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MAYOR ADORE RAMOS

Mayor of ATAP Foundation

ATAP Scholar

I am Adore Ramos and I'm 8yrs old. I am the middle child of triplets and I am the tallest of my brother and sister. I've been going to All Things Are Possible (ATAP) Foundation since I was 5 years old and I am the proud Mayor of ATAP Foundation.

My favorite subject is math and I love my math class because my teachers Mr. Duffy and Ms. Brown

are nice and helpful. Plus they allow us to use our cheatsheet during our morning review. I like that because sometimes I need a little help.

For fun, I like to sit in the wobbly chair at school and read a chapter book. When I grow up I want to be a nail technician just like my big sister. I also want to own my own nail salons all over New Jersey. I will be the BEST Nail Designer. I am creative, smart and I like to make people happy so it will be perfect for me.

I was motivated to run for ATAP Mayor because I wanted to make a difference. I had to campaign for votes. I made posters, gave speeches and asked everyone to vote for me. My campaign manager Tatum Dash helped me a lot too. My friends always talk about different activities that they want to do, so I wanted to help them get what they wanted. I really like being the Mayor. I like helping my friends, but sometimes my friends don't listen so that makes it difficult.

Earning this award feels so good. It feels good to be recognized.

A word of advice I would give to everyone is that you can do whatever you set your mind to, just don't give up.

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PASTOR KEITH & HOLLIE WHALEY

CityReach Church Burlington
LEAD PASTOR

Peace & Unity

Pastor Keith (PK), is the Lead Pastor of CityReach Church Burlington, in Burlington County, NJ. He has served in ministry for over 20 years in various roles. He is a true worshiper in every sense of the word. PK recognizes untapped talent and encourages all to find and use their gifting for the Kingdom of God. He has a proven track record of leading and directing choirs throughout the state of New Jersey. His passion for music has opened doors for him to play and record with some of gospel music's legends. He is a teacher, preacher, musician and mentor. He is a graduate of the Assembly of God Bible Institute, holds a MBA in global business from Rider University, and has a Certification for Christian Life Coaching from Freedom Bible College & Seminary.


PK believes that Kingdom building is a collective job, and that if each person reaches another, we will see the Kingdom of God explode. He serves with compassion, understanding, love and grace. CityReach Church believes in reaching out to the community through various methods. They have served Willingboro by participating at events like Trunk or Treat and the Easter Egg Hunt. They have supported Willingboro Rec by providing support for children during the Annual Jazzfest and movie nights. The church hosted a Christmas Outreach where they were able to provide gift cards, to unexpected bystanders entering Aldi's in Edgewater Park. They also collected food for the Sisterhood in Burlington City to support the women in that area. They do Easter Box giveaways providing boxes of food to Willingboro Senior Citizens, and Sisterhood Inc. PK is currently an active member of the Willingboro NAACP. During COVID, PK continued to reach out to those in need providing baskets of love and gifts so everyone knew they were appreciated and thought of although we were not together.



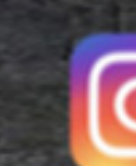
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CARMELLA CARTER

I Am Grace
FOUNDER

Humility & Strength

Carmella Carter an author, motivational speaker Certified Christian Counselor and life coach; she is also the founder of "I Am Grace", LLC. Carmella earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management. She is the first female in three generations to

receive a bachelor's degree in her family. Through her platform she has reached and served thousands of women and men encouraging them to live their life on purpose. From struggling teen parents, single mothers, divorced men and women to entrepreneurs, lawyers and doctors, Carmella has inspired those she serves to make goals, set goals and accomplish their goals.

As the Founder of "I Am Grace" Carmella has put together several outreach endeavors such as: A Box full of Grace, Grace Bags, Vision Board Parties and Single Women Networking events.

"A box full of Grace" is a Christmas initiative for teen mothers. With the support of dedicated community partners "I Am Grace" donates a shoebox full of presents, which includes over \$75 worth of items, to over 300 teens and teen parents for the past 6 years. "Grace Bags" are full of toiletries, socks and non perishable food items that are given to the homeless population. These efforts have transformed the lives of teens, women and men, and altered the way they see themselves in society. Carmella said her most valuable assignment is being a wife and mother.



