



Date: September 2022

Dear Next OnBoard members,

It has been a fulfilling four years of service thus far with Next OnBoard. What started with general membership quickly evolved into two years as marketing chair and now two additional years culminating with governance chair. I have grown so much as a female leader and am grateful to each of you for the opportunity to lead such a thriving organization. We have our largest leadership team yet this year and I hope you are all seeing the benefits of such dedicated women through our membership benefits and unique event offerings that all support our impactful mission. This would not be possible without their time, energy and commitment so I want to take a moment to sincerely thank our 2022 leadership team for their support so far this year.

I am looking forward to the remainder of the year's programs, mentorship group learnings, networking opportunities and preparing our chair-elects to continue to lead in 2023! I hope to meet you all at an upcoming Next OnBoard or OnBoard event in the near future and encourage you to get to know our

members since they are some of the greatest women in the Atlanta area, though I may be biased. Here's to the next few months of 2022 and the years of success ahead for Next OnBoard!

With appreciation,

Kayla Draffin

2021-2022 Governance Chair

Member Spotlight: Kate Allan



Hometown: Knoxville, TN

Title: Senior Manager at Jabian Consulting

Education: Bachelors in Supply Chain Management from The University of Tennessee and MBA from Georgia Tech.

Why did you join Next OnBoard? I'm passionate about OnBoard's mission to increase the number of women in executive leadership and on corporate boards. I aspire to build the skills and network today that will prepare me for executive leadership in the future.

Please share a book, podcast, or publication that you would recommend to Next OnBoard members: My favorite book is The Confidence Code by Katty Kay & Claire Shipman. This book changed the way I view self-assurance and helped me find my voice as an individual and a leader.

Upcoming Event

Game Time: Winning in Corporate America as a Woman

Please join us on **October 5th** from 6-8 PM for our upcoming event with Elba Pareja-Gallagher, gender equity advocate and sustainability expert, as she connects the dots between leadership and sustainability to advance your

career. Elba's talk will be followed by a "speed dating" style networking event (discussion prompts provided). Click on the link to secure your spot today:

[Register Now](#)

This year, we've had a fantastic speaker series titled **Leading Women to Greatness: The Coaches You Never Knew You Needed!** We have enjoyed the events we've held so far in 2022 and can't wait to continue to host more later on this year.

Past Events

2022 Kick Off Networking & Wine Event - March 2022

Our 2022 kickoff event took place at Pour Brookhaven! Attendees had the opportunity to network with professionally driven women while enjoying a variety of South African wines. We loved seeing familiar faces and getting to make new connections at this fabulous event!



Get Your Head in the Game: Undoing Your Unconscious Programming - June 2022

The first event in our speaker series was hosted by Dr. Adrienne Rochelle Pinkney and held at Terminus Commons. Attendees learned how to cultivate "conscious creation through conscious choice" and also had the chance to get a new headshot.



Lace Up Your Sneakers: Stepping into Your Leadership Shoes - August 2022

The second event in the series was a virtual event led by executive coach, Diana Murphy. During this personalized session, Diana provided us with the tools we need to respond to day-to-day management challenges and stress.



OnBoard Reminders

Save the Date: OnBoard's Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award Dinner

This year's Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award Dinner, hosted by OnBoard, will be held on Thursday, **November 3rd** at the Delta Flight Museum. We are excited to celebrate 30 years of OnBoard and honor Kathy Waller.

If interested in volunteering prior to the event on November 3rd beginning promptly at 4pm, please email kayla.draffin@equifax.com. As a benefit for volunteering your time and energy, you will also receive free admission into the event. Be on the lookout for emails from OnBoard to be able to register for this incredible event!

OnBoard Member Directory

A huge benefit of being a member of the OnBoard organization is networking! Our member directory is the easiest way to connect with other members in our organization. Please make sure your information, including company

name, is up to date by logging into the [Member Portal](#) today. If you have trouble logging in, email info@onboardnow.org.

Next OnBoard's 2022 Group Mentorship Program

We are now halfway through this year's mentorship program, and we'd love to hear from you! If you are in a mentorship group, please take a moment to give us your feedback on this year's program by completing the survey by

October 16th: [Next OnBoard Mentorship Survey](#).

With nine mentors, this year's program is our most successful yet! We cannot thank our mentors enough for the time they're dedicating to young professionals in our organization.

1. Leslie Curl, Senior Executive & Advocate
2. Renee Ducre, Senior Director, Warner Media/Turner Sports
3. Mary Ford, CMO/CCO at Centegix
4. Susan B Hitchcock, TLG Advisory Board and Founder-Emeritus of WIL
5. Dori Miller, Principal at Collective Insights Consulting
6. Stefanie Paulos, Prior Assistant Vice President at the Coca-Cola Company
7. Rachel Perry, CPCU, Chief Innovation Officer, Commercial Risk North America at AON
8. Lily Prost, Executive Vice President and CHRO at J.M. Huber Corporate
9. Wanda Silva, Founder and President of Silva Capital Solutions, Inc.

2022 Next OnBoard Leadership Team

We have been fortunate to have ten incredible women serving on our 2022 leadership team! A huge thank you to the following people who have been instrumental in making this year possible:

Kayla Draffin, *Equifax*, Governance Chair

Kate Allan, *Jabian Consulting*, Governance Chair Elect

Dorrie Paradies, *UPS*, Membership Chair

Andria Smith, *UPS*, Membership Co-Chair Elect
Amanda Arboleda, *EY*, Membership Co-Chair Elect
Alexis Isom, *Aon*, Events Chair
Leigh Ellis, *Equifax*, Events Co-Chair Elect
Reem Krisht, *ADP*, Events Chair-Elect
Maddie Thykeson, *Gratus Capital*, Marketing Chair
Nikita Bansal, *Equifax*, Marketing Chair Elect

Are you interested in joining the Next OnBoard leadership team? The survey to nominate yourself or someone you know will become available this fall!

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Be sure to check out [Next OnBoard's event page](#) for more information as we plan our events for the remainder of 2022 and 2023!



Next OnBoard is an affinity group of OnBoard which provides early-career professionals the opportunity to connect with senior executives interested in OnBoard's mission, learn about board governance and the path to senior leadership, and expand their professional networks.