

## **Clayton County Public Schools**

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#### **Clayton County Public Schools Alumni Association Established**

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) announces the launch of the CCPS Alumni Association, a newly established organization that will help build a bridge between the district and its graduates and create pathways for alumni to give back to their communities.

The CCPS Alumni Association is the first of its kind, establishing a county-wide organization for all alumni in the region. This effort is led by Ms. Jasmine Bowles, a CCPS alumna of Lovejoy High School who is serving her second term on the Clayton County Board of Education. Ms. Bowles is joined by numerous alumni from Clayton County Public Schools as founding board members. The mission of the CCPS Alumni Association is to build community by fostering lifelong relationships between alumni and the school district and to create a platform for alumni volunteerism and philanthropy.

The Alumni Association will host a variety of meetings and events throughout the upcoming school year to recruit and welcome more alum to the organization. The CCPS Alumni Association will offer networking opportunities, connect scholars and members to career paths and professions, and foster a sense of community among neighbors and citizens.

"Over 3,200 students graduate from CCPS each year, and our scholars go on to do incredible things! The CCPS Alumni Association is an opportunity to bring everyone together, united as a collective resource for the next generation and for each other. Part of our mission is to cultivate pride and expose scholars to a legacy of excellence beyond traditional prototypes, broadening perspectives about what it means to be from Clayton County. We should measure ourselves by how well our children are doing, and the alumni of CCPS are committed to doing our part," stated Ms. Jasmine Bowles, President of the CCPS Alumni Association, Lovejoy High School Alumni, and Clayton County Board of Education Member.

"The vision extends beyond the classroom to inspire fellow alumni to engage in service projects, outreach efforts, volunteering at schools, participating in empowerment sessions to support students, and partnering with other organizations to mobilize efforts to make a lasting impact throughout the community," stated Mr. Andy Sykes, CCPS Director of Technical Operations, Vice President of CCPS Alumni Association and Riverdale High School Alumni.

The Clayton County Public Schools Alumni Association is a diverse board composed of alumni from throughout the district. The Association is committed to supporting district scholars, staff, and their families by working together to ensure the students of Clayton County successfully graduate in pursuit of choice-filled lives!

For more information on how to join and partner in ongoing efforts to support the foundation and its mission, please see the CCPS Alumni video link <u>https://youtu.be/4q0BHy2rSB8</u> visit Facebook: @CCPSAlum, Instagram: @CCPSAlum and Twitter: @CCPSAlum.

Charter Alumni Board Officers:

President: Jasmine Bowles Vice President: Andy Sykes Secretary: Jenifer Curtis Treasurer: Dr. Rae Lundy Media Chair: Chablis Corder Talent Relations and Partnerships Chair: Donny Carrington Events and Marketing Chairs: Hyla Penn, Dr. Lauren Soles Membership, Outreach & Recruitment Chairs: Danny Nagel, Pierre Bowles, Alfred Dixon

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**About Clayton County Public Schools:** Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.