

**LEAD WITH CONFIDENCE**

**LEVELUP**

**LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

**JANUARY 31**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

*A conference for rising  
business professionals.*

# WELCOME



**Dear Summit Participants,**

Welcome to the **Level Up Leadership Summit!** We are thrilled to have you join us for this exciting day of learning, growth, and connection. This summit, hosted by the **Graham Office of Career Management**, is designed to equip you with the tools, insights, and confidence to take your leadership to the next level.

Our hope is that you **explore your strengths, expand your network, and gain valuable skills** that will help you stand out as a leader. Whether you're just beginning to step into leadership or looking to refine your impact, this summit is here to support and challenge you.

Take advantage of every session, engage with speakers and peers, and most importantly—enjoy the experience!

**All my best,**  
**Shontá K. Phelps,** Summit Chair  
Director, Student Leadership Development  
Graham Office of Career Management  
Gatton College of Business & Economics

## OPENING REMARKS

10:00 AM | Room 299

Welcome, agenda overview, and introduction of the summit's goals.

*Speakers: Shonta Phelps & Josh Taylor  
Graham Office of Career Management*

## BREAKOUT SESSION 1

### Session 1A

10:20 AM | Room 311

Leading with Purpose: Matching Your Personality to Your Career Path

*Presenters: Cameron Ogbolu  
& Shalyn Cornett, Cintas*

*\*Tailored for exploring leaders*

### Session 1B

10:20 AM | Room 399

Own Your Impact: Showcasing Your Student Leadership to Land the Job

*Presenter: Mandy Connelly, Graham  
Office of Career Management*

*\*Tailored for experienced leaders*

## NETWORKING LUNCH

11:30 AM | Woodward Hall

## PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | 3rd Floor Lobby

Participants will have the opportunity to stop by and get a professional headshot.

## BREAKOUT SESSION 2:

### Session 2A

12:30 PM | Room 311

Business Connections Unlocked:  
Networking, Communication &  
LinkedIn Tips for Business Leaders

*Presenter: Tamika Tompoulidis,  
UK Lewis Honors College*

### Session 2B

12:30 PM | Room 399

Next-Level Personal Branding:  
Strategies for Young Professionals

*Presenter: Gretchen Bright,  
Whitaker Bank*

### Session 2C

12:30 PM | Room 299

Smart Money Moves: Navigating  
Salary Negotiation & Building Wealth  
After College

*Presenter: LaCrystal Green, CHI Saint  
Joseph Health & Leslie Hollerman,  
Nationwide Financial*

## RESOURCE FAIR

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM | 3rd Floor Lobby

Featuring UK Invests, Office of Student Activities, Graduate Center, UK Alum Services/Wildcat Network, Education Abroad, URC and the Graham Office.

## CLOSING REMARKS

1:30 PM | Room 299, 311 & 399

# SESSIONS

## SESSION 1A

### Leading with Purpose: Matching Your Personality to Your Career Path

Discover how your unique personality traits align with potential career paths and leadership roles. This interactive session industry leaders will help you identify strengths and explore opportunities to lead with purpose and confidence. *\*This session is tailored for exploring leaders*

## SESSION 1B

### Own Your Impact: Showcasing Your Student Leadership to Land the Job

Learn how to effectively articulate your student leadership experience to stand out in the job market. This session will provide actionable tips to showcase your impact on resumes, interviews, and bring those transferable skills into the workplace as a rising business professional. *\* This session is tailored for experienced leaders*

## SESSION 2A

### Business Connections Unlocked: Networking, Communication & LinkedIn Tips for Business Leaders

Master the art of networking and professional communication to build meaningful business relationships. Get practical tips on leveraging LinkedIn and positioning yourself for future opportunities.

## SESSION 2B

### Next-Level Personal Branding: Strategies for Young Professionals

Take control of your professional image with advanced personal branding techniques. This session will guide you through strategies to create a compelling executive presence both in-person and online as you transition into your career.

## SESSION 2C

### Smart Money Moves: Navigating Salary Negotiation & Building Wealth After College

Gain essential financial literacy skills to confidently negotiate your salary and start building long-term wealth. Learn practical steps to manage personal finances and make informed career decisions post-graduation

# PRESENTERS



## **GRETCHEN BRIGHT**

*Marketing Director, Whitaker Bank*

Gretchen is a dynamic marketing professional passionate about building people, brands, and exceptional consumer experiences. With extensive experience in brand strategy, marketing communications, and corporate engagement, she currently serves as the Marketing Director at Whitaker Bank, where she leads initiatives to elevate the company's market presence and strengthen customer connections.

Prior to this role, she spent nearly a decade at Big Ass Fans, driving global marketing efforts, securing high-profile media placements, and leading strategic partnerships. Gretchen holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of Kentucky and is currently pursuing her MBA at Northern Kentucky University. Committed to community impact, she serves as a board member for GreenHouse17 and Junior Achievement of the Bluegrass.



