



**Jamal Malone**  
(Host & Facilitator)

Jamal Malone is the CEO of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., a human services agency and social enterprise serving over 10,000 people annually at over 70 program sites in Chicago, Wisconsin and Indiana. He previously served as COO and CFO for the National Children's Center, based in Washington DC. He has held supervisory positions at CVS Caremark and Office Max and was a Management Consultant with Ernst & Young. He also founded J&M Professional Services to provide strategic and financial consulting for small businesses, nonprofits, and civic organizations. Mr. Malone has received several distinguished awards and honors, including as a Leadership Greater Chicago 2018 Fellow, and Leadership Greater Washington 2014 Fellow. He has a BA in Accounting from Michigan State University, and MBA cum laude from the University of Notre Dame. He is an avid swimmer, chess player, and enjoys time with his wife and three sons.



**L. Michael Flanagan**

L. Michael Flanagan is the principal of Flanagan Injury Law Group, LLC. He practices in all areas of personal injury law with an emphasis on Wrongful Death. He is also a former associate at James D. Montgomery & Associates and Corboy & Demetrio, P.C. Since beginning his practice, Mr. Flanagan has garnered millions of dollars for his clients and has been named a Rising Star by Super Lawyers for five years in a row, a distinction awarded to only 2.5% of lawyers under 40 in the State of Illinois. He was also named among the Top 10 Under 40 Lawyers for the National Academy of Personal Injury Attorneys, and serves as a Mentor Tutor for the Chicago Bar Association Juvenile Mentoring Initiative. Mr. Flanagan is a graduate of Loyola University Chicago School of Law and J.D. Howard University.



**Maxwell Frempong**

Maxwell Frempong is the Chief Executive Officer of Frempong I & II, a Chicago-based general contracting firm. He demonstrated an early interest in construction and building as a student at Dubar Vocational High School where he majored in carpentry. He later pursued and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Tougaloo College and proceeded to launch his professional career as a family counselor and service connector. Mr. Frempong completed his first home construction projects in Chicago's Englewood and Roseland neighborhoods, reigniting his passion for real estate and construction. He became a licensed general contractor in 2008 and founded Frempong I & II in 2010. To date, he works on an array of commercial and residential restoration projects as well as federal, state, and local government contract work.



**Sean Gardiner**

Sean Gardiner is an entrepreneur, former educator, and live event producer who has spent more than twenty years creating impactful experiences through event rental services and interactive entertainment across the Chicagoland area. He is the owner of Let the World Know Party Rentals & Entertainment, and Can You Come Out and Play. His companies provide high-quality rentals, production support, and dynamic live experiences for schools, corporations, and private events. He worked in the insurance industry and later transitioned into teaching 7th and 8th grade math. Mr. Gardiner became successful in entertainment and event services while educating in the classroom and saw firsthand the importance of mentorship, leadership, and real-world preparation for young men.



**Brian Jackson**

Brian Jackson is a morning news anchor for Fox Chicago who grew up just outside the city in Matteson, IL. Around the 6th grade, he met a local sportscaster who inspired him to pursue a career in journalism. He began reading the announcements at church and attended Rich South High School where he wrote for the school newspaper. He went on to graduate from Howard University then spent about a decade working mainly behind the scenes at Comcast SportsNet. He later became a news anchor for WJXT-TV in Jacksonville, Florida; WTXL-TV in Tallahassee, Florida; and Fox 13 in Seattle. He returned to his hometown in 2024 and joined Fox 32 as co-anchor for Good Day Chicago. He can be seen pinch hitting for the sports department, covering the teams he grew up rooting for (it's Southsiders all day over the Cubs in case you were wondering). Outside of work, he enjoys being physically active. He has mentored for Big Brothers Big Sisters and volunteered at local schools in the cities he has worked in.



**Javid L. Jenkins**

Javid L. Jenkins is a man defined by resilience, faith, and a relentless drive to turn adversity into triumph. As the author of *Illegitimate: Redefining the Outcome*, he shares his extraordinary journey of overcoming abuse and rejection to his rise as one of Chicago's most influential business leaders in the fitness industry. He founded Getting Better Fitness, one of the largest Black-owned gyms in Chicago, helping thousands transform their lives through health and wellness. A natural storyteller, Mr. Jenkins is also a playwright who toured two celebrated stage productions. He currently serves as the Benefits Coordinator for National Teachers Associates, managing their Chicago team with unmatched dedication and expertise. Beyond his professional achievements, he is a devoted husband and proud father of six.