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CARMELLA CARTER

I Am Grace
Inspiration & Motivation



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PASTOR & FIRST LADY GITTENS

Calvary Baptist Church of South Jersey

**PASTOR
Faith & Trust**

*Pastor Gittens founded CBCSJ in November 2014.
Pastor Gittens employs a variety of teaching styles to
empower, stimulate, and guide the congregation.*

*Pastor Andre Gittens earned his Bachelor's degree in
Science from Portland State University.*

*He also has a Masters in Art and Religion, with a focus on Biblical Studies, from
Westminster Theological Seminary. Pastor Gittens has chosen to be bi vocational,
even while he serves in ministry. In addition to being the Senior Pastor of CBCSJ, he
is a Senior Chemist at Endo Pharmaceuticals in Horsham, PA.*

*Pastor Gittens is a devoted husband
to his wife, First Lady Adrienne
Gittens, and loving father to their
five children: A'kiyah, Amara, Alana,
Andrea, and Aria.*

*First Lady Adrienne Gittens is the
founder and executive director of
the CBCSJ food pantry, which distributes food every Third Wednesday in
partnership with the Food Bank of South Jersey. The food pantry is committed to
providing holistic services for food insecure residents of South Jersey ranging from
distribution of school supplies to health insurance information to annual health
screenings. In 2020 alone, the pantry served more than 3,100 individuals, of which
almost half were elderly or children.*



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DENNIS W. PULLIN

Virtua Health
PRESIDENT & CEO
Courageous Leadership

Dennis W. Pullin, FACHE, is president and CEO of Virtua Health, a not-for-profit integrated health system in New Jersey, offering a full continuum of primary, preventative, wellness, acute, and long-term care.

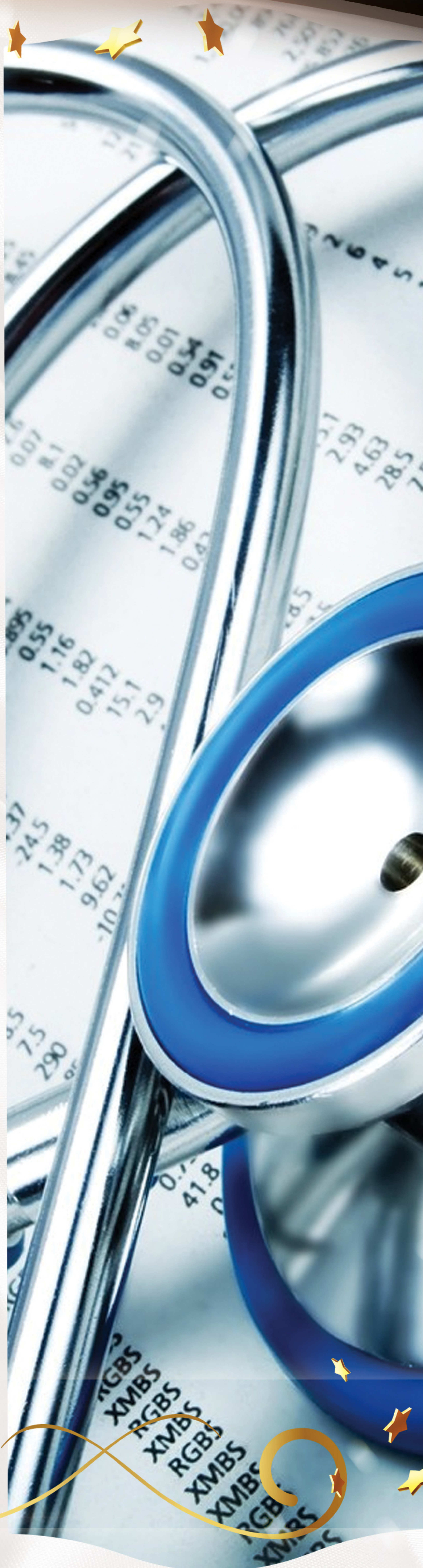
Mr. Pullin shared during an interview that he takes pride in demonstrating every day that “someone like me” can successfully do this job and achieve success. Mr. Pullin grew up in the San Antonio area with modest means and worked hard to forge his path, culminating in his current position as the CEO for Virtua Health.

Despite limited education and opportunities, Mr. Pullin’s parents worked hard and instilled a solid work ethic in their son. His first job was mowing lawns and he has worked steadily – unrelentingly – since 12 years of age. Mr. Pullin received his Bachelor’s degree at Texas Lutheran University and earned a Master of Science degree at Texas A&M University.

Today, Mr. Pullin is a highly respected healthcare executive. Mr. Pullin’s extensive background includes many leadership positions in hospitals, academic medical centers, physician group practices, and private industry. He was Vice President of Operations and Business Development at St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System in Houston. He came to Virtua in 2017 from the Washington, D.C./Baltimore, MD area, where he had been president of MedStar Harbor Hospital and Senior Vice President of MedStar Health. Prior to leading MedStar Harbor, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C.

In 2020 and 2018, Modern Healthcare recognized Mr. Pullin as one of the nation’s Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare. In 2019, the Philadelphia Business Journal honored Mr. Pullin as a Most Admired CEO. He has appeared on South Jersey Biz’s 50 Most Influential Leaders list every year since 2018.

Mr. Pullin serves as host for the Here for Good podcast, where he engages in meaningful conversations with transformational leaders about how they create a positive impact on the world around them.



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DAVID & VIVIAN HARRIS

Rita's Willingboro
FOUNDER

Understanding & Cooperation



David and Vivian Harris met at the University of Virginia (Dave has a BA in History and JD - Law Degree, Vivian has a BS and MS in Computer Science), married in 1990, and moved to Willingboro in 1993, where they raised two sons. Dave practiced law and Vivian worked for AT&T Bell Laboratories.

