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## 8TH ANNUAL GIRLS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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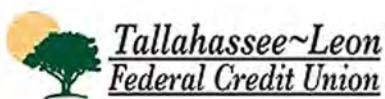
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# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual L3 Leadership Conference

## Schedule of Events

### Friday, May 18, 2018

- 6:30 PM Registrant Check-in – Weaver Hall, 562 Gale Lemerand Drive, Gainesville, FL
- 8:00 PM Welcome & Opening Remarks – **Dr. Marcella Torres** – 1250 W. University Ave.
- 8:30 PM Dinner Session – You are Enough: Developing the Leader Inside of You – **Keynote Speaker Michelle Dean**
- 10:30 PM Dorm Scavenger Hunt
- 11:00 PM Lights Out

### Saturday, May 19, 2018

- 7:00 AM ZUMBA! Outside Workout Session – **Jasmin Richardson-Sutton**  
**All sessions for the day to be held in the Reitz Union at 686 Museum Road, Gainesville, FL**
- 8:30 AM Breakfast: Etiquette Inside and Out - **LaCora Handsford**
- 10:00 AM Mock Job Interviews - **Debra Russell**
- 11:15 AM Chess 4 Life: Learning Strategic Thinking Through Chess - **Frantzley Moise**
- 1:00 PM eSTEAM Mentor Lunch: Learning and Networking with professionals in the fields of Entrepreneurship, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (eSTEAM)
- 2:30 PM Being a Boss Lady: Understanding Entrepreneurship – **Dr. Asha Fields-Brewer**
- 3:30 PM #MeToo: Identifying Sexual Harassment - **Dana Brooks**
- 4:30 PM University of Florida Tour – **Florida Cicerones**
- 6:30 PM Civic Engagement & the Importance of Women in Politics- **Kristen Rosen Gonzalez**
- 7:30 PM Dinner at Restaurants on University Ave
- 9:00 PM Movie Night, Talk & Candy Bar Craze – **Dr. Marcella Torres**
- 11:00 PM Lights Out

### Sunday, May 20, 2018

- 7:00 AM ZUMBA! Outside Workout Session (optional) – **Jasmin Richardson-Sutton**
- 8:30 AM College Prep Breakfast Session: **Carelys Trujillo, Sergio Pulido, Kayla Archer, Elisabeth Pagan, Michele Dill**
- 9:45 AM Communicating Professionally In a Digital World –**Meagan Nixon**
- 10:45 AM Finding Your Passion & Purpose – **Jamie Garris**
- 11:45 AM L3 Scholar Awards, Closing Remarks, Goodbyes - **Dr. Marcella Torres**
- 1:00 PM Check-Out/Departure – Weaver Hall, 562 Gale Lemerand Drive, Gainesville, FL



## Programs

### Annual Leadership Conference

An overnight Conference at a Florida University with sessions on college and career prep, exposure to S.T.E.A.M. fields, financial literacy, civic engagement, and more. National professional female speakers empower young ladies to become leaders. Designed for young ladies in middle and high school.



### STEM Leadership Program

An afterschool program that provides hands-on training in coding, leadership development and careers in STEM. Providing proven success with confidence-building, encouraging topics, introduction to STEM careers and understanding the importance of women pursuing careers in STEM. Designed for girls in grades 5-12.

### Career Mentoring Program

A mentoring program that pairs professional women with young ladies in grades 6-12 who are interested in the same field. L3 curriculum is used by mentors and mentees to cover learning basic job-readiness skills, college-prep skills, and personal development life skills. Mentees experience on-the-job training in this 10-month program. Workshops and leisure activities are offered monthly.



### Financial Wellness Workshop

Training in financial literacy through the National Endowment for Financial Education. Presentations by banks and credit unions teaching financial management, budgeting, checking account management, debit card management, and the importance of saving. Designed for young ladies in middle and high school.



### Community Leadership Forum

A platform for young ladies to serve as the experts on important current and critical issues that affect youth and girls. Young ladies serve on a panel speaking and answering questions to inform the community on the issues they are facing, and how they can be resolved. Designed for young ladies in middle and high school.





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# *Michelle Dean*

## *Courageous Communicator*

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## About Michelle

Passionate and energetic, Michelle presents messages that combine inspiration, motivation and training to live a life of truth in a practical and pragmatic way. Michelle utilizes testimonial, revelational, and relational teaching, and facilitates challenging interaction. Her communication style is impacting and well received by audiences of various ages, genders, and cultures.

- Council member of South GA/Grady County Tourism and Economic Development.
- Teaching Staff of Leadership and Apologetics for Tallahassee Christian College and Training Center.
- Former Board Member of Ladies Learning to Lead (L3).
- Founder and Executive Director of Popes Museum Preservation INC a 501c3 organization focused on preserving the works and legacy of Laura Pope Forester and partnering with other NPOs that exemplify those values this artist demonstrated.

