



**Leadership Development Director,
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I joined the Cayce-West Columbia Jaycees in 2012 and have had amazing opportunities to lead projects, meet governmental officials, and preside over the Local Chapter. While holding various roles on the local level, I increased my involvement on the state level with the South Carolina Jaycees. In 2013, I hosted my first statewide project, A Night for Hope, a gala to raise money and awareness for Camp Hope. I thoroughly enjoyed working with people from across the state and learning more about how they impact their community. Over the next few years, I was able to serve in many different positions on the state team thus furthering my knowledge of our great organization.

In 2019, I was able to serve as the 83rd President of the South Carolina Jaycees. This roll allowed me the opportunity to build leaders in my great state as well as assist our state organization in being the change in 2019. This was accomplished by finding joy by living our passion, growing leaders by empowering them to lead, grow, and impact, and working together to impact our future. During my term as State President, I was awarded the Allen Whitfield Memorial Award for being an outstanding State President and the South Carolina Jaycees were awarded the George O Wilson Memorial Award for being the top State Organization in the Nation.

I attended my first national convention in 2013 and have been attending since. It impressed me how passionate people were about the organization and how during each session every voice had the right to be heard. People did not always agree however one thing was certain, each person loved the organization. I have had the opportunity to serve on the Elections and Credentials Committee in 2017 and as Program Manager of the JCI USA Awards Committee in 2020. In 2021, I served as National Vice President assigned to the area of Chapter Relations. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Jaycees across California, Kentucky, North Carolina, Wisconsin,

Arkansas, Connecticut, Alaska, Vermont, and Nevada. The leaders in those states are amazing and powerful! I have also enjoyed working with the JCI Youth and the Civic Leadership Certification Program. These programs help build leaders for our future as well as keep our chapters well rounded in their mission. In 2022, I look forward to serving as the Leadership Development Director and working with leaders from across JCI USA!

I currently reside in Lexington, South Carolina with my husband, Trey, and am employed by Lexington County School District One.

My school each day begins with a launch. Each launch is different and has a different meaning to each person. This launch resonated with me and it made me think about our future as Jaycees. "Our background and circumstance may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become." We have the opportunity to define who we will become during our next hundred years. We need to reflect on our past to improve for the future. We must empower each member to be responsible for impacting who we become. This happens through teamwork, collaboration, finding joy, creating impact, and building leaders. We are responsible for who we become. We hold the keys to furthering the Jaycee movement into the next hundred years. It's time to RISE!