Back in the late 1980s, Dave and Viv both fell in love with Rita's Water Ice. They were overjoyed when they found out in the early 2000s that there was a Rita's right there in Willingboro. They used to take their two sons to Rita's after playing tennis at Millcreek Park. When the opportunity to own that Rita's presented itself, Dave jumped at the chance.

Over the last ten years, Dave and Viv worked to build a business that gave over the top, old school customer service and the only way to do that was with top notch staff. They put a great deal of emphasis on interviewing, hiring and training a diverse group of young people and constantly training and encouraging them to be the best. They are very proud of their alumni and current staff, who consistently get 5 star ratings on Google and Facebook, and who have gone on to successful college and workplace careers. They've received awards from Rita's, the NAACP, the AKAs, and the Sigmas. They are also proud to have employed and mentored Sianni Dean, the proud owner of Cranky Granny's Sweet Rolls in Austin, TX.



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DAJA JOSEPH

Building Kings & Queens Inc.
FOUNDER

Building for the Future

Daja Joseph, graduate of Delaware State University, two time published author of "Living in a World Without and Winning From Within" and "Jump to It & Do It", Executive Director of Nonprofit Building Kings and Queens Incorporated and a NJ state employee who was a nominee of the NJ Governor's Award is living everyday like it's her last. She is

focused on the youth and ensuring they know it doesn't matter where you come from, as long as you understand the future you hold! Daja believes when you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. We never know when our last day is coming, so choose to be the light wherever you go because someone is always watching.

Building Kings & Queens Inc. offers constructive activities for youth and access to experienced professionals in crisis intervention, social work, behavior therapy, psychology, and the arts. Currently, they have 23 enrolled youth, 6 program offerings and have conducted 7 workshops thus far. We are "Building"!



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DAJA JOSEPH



Willingboro Alphas **Kappa Iota Lambda Chapter**

The Willingboro Alphas want to congratulate all of the recipients for the great work you have done in the community. Your achievement is well deserved and we are extremely proud of the work you do and that you are being recognized.

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CIJI CARR

Charged Up Dance Studio
FOUNDER

Hope & Inspiration

Ciji Carr is a New Jersey native and active guru in the community. She is a curriculum writer for Rutgers University and the Founder of Charged Up Dance Fitness—a fitness nightclub with a live DJ.

Charged Up encourages attendees to get on the dance floor and burn calories while building confidence. Launching her company in 2015, Ciji has built a brand that has ignited the fitness scene.

Ciji volunteers her time traveling to schools, Domestic Violence and Homeless shelters, and local community events to motivate the community through fitness. She has had the privilege of providing her program to 2000+ children across the state of NJ as well as collaborating with various community organizations to provide free and affordable fitness events to the public.

Ciji has been recognized locally by the Courier Post and Burlington County Times. Nationally she has been featured in Ebony Magazine, Fox's Good Day Philadelphia and Sister Circle on TV One. Ciji is also a regular guest on the Patty Jackson Show on WDAS 105.3, and a featured fitness instructor for the Annual iHeartRadio Sista Strut Breast Cancer Walk.

Ciji has been honored with a Notable Woman of NJ award, Southern Burlington County NAACP Community Service Award, and the Alpha Phi Alpha Public Service Award.

In the midst of the pandemic, her business lost its gym home due to the impacts of COVID-19. She did not let that stop her. She offered free virtual and affordable outdoor training sessions to the community, while securing her own studio space in Eastampton which opened in December 2020. Ciji has also written and self-published her first children's book entitled "Let's Get Charged Up" which encourages children to get up and get active.



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JERMEL VAUGHAN

*The All Natural Corner
OWNER*

Perseverance

My name is Jermel and I am a serial entrepreneur devoted to the health of my community and the world. I own The All Natural Corner, a one stop shop for all things naturally good for your body, inside and out. We host events there often to keep the area engaged and informed because I recognize health is wealth and learning is a lifelong process. Some

most recent include a Peace Release gathering, Trunk or Treat, Bookbag giveaway, and Pop Up shops for local small businesses. Recognizing the immeasurable value of plant-based living, I am also the co-owner of La Lus Vegan Cafe which we opened in Beverly during the pandemic. We strive to make healthy eating good for your palette and your body to lead a longer, happier life.

Right next door is the future site for my nonprofit the SBG7 Academy where we will challenge and encourage minds of all ages to develop in the arts, business as well as healthy growing and eating.

Most recently, I started an organization called NatGROWNJ with a mission to establish and maintain organic community gardens in food deserts. We cleaned and cleared our first spot in Burlington City this past summer. The goal is to give these cities the inspiration and tools to grow healthy options for their families and generations to come.

With knowledge and good health, the future is a much brighter place.

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