

Personal Information

Name

Latasha Greer-Adewale

Job Title

Strategic Partner & Non-Profit Founder

Company or Organization

Crown Pathways Initiative

Please provide a short description of your job responsibilities.

Latasha Greer-Adewale has a passion for empowering students through creating innovative programs that prepare young minds for success in life. She is an experienced educator and former New York City public school principal with a track record of implementing effective systems and processes to support students, teachers, and staff. Her background also includes providing targeted support as a strategic partner with mission-driven organizations in the Orlando area, including Parramore Kidz Zone.

She is currently developing a non-profit organization, Crown Pathways Initiative (CPI), which seeks to cultivate pathways of transformative opportunity for students in high-need communities. Latasha is a graduate of Howard University and Teachers College, Columbia University.

Board Affiliation

West Orange

Preferred Method of Communication

Email

Preferred Days for Communication

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

Preferred Times of Communication

- Morning (9am-12pm)
- Afternoon (12pm-3pm)

About You

Music Artist or Group

The Roots, Lauryn Hill, India Arie, Jill Scott, Beyonce

Food

Italian, Indian, Thai

Movie

The Whiz

TV Show

Different World, This is Us

Book

The Warmth of Other Suns, Between the World and Me

Sport or Activity

Basketball, Tennis, Swim, Cycling

Sports Team

Chicago Bulls (circa Jordan)

Place to Hang Out

In Nature

Check ALL the words that best describe you.

- Quiet
- Friendly
- Helpful
- Trustworthy
- Active
- Hopeful
- Kind
- Independent

What is one goal you have set for the future?

I think that my goal-setting started as young as elementary age. My mother required written short-term and long-term goals for even the smallest of ideas. I carried this skill through every phase of life as a student, professional, and even as a parent. I am pivoting this year into an unfamiliar space of establishing and launching a non-profit organization. You can imagine that this involves setting several measurable goals and detailed plans.

If you could learn something new, what would it be?

If I could carve out dedicated time to learn something new, it would be the Spanish language. I dream of a period where I can travel and immerse myself in the language and culture for weeks, months or even a year.

If you had a whole day to do whatever you wanted, what would you do?

A day at the beach, sitting close enough to the water that you can hear the waves both big and small roll onto the shore. The expansive ocean with its shallow edges and unseen depths reminds me of life, how awe-inspiring life can be and the bravery necessary to navigate big ships or unknown paths. A notebook would be at my side to jot down whatever comes to mind while soaking in the sun.

What are some of your interests or hobbies?

My interest are varied ranging from music, film and photography to travel and culinary arts. I am also a student of history and have found so many stories of inspiring heroes and heroines.

What are some adversities you faced in middle school or high school? (i.e. bullying, peer pressure, drugs, alcohol, etc.) How did you handle these adversities?

My rather large family and extended community presented such colorful stories for me to use as a guide along my journey. There were clear examples of what not to do and the cause-effect relationship of certain choices. I was also inspired by those colorful characters to do more, to be more. There was such love and encouragement for me to breakthrough and excel. This was my filter when I quietly battled through adolescence.

If you could tell your younger self any piece of advice, what would it be and why?

My younger self needs to enjoy the moment. Live life with a bit more levity. I was said to be an old soul that lived for the future and carried the concerns of the community too heavily on my heart. Balance.