



CLASS OF 2021



Samantha Vance

Bold. Passionate. Dedicated. Samantha Vance, migrated from a first-generation college graduate to a social entrepreneur, business owner, author, and motivational speaker. For over a decade, she has served in legislative, nonprofit, and association fields, raising close to \$1M for nonprofits, managing budgets of up to \$4.8M and building strong relationships with government leaders, corporations, and communities. Samantha launched her businesses while working full-time, exuding perseverance and resilience. Her business acumen can be visible through her work in operations management, executive consulting, and small business and nonprofit development.

As the Founder and Executive Director of Ladies Learning to Lead (L3), an organization that prepares young ladies in middle and high school for college, careers, and life, Ms. Sam as the youth call her, provides mentorship, professional development training, and life plans for young ladies. Samantha was appointed by Florida's Governor Ron DeSantis to serve on the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group. Samantha was selected as one of Tallahassee's top professional African Americans of the year for 2019 to be featured in the Tallahassee African American History Calendar created by Tallahassee Community College. Named one of Tallahassee Top 20 professionals Under 40, Samantha accepted the Authentic Community Engagement Award with Tallahassee's Network of Young Professionals. Samantha serves as the Board Chair for AMIkids Tallahassee, and Fundraising Chair for Tallahassee Healing Prayer Ministries.

Samantha is a graduate of Florida State University with a Bachelor's in Political Science, minor in Public Administration and holds a certificate in Nonprofit Executive Management from the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship. Samantha recently completed her Youth Resilience Coach certification through the Youth Coaching Institute.