



Venessa Barnes

MENTOR / COACH

Venessa Barnes is an exceptional individual who seamlessly transitioned from a successful career as an educator to becoming a flourishing entrepreneur. With an unwavering passion for real estate and a creative spirit as an author, Venessa's journey is defined by her dedication to empowering others, creating a positive impact in her community, and captivating young minds through her children's book "May's Big Dance."

Recognizing the value of homeownership, Venessa wholeheartedly embraced her true calling in the real estate world after leaving the classroom. Her expertise and genuine enthusiasm have helped numerous individuals and families achieve their dreams of owning a home, leaving a lasting impact on their lives.

Alongside her real estate ventures, Venessa has showcased her talent as an author with the enchanting children's book "May's Big Dance." This delightful tale not only entertains young readers but also fosters a love for reading and imagination, further emphasizing Venessa's commitment to child literacy.

In addition to her professional pursuits, Venessa finds inspiration in her role as a parent. She is married to her loving partner, and together they raise five beautiful children, instilling in them values of kindness, resilience, and a thirst for knowledge.

With a unique blend of expertise, compassion, and entrepreneurial spirit, Venessa Barnes continues to make a significant difference in the lives of others. Through her real estate endeavors, advocacy for child literacy, dedication to her family, and active community involvement, she exemplifies the qualities of a true leader and role model. Venessa's unwavering commitment to personal growth, service, and captivating storytelling is a testament to her exceptional character and the lasting mark she is leaving on the world.



Officer Kent Barriffe

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Officer Kent Barriffe is 26 years old, currently employed with the Gwinnett county police department . Officer Barriffe has been a police officer for 3 years. Prior to his employment with the police department he was enlisted in the US military for a total of 6 years. Throughout his time in the military he received numerous awards for going above and beyond the call of duty and exceeding average standards of what was required of him.

Officer Barriffe enjoys his work very much and hopes to continue growing within various departments. In his free time, Officer Barriffe likes to interact with the community youth, playing basketball, soccer, and football. He also likes video games and spending time with family and friends. His ultimate goal is to help the community in whatever ways he can.



Tucker Brandon

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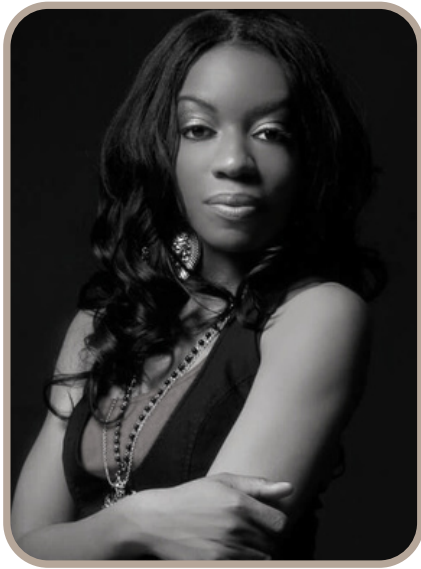
Tucker Brandon grew up in Gainesville, GA. He graduated college from University of North Georgia with a degree in business and SEU in ministry leadership. He currently works at Free Chapel Church as a children and youth pastor in Atlanta. He has practiced martial arts for over 20 years and currently instructs taekwondo.



Brandon Burke

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Brandon Burke is a Christian song writer, rapper and devoted follower of Christ. For years, Brandon was Justin Bieber's travel pastor, he was hitting the road with Justin and his team, discipling and aiding in the spiritual formation of many. Brandon got married and started a new life, leaving behind his role as Justin's pastor. He is involved in Christian ministry with an amazing heart for our youth. He resides in the Atlanta area.



Kimberly Cullen
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Kimberly A. Cullen is a triple-threat performer, entrepreneur, and the devoted wife of the late Christopher Cullen. She graduated from New Brunswick High School with honors and continued her education at Rutgers University, studying the arts. She currently resides in Atlanta.

Kim has 15 years of experience in mime and over 25 years of dance experience including Modern, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Liturgical, Lyrical, and Hip Hop. During those 25 years Kim has studied at several dance schools: Alvin Ailey, Harlem School of Dance, Dance Dimension, and Center Stage, to name a few. She served as a background vocalist for TH Productions, The Gatlin Brothers, Rodney Jordan and countless others. With acting among her list of skills, Kim has performed in several off Broadway plays from Ohio to New York City and did extra work in Sea Biscuit and Spiderman II. Her gifts and passion for the arts led to her to tour with the Glory Gospel Singers, where she sang and danced daily, in numerous cities throughout Europe for two months.

