

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PANEL SERIES

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12:00PM - 1:30PM

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Melita Carter - Natural Born leaders Academy, Founder & CEO

Through her desire for youth to prosper in the area of entrepreneurship, she envisioned Natural Born Leaders Academy to foster the students understanding of entrepreneurship and what it really takes to be a "Boss." Being the founder of Natural Born Leaders Academy (NBLA) has allowed her the unique opportunity to use the wisdom gained from watching her mother struggle to raise three children on her own had a major effect on and lit a fire inside of her to overcome poverty and become financially literate ensuring a better trajectory for her life.



Joseph Eldridge - Panel Moderator - 100 Black Men Indianapolis, Community Engagement/Volunteer Specialist

Joseph Eldridge is the Program, Volunteer and Community Engagement Specialist for the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis. In this capacity Joseph works to promote the value of organization's core mission of: men giving real time to positively impact the development and outcomes of youth in our communities. Prior to his role at the 100, he enjoyed a career working for a national non-profit organization in charity review, events management and web development. In his spare time, Joseph is an Associate Pastor at Purpose of Life Ministries, volunteer mentor at the Marion County Juvenile Justice Center along with several other community roles.

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Aundre G. Hogue - PFS Investments, Regional Vice President

Mr. Hogue owns and operates financial brokerages in Indianapolis, IN, Harlem and Manhattan, NY. He has a diversified background as an entrepreneur over the last 15 years which include being Co-Partner/VP of operations for a commercial flooring company (from 2006-2010) responsible for construction throughout the Midwest and Atlanta, Ga. Prior to sell, the company was responsible, in part, for construction and flooring for notable projects such as the Lucas Oil Stadium Indianapolis Airport and JW Marriott. Of all his professional commitments, he most enjoys mentoring at risk youth and teaching financial literacy in the community. Additionally, Mr. Hogue is a current board member for the 100 Black Men of Indianapolis and serves as the CFO for We Care Indy.



Chris Hoyt - Apprenace, Founder

Chris "The Brain" is the founder of Apprenace, a non-profit focused on helping people launch or switch careers through intern and apprentice programs, and COO of Marketing. Chris has worked with dozens of startups in Indy in marketing or consulting roles over the past two decades. His passion is in helping people overcome the chaos and uncertainty of the business world to succeed and thrive.

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NaShara Mitchell - Studio B, Founder; Design Bank, Co-Founder

NaShara Mitchell is a SUCCESS advocate, strategist, speaker, educator, entrepreneur and business owner, reframing gaps to opportunities for women, creatives and the underrepresented. Considering business and education as forms of social justice and catalysts for social innovation, Ms. Mitchell is the owner of two innovation spaces; Studio B (founder), and urban maker space providing impact in 3D. Formally, NaShara is a lecturer of Entrepreneurship and Innovation at Butler University.



Dani Williams - Entrepreneur; Creative Leader; Social Media Strategist

Having successfully run several online businesses as a professional network marketer, Dani's philosophy for success is centered on the principle of integrity, while building an empowering influence on social media. Dani created and cultivated extremely strong teams of entrepreneurs by developing simple systems and a solid team culture. Her personal social media brand & influence helped catapult her into the top < 1% of multiple companies, earning her company recognition and entrepreneurial education public speaking opportunities. Dani is now a creative leader that works on a one-on-one basis and in a team environment within The Creators Academy, helping to cultivate talent & develop leaders.

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