## Your time together will lead to:

\*Replacing confusion with clarity when addressing some of society's headline news.

\*Identifying practical techniques in "rubber band" moments for real life joy and purpose.

\*Recognizing God's grace and power for dealing with the daily challenge of 21st century living.

"I wholeheartedly, without any reservation, recommend Michelle Dean to you as a speaker or teacher for your conference, seminar, special event or to fill your pulpit."

-Johnny H. Moore,  
Lead Pastor, Family Worship Center

"...Michelle delivered a training to our girls that transformed their lives. They were engaged, empowered, and hopeful that they had value to offer the world."

-Samantha Vance, Founder and Executive Director, Ladies Learning to Lead

"I would recommend Michelle for anyone needing a speaker who can energize, motivate and inspire an audience."

-Andrea Berneche,  
Administrator, Cahaba Academy (Alabama Homeschool Umbrella Organization)

# Topics tailored to your event or these topics available:

## Women's Event

### Session 1: When Women Warriors Face A Tough Season

- Equip women with strength to know how to live during that season victoriously.
- Prepare women for a time of Selah-“Pausing and considering” before various break out sessions.
- Speak candidly about pain and grief that the sister next to you is bearing.
- Cover some of the mistakes and misjudgments well meaning people make about trials.

### Session 2: Why Women Need Other Women

- Remind women that when life is faithless, He is faithful
- Show women that, married or not, sisters need sisters.
- Motivate each other to hold on to His promises and to spur one another on to good works.

## Homeschool Conferences

### Techniques of Instruction for Home Educational Settings

- Establish your family's definition of 'victory' in all stages of the homeschool journey, including after the trip is complete.
- Bring you face to face with the snake of comparison.
- Empower you to create a program created by the individual needs of both your family and your individual children





## Speakers and Mentors



**Dana Brooks**  
Attorney and Partner, Fasig Brooks Law Offices



**Kristen Rosen Gonzalez**  
Commissioner, Candidate for U.S. House  
of Representatives



**Jamie Garris**  
Writer, Dancer, Singer, Actress, Director,  
Editor, and Entrepreneur



**Frantzley Moise**  
Educator, Motivational Speaker, and  
Entrepreneur



**Meagan Nixon**  
Marketing Director, Tadlock Roofing



**Dr. Asha Fields Brewer**  
Author, Speaker, Educator, Radio Host



## Speakers and Mentors



**LaCora Handsford**  
President/CEO, LaCora and Company Inc.



**Debra Russell**  
Author, Job Coach



**Jasmin Richardson-Sutton**  
ZUMBA Instructor, Chocolate Waisted Fitness



**Annie Gormaley**  
Biomedical Engineering Student at UF,  
Web Developer, Artist



**Sergio Pulido**  
FSU Student



**Elisabeth Pagan**  
FSU Graduate Class of 2018



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**Carelys Trujillo**  
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**Michele Dill**  
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**Danelle Amsellem**  
4th Year Biomedical  
Engineering Student



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## **Samantha Vance, Founder & Executive Director**

Mrs. Samantha Vance is a social entrepreneur, business owner, author, and community activist. She has served in the legislative field, non-profit sector and association business for over a decade. Her experience includes restructuring operations, managing programs, legislative consulting, meeting planning, advising executives, training staff, and managing high-level projects for various companies and universities.

Vance is the co-owner and managing partner for Vance Strategies, a business consulting firm specializing in nonprofit development, real estate investing, branding, and more. Her consulting extends to national companies, politicians, and individuals providing business development advice, and campaign management assistance.

Vance has a passion for youth, developing young ladies into leaders, and helping them achieve their goals. As the Founder and Executive Director of Ladies Learning to Lead (L3), Vance focuses on the overall management of the organization, building partnerships, and fundraising, while seeking to provide tools for success for every young lady involved.

Vance founded Ladies Learning to Lead in 2010 with a vision to advance the lives of young ladies in our Nation. Serving as a mentor herself and having several in her life, she believes in the benefits of mentorship. Vance is a first-generation college graduate, who worked her way through school. Experiencing great challenges in life has kept her sharp, assisting her in being an asset to the community. By providing mentorship, professional development training and college resources to young ladies, Vance believes it will only lead them down a path of success to help build our Nation's communities, and create our next female leaders.

Vance is a graduate of Florida State University with a BS degree in Political Science, and minor in Public Administration. She is a certified Sexual Risk Avoidance trainer with the National Abstinence Education Association. Vance serves as the President for the Leon County Alliance for Girls, and board member for Adullam Entrepreneur School, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend, AMI Kids, and Tallahassee Healing Prayer Ministries. She also serves in leadership with her church in Tallahassee, Florida.