## **MANDY CONNELLY**

*Director of Career Services, Graham Office of Career Management - Gatton College*

Mandy Connelly is the Director of Career Services at the Graham Office of Career Management, where she brings a decade of expertise to support student career development and employer engagement. Since beginning in her field, she has been dedicated to preparing students and professionals to achieve strong career outcomes, helping them become hire-ready for internships, post-graduation roles, and new opportunities.

Mandy holds both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern Kentucky University. During her career in higher education, she has served in roles such as Assistant Director for Career Readiness & Outreach Human Resources & Talent Manager. With extensive experience in talent development, career readiness, and employer engagement, Mandy is a certified professional in talent development (CPTD) and a global career development facilitator (GCDF). Beyond her work in higher education career services, she also carries her love of professional development forward by volunteering with programs to help women in recovery or those facing other economic hardships prepare to reenter the workforce and achieve career goals they may not have thought possible.

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## SHALYN CORNETT

*Sales Representative, Cintas*

Shalyn Cornett is a dedicated Sales Representative at Cintas, leveraging nearly six years of experience in business development, client relationship management, and sales strategy. In her previous role as a Business Development Representative, she specialized in new client acquisition, territory growth, and fostering long-term partnerships. She began her journey at Cintas as a Management Trainee, where she gained hands-on experience in various aspects of business operations, leadership, and customer service.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Organizational Communication, Shalyn has a strong foundation in strategic communication, marketing, and organizational leadership. She is passionate about helping businesses find tailored solutions, building meaningful connections, and driving sustainable sales growth.



## LACRYSTAL GREEN

*CHI Saint Joseph Health*

LaCrystal Green is an experienced human resources and higher education professional with a strong background in coaching, management support, and salary negotiations. Currently serving as an HR Coordinator at CHI Saint Joseph Health, she specializes in providing strategic HR support, guiding management through employee relations, and facilitating compensation discussions. With extensive experience in advising and program coordination, LaCrystal previously worked as an Academic Advisor II at the University of Kentucky and a Senior Enrollment Services Counselor at Morehead State University, where she focused on student recruitment, retention, and career development.

Her leadership experience also includes serving as the Director of Multicultural Student Advisement at Knox College, supporting diverse student populations. LaCrystal is pursuing a Master of Science in Strategic Human Resource Management & Analytics from the University of Kentucky, complementing her Master of Education in Higher Education Administration from Eastern Kentucky University.



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## LESLIE HOLLERMAN

*Nationwide Financial*

Leslie Hollerman is a seasoned financial professional with 18+ years of experience helping individuals and organizations achieve financial success. My expertise spans investment management, banking, real estate, and behavioral finance. Whether it's empowering young professionals to build strong financial foundations or guiding public sector employees to retirement readiness, he's passionate about making financial literacy accessible and actionable to everyone.

Leslie earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky, Master's degree from Morehead State, and also holds a long list of investment licenses including Chartered Financial Consultant, Certified Retirement Counselor, and Certified Financial Education Instructor. In his current role at Nationwide Financial as a Senior Retirement Specialist, Leslie, alongside his team, manages \$4.5 Billion in assets for State and Local Government employees in Kentucky. As someone who's worked extensively with 401k plans and helped thousands of people achieve their financial goals, Leslie has seen firsthand how early financial habits can pave the way for long-term success. That's why he's excited to share insights tailored to students preparing to launch their careers—covering everything from smart debt reduction strategies to avoiding lifestyle creep and building wealth through investing.



## CAMERON OGBOLU

*Regional Sales Manager, Cintas*

Cameron is a highly accomplished Regional Sales Manager at Cintas, where he oversees new business acquisition, territory management, and safety program implementation. With a career spanning over six years at Cintas, he has earned numerous accolades, including President's Club Hardline Qualifier and Summit Club membership, consistently exceeding sales targets and contributing to team success.

Previously, Cameron held leadership roles as a President's Club Level Sales Representative and Senior Sales Consultant at CarMax, where he managed customer relationships, sales processes, and revenue growth, achieving President's Club status and driving over \$12.5 million in sales. He holds a degree in Communication from the University of Louisville and brings a track record of mentoring and leadership development to every role.

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## **TAMIKA TOMPOULIDIS**

*External Partnerships Associate, UK Lewis Honors College*

Tamika Tompoulidis is a dedicated human development professional with experience that spans career counseling, public speaking, and higher education instruction. She currently serves as the External Partnerships Associate at the Center for Personal Development in the UK Lewis Honors College, where she builds relationships with industry partners and supports students' career growth. She has over nine years of experience at the University of Kentucky, focusing on career development, interpersonal communication, and public speaking.

Tamika holds a Master's Degree in Communication and Information Studies from the University of Kentucky, where she also earned her Bachelor's Degree in the same field. She is certified in Strong Interest Inventory, MBTI, and Global Career Development Facilitation, equipping her to provide personalized career coaching and assessments. Additionally, her involvement with the National Hellenic Student Association demonstrates her commitment to student leadership and career development at a national level.