

UFSC-GKC Local President's Q1 Update



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Show-up, Step-up, and Speak-up with UFSC-GKC in 2022

Greetings valued partners and members! I am excited to serve as your local chapter president for Urban Financial Services Coalition of Greater Kansas City. During our State of the Chapter Address last month, we introduced executive board members and provided insight on our 2022 vision as we prepare to Show-up, Step-up, and Speak-up! We also took time to reflect on some of our awesome accomplishments from 2021. This newsletter is the first step towards our “Speak-up” initiative!

“If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



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Our mission is to enhance economic empowerment, educational advancement, and professional development for our ethnically and culturally diverse communities through financial literacy, educational programs, and professional development.

What we've been doing!

In 2021, UFSC-GKC's theme was “Elevate with UFSC-GKC”. We implemented that theme in all facets of our planning and various programs:

- We hosted Empowerment Sessions on the second Tuesdays of April, June, August, and September. The 2021 series focused on career elevation as we kicked-off the first session with career exploration and career pathing. During the session, we allowed our corporate partners to present on various types of positions they hire for, and the skills needed for the roles. The second session focused on interview preparedness as we took a deep dive into behavioural interviewing utilizing the STAR methodology. We also had three esteemed panelists share insight on their career journey. Our third session focused on networking and building a digital footprint. Our final session focused on elevating through branding and steps to take in building a strong brand.
- Toastmasters is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. UFSC-GKC felt it was necessary to ensure members are equipped and prepared with effective communication which is why we established and chartered the UFSC Empowered Leaders Toastmasters Club. This is a private club that we've made available to members in partnership with Toastmasters International. We've seen a significant improvement from participants and are looking to keep the momentum going in 2022!
- UFSC-GKC Mentorship Program endorses the preparation of future leaders through mentorship as we continue to develop our members into future leaders of our organizations and the



community. In 2021 we had a total of 16 members participate as a mentor or mentee.

- UFSC-GKC hosted its annual golf tournament on July 15, 2021. Proceeds from this event made it possible for us to provide educational scholarships and development. We are happy to announce that we dispersed \$10,000 in scholarship awards to minority students. Visit our [Scholarship Awards Reception](#) site to learn more about the 2022 recipients.
- Financial Literacy was noted as an area of opportunity for our local chapter as we aspired to partner in person with the School of Economics and Junior Achievements. Due to the pandemic, our plans were halted. However, we did support and participate in two financial literacy community events with Keys Realty Homes Tour and T-Nick Realty Kansas City, KS Community Festival.
- We closed the year with an awesome virtual scholarship awards ceremony at which the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Senior Vice President Community Engagement & Inclusion Division, Director of the Office of Minority & Women Inclusion, and UFSC valued partner, Tammy Edwards welcomed attendees. Keynote speaker Julee Jonez of Hot 103 Jamz shared her inspirational career journey and tips on career elevation. Lastly, we presented scholarship awards to 2022 recipients.

What to expect in 2022!

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- 1.** We will show-up with programs that are forward thinking, inclusive, and relevant by creating partnerships in the community!
- 2.** We will step up and continue to develop members with programs like toastmasters, mentorship, and empowerment sessions.
- 3.** We will speak up with financial literacy in our community as our approach will incorporate a creative and resilient mindset.