Growing up in New Brunswick, NJ, Kim knew that God blessed her to be a vehicle of change in her community and to use her experiences as well as the experiences of others to speak the truth and heal a nation. With the help and inspiration of her dear friend and brother, Tye Husbands, they formed a community group where children from New Brunswick and the surrounding area could come and express themselves through dance and drama, called Jeremiah's House a.k.a "J.H." Within a matter of months, J.H. could barely accommodate the number of members who joined every week. The group was known for its heart-wrenching skits and ground-shaking dances. They traveled the entire East Coast, bringing a message and telling their story, "Life as We Know It." Soon after the years of J.H., Kim embarked on the role of playwright and wrote her first play, entitled Bag Ladies. Bag Ladies is a musical about life issues that many women could identify with in love and relationships (it opened at Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick, NJ in November 2013).

As a playwright, Kim Cullen re-creates real life experiences and offers a new perspective. She entertains her audience, but she also empowers them to face their personal situations and find healing where they only knew pain. Kim knows that if it had not been for support and encouragement from others and spiritual direction from God, her life would have never been the same. She credits her success to the influences of God, her late husband, family and close friends.



Kerry Jules
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Hey! My name Kerry Jules, a 25-year-old residing in the city of Duluth. Originally from Port Au Prince, Haiti, I migrated to the United States at the age of two. To provide a brief overview of my background, I would love to start by saying , I am a child of God and have been letting the holy spirit guide me on my journey for the past 2 years. My values are deeply rooted in my family, with two loving parents and two remarkable brothers, one of whom is my twin, while the other is like our triplet. Soccer has been an integral part of my life, having played throughout my high school years and securing a scholarship to represent Life University for the entirety of my four-year collegiate education. This period served as an opportunity for personal growth, as I learned to overcome the challenges of being both a student and an athlete, while simultaneously preparing myself for the demands of the “real world”. During my time in college, I balanced my obligations, juggling through soccer practice, academics, and employment. I held a position as a pharmacy technician, and additionally explored various avenues to supplement my income. I possess a diverse range of experiences such as soccer coaching, ride-sharing (Uber), valet parking, event planning, etc. While working in the pharmacy industry, I discovered an innate passion for assisting and serving others and found great fulfillment in positively impacting lives. Immediately after graduating, I started my career in accounting at Cobb County Superior Court, and let’s just say, it wasn’t my cup of tea. I was later introduced to Northwestern Mutual, where I presently serve as a financial advisor. In this capacity, my mission revolves around promoting financial literacy and ensuring financial security for all God’s children. I’m truly blessed for this opportunity to work with JosiahKids and extremely excited to meet each and every one of you! God bless!

Thank you so much again for this wonderful opportunity.



Brandon Wong

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Brandon is a Private Equity Associate at Charlesbank Capital Partners in Boston. Previously, he was an Associate Consultant in the Atlanta office of Bain and Company. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in May 2020 with majors in economics and philosophy and a minor in Chinese.

Brandon grew up in Tega Cay, South Carolina, a suburb outside of Charlotte, North Carolina. He has three younger siblings, Jocelyn (21, fourth-year at Clemson University), Elana (19, second-year at Clemson University) and Adrian (17, senior in high school), and two dogs, Apollo, and Cooper. During college, he was co-president of Experience Vanderbilt, an organization providing need-based financial awards to students to participate in extracurricular activities, he served on the undergraduate honor council, and was involved in Greek life.

Brandon has been involved with various community organizations in Atlanta and in Boston. He serves as a Big Brother through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta and as a Professional Mentor for Sponsors for Educational Opportunity's Alternative Investments Fellowship Program.

Previously, he volunteered with Concrete Jungle, an organization that serves food-insecure populations in Atlanta. At Bain, Brandon was a part of the leadership team piloting 1GEN, a new affinity group for low-income, first-generation college students, and first-generation Americans, in addition to serving as the recruiting lead for the Atlanta office's Vanderbilt recruiting. Brandon also served as a mentor through Odyssey, a platform that connects underrepresented students with young professionals.