

Jeannine Gant

Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Officer, Global Epicenter of Mobility



Jeannine is the Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Officer for the Global Epicenter of Mobility (GEM) at the Detroit Regional Partnership, a leading economic development nonprofit serving the 11-county Detroit Region. In this role, she leads the diversity and inclusion strategy that reaches across the multiple GEM project partners to ensure equitable opportunities for marginalized communities.

A visionary leader, Gant brings decades of experience with local, state, national and international nonprofits, driving various organizations forward through innovation and impact. Most recently, she led DEI work for Emerging World, an immersive leadership development company with a national and international footprint.

Other key roles she has held include CEO and President of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Metro Detroit, Executive Director of Playworks, and Development Director at Wayne State University's School of Business.

EDUCATION

- Master of Arts, Public Relations and Organizational Communication, Wayne State University
- Bachelor of Arts, Professional Speech and Theatre, North Carolina A & T State University

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Appointed to Michigan Taskforce for Juvenile Justice Reform
- Board Member, Michigan Big Brothers Big Sisters Alliance and Large Agency Alliance Steering Committee
- Founding Board Member, Design Connect, a non-profit organization introducing underrepresented youth to design careers
- Detroit Host Committee Member, Independent Sector National Conference
- Alumni Member, Jack and Jill of America, Motor City Chapter, a community organization that provides social, cultural, and leadership opportunities for children
- Founding Board Member, Delta Chi, Optimist Club International, Detroit, MI
- Member, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Mentor, Big Brothers and Big Sisters