoke exclusively to the group.

Young, the first Black woman to lead the White House budget of-



Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. delivering the State of the Black Press Address.

fice, detailed the importance of the President's fiscal plan to communities of color.

Jean-Pierre engaged the NNPA in her office, where she promised

that the administration has continued to push for equity and equality for Black Americans.

"I would happily argue with anyone that this administration has

done more for Black people than any other administration in history," Jean-Pierre proclaimed.

Though she acknowledged there's still more work needed leg-

islatively, Jean-Pierre noted what the Biden-Harris administration has accomplished through executive orders and legislation like the American Rescue Plan, the Child Tax Credit, a historic more than \$6 billion to HBCUs, and other measures.

"The president," she said, "ensured that our community didn't get left behind."

Before the trip to the West Wing, Dr. Chavis delivered a searing message about where the Black Press stands as the institution celebrates its 196th year.

The March 17 luncheon at the National Press Club included remarks from Mississippi Democratic Congressman Bennie Thompson, who highlighted the crucial need for a thriving Black Press and broke the kind of news sure to go viral.

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