Vance is the wife of Jaworski Vance, and mother to two heart-sons Javin & Jaxon Vance. She is known as a solid believer in JESUS CHRIST, her LORD and Savior.

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## Former Representative Alan B. Williams, Honorary Chairman

Alan B. Williams is a fifth generation Floridian, an unabashed servant to the people, a proud family man, small business owner and a trailblazer in his own right. Alan grew up in Tallahassee, FL and is the youngest in a family of three children. Alan is a recipient of both a B.S. and M.B.A. from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), a third generation FAMUAN.

While in college, he found his passion for public service. Alan served as a Student Senator where he along with other student senators and members of the Florida Legislature, worked tirelessly to re-establish FAMU's College of Law. He also led a major campus initiative that resulted in the establishment of FAMU Campus Venom Express (the University's first intercampus transportation system). During this time, he also served as President of the Alpha Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

After college, Alan worked in the private sector until Tallahassee Mayor John Marks recruited him as an Aide serving as liaison between the community and the Office of the Mayor. In 2006, he founded MW Land & Investments, a Florida based property management and business development firm. As President and CEO, Alan promotes business ownership and drives business back into the local community. MW Land & Investments also actively recruits local youth and young professionals to provide them with hand on experience to teach them the importance of business, property, and stock ownership, helping them to gain financial independence and create generational wealth.

Never forgetting the monumental impact that service and leadership made on the lives of those around him, Alan ran for the Florida House of Representatives to represent District 8 (Leon and Gadsden) and was elected in November 2008. Alan was able to use his knowledge of policy and process to immediately tackle important issues. He has a record of championing legislation creating green jobs, economic development, financial literacy and prosperity.

A leader amongst his colleagues, Williams also serves as Democratic Whip, a pivotal position that ensures the Democratic Caucus agenda is enforced and protected. Additionally, Alan committee membership includes: Appropriations, Economic Affairs as the Democratic Ranking Member, Energy & Utilities Committee as the Democratic Ranking Member, Ethics & Election Subcommittee, Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, Senate Redistricting Subcommittee, Regulatory Affairs, State Affairs Committee, and Transportation & Highway Safety Subcommittee.

His tireless efforts has resulted in Alan successfully passing legislation creating the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame that recognizes and honor those persons who have made significant contributions to the ever expanding struggle for civil rights in the State of Florida.

Over the years, Alan was honored as a 2012 Henry Toll Fellows, 2012 Florida Dental Association Legislator of the Year, 2011 Northwest Florida League of Cities Legislator of the Year and has also received the American Cancer Society- Legislative Award (2009), Ernestine Butler Social Action Award (2009), and Florida A&M Distinguished Alumni Award, 40 under 40 award (2010).

Alan is a citizen legislator. Dedicated to the success of Tallahassee's youth, Alan chairs the Alan 4 Youth (A4Y) Initiative annually to encourage, empower and expand the horizons of young people. Alan serves on the Florida Public Service Commission Nominating Council, the Florida Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, the National Conference of Black State Legislators Executive Board, the Board of Directors for the United Way of the Big Bend, Second Harvest of the Big Bend, and Guardian Ad Litem.



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## **Dr. Marcella Torres, Board President**

Marcella Torres is an educator, motivational speaker, expositor, trainer, workshop facilitator, esteem lecturer and an advocate for children. She is a well sought-after speaker who has graced many platforms and changed many lives. Marcella holds a ministerial license and has been in ministry for over 25 years. With straight talk and classic humor her delivery is transforming and powerful; provoking immediate change.

Having conducted many life-changing workshops such as, Leadership 2000, Unmasking Sexually Con-Games, Understanding My Child, Parenting 101, Creating a Safe Environment, Conflict Resolution, Cultural Diversity, Understanding the People I Work With and Money Management and Goal Setting, she considers herself to be on the cutting edge; using old fashion principles and simple practices to make positive change.

Marcella offers a wealth of knowledge in grant writing, running a non-profit agency, fund-raising, board development, public and private partnerships, community organization, cultivating donors, coordinating volunteers, counseling, policies and procedures governing at-risk youth in out-of-home placements, Common Sense Parenting, behavioral modification techniques, and consulting and group facilitating. As the Founder and Director of Let's TALK Training and Consulting Group, she has over 25 years of experience in working with churches, public agencies and families with at-risk youth.

She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and ZONTA International, where she serves her community and the local families as an advocate fighting for women's rights, education, child welfare, and social reform.

She is also active within her church locally and on the district level. She is a member of Life Changers Church of God In Christ, where the honorable Superintendent Gerald Mandrell and Evangelist Judy Mandrell serves as her Pastors and District Superintendent and District Missionary of the Kingdom Builder's District. She serves faithfully as a charter member, minister, department leader, praise and worship leader, church counselor and local and District Sunday School Superintendent.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Marcella J. Torres, Th.D.

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## Many thanks to the L3 Team

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