## From the Classroom to the Boardroom GUEST SPEAKERS



**Lutalo McGee**

Lutalo McGee is a member of the Ada S. McKinley Board of Directors, Owner and Designated Managing Broker of Ani Real Estate (ARE) and Team Leader of The Ani Team. ARE is a minority certified commercial and residential real estate brokerage in the Chicago metropolitan area. He is a member of the Chicago Association of Realtors where he has earned Top Producer for several years, Managing Broker of the Year, and their Community Service Award. Mr. McGee is also a member of the Illinois Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors. Mr. McGee currently serves as the Treasurer of the Chicago Association of Realtors, Chair of Housing at Rainbow Push, and Project Manager for the Appraisal Taskforce at the Chicago Urban League. When relaxing, he is with his family, riding his motorcycle, playing video games, watching the Bears/Bulls/Cubs, and/or traveling.



**Commissioner  
Stanley S. Moore**

Commissioner Stanley S. Moore is an alum of Ada S. McKinley's College Preparation & Placement Program and the current Cook County Commissioner of the 4th District. In addition, he serves as the Committee Chairman of the Law Enforcement for the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners. He has held several leadership positions at prominent public service institutions, including at the United Negro College Fund, and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). His many accomplishments include spearheading the effort that resulted in the first African American Baseball Player Jackie Robinson receiving an Illinois license plate in his honor. Commissioner Moore has received several distinguished awards and was the 2025 recipient of the Ada S. McKinley Legacy Award for his commitment to changing lives and strengthening communities. He resides in the Washington Heights community with his wife and two daughters.



**Larry E. Roberts, Jr.**

Larry E. Roberts, Jr. is a trailblazer in the barber industry who brings over 30 years of business expertise through his leadership at Larry's Barber College and, more recently, Larry's Barber Maximus —a full-service salon located inside Walmart. He is the first to establish a barber college within a correctional facility, offer dedicated housing to barber students, and build a barber school from the ground up. Mr. Roberts holds master barber licenses in more than 22 states. With deep roots in the church, Mr. Roberts is also an accomplished drummer, keyboardist, and songwriter who has traveled the world sharing love and inspiration through music. Beyond his entrepreneurial success, he is deeply committed to addressing homelessness among youth and military veterans through his non-profit, the DATA Scholarship Foundation.



**Jimmie L. Sanders**

Jimmie L. Sanders has been a leader in higher education for over twenty years. He is a tireless advocate for students, particularly first-generation, adult, and underrepresented student populations. Throughout his career, he has been deeply committed to cultivating campus and community environments where students feel valued, supported, and empowered to succeed. Mr. Sanders currently serves as Assistant Dean of Academic and Enrollment Services at DePaul University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies. He has also held leadership positions at Olive Harvey College, University of California, Berkeley, Purdue University Northwest, Chicago State University, Ivy Tech Community College, and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Beyond the university setting, he is a dedicated public servant, including as member of the executive board of the Bigger Than Me Foundation.



**Joseph Williams**

Joseph Williams founded Mr. Dad's Father's Club in 2017 to encourage fathers to take an active role in their children's lives through mentoring and promoting literacy. As part of his continuous investment in the well-being of families, Mr. Williams is also a community activist and a former State Representative candidate of the 6th District. He was recently elected as the District Councilman for the 7th District of the Chicago Police Department and collaborates closely with both police and residents to restore trust in law enforcement. His dedication to public service began long before his current roles. He was previously elected to the Local School Council for Beasley Academic Center and Lindblom Math and Science Academy, where he served as President of the Parent Advisory Council for several years. He is a lifelong resident of Chicago and lives in Englewood with his wife and six children.



**Ethan Zagore**

Ethan Zagore is an education leader with nearly twenty years of experience with nonprofit organizations and community-based initiatives. He has held executive and senior leadership roles at the University of Notre Dame, University of Chicago, Ivy Tech Community College, and the Gary Comer Youth Center. Born and raised in Chicago's West Garfield Park community, Mr. Zagore is deeply committed to advancing educational equity and building systems that expand opportunities for underserved communities locally and nationally. Throughout his career, he has worked closely with first-generation and low-income students, developing and implementing programs that improve college access, persistence, and career readiness. He earned his B.B.A from Howard University, M.A from Northeastern Illinois University, and his Ph.D. from Jackson State University.