



ABWA Chapter INSPIRE HER Quarterly Newsletter

January - March 2021

ABWA's Mission Statement

The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together business women of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.



Spring into Spring 2021

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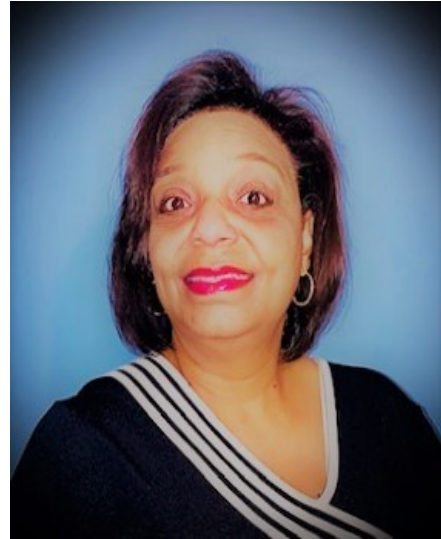
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Our Vice President Celnah Colbert

In January 2020, Celnah joined the American Business Women's Association and became the Communication Chair on the Formation team that started the Gwinnett County, GA local ABWA chapter, **InspireHer**. Currently, Celnah serves as the Vice-President and brings forth her life experiences and creativity to inspire others.

Celnah is a certified Business Analysis professional with over 23 years' experience in Information Technology as an employee and independent contractor. She works with clients, customers, and businesses to build solutions to deliver products and services to market.

Celnah traveled throughout much of her childhood and lived abroad. While Murphy, North Carolina is home, she credits Hanau, West Germany as being where she grew up. She places value on building life-long relationships and helping others. Through volunteering her time and resources, she can be found giving back and paying forward by supporting foster children, disabled veterans and donating to organizations that help people in need.

Celnah loves spending time with her two sons and four grandchildren and keeps grounded by doing mixed media crafting, creative writing, and learning new things.



WELCOME New Members

Kierra Quante	January 2021
Vanessa Keith	February 2021
Julia Mickens	February 2021
Icie Ashe	February 2021
Barbara Nibbs	March 2021





AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION
CHANGING WOMEN'S LIVES. . . ONE WOMAN AT A TIME.®

**ONE MEMBERSHIP,
A LIFETIME OF VALUE**

LEVERAGE YOUR ABWA MEMBERSHIP
TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER

JOIN US!



Happening Around Town...

Networking Opportunities

Network ATL presented by LoveWork Studios

Date: March 24, 2021

Time: 8:00PM

Location: LoveWork Recording Studios

Career Opportunities

Community School Director—Community Schools

Gwinnett County Public Schools, Norcross, GA

K12JobSpot



Health & Wellness

Phase 1A of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout continues

Gwinnett County Government and the Gwinnett, Newton, and Rockdale County Health Departments worked together to convert the bottom floor of the former Sears building at Gwinnett Place Mall into a mass vaccination center that will accommodate immunizing up to 3,000 people a day as vaccines become available. Vaccine is still limited, and the state is currently in Phase 1A of distribution, which includes health care workers, first responders, long-term care facility workers and residents, and adults 65 and older. Appointments at the Gwinnett Place Mall site are required and can only be scheduled [here](#).

The [state's COVID-19 vaccination page](#) includes information about the COVID-19 distribution phases; a status dashboard where you can see data about the amount of vaccines allocated, shipped, and administered to Georgians; and a list of locations where appointments are available. If you're looking for a [COVID-19 vaccination site near you](#), be sure to check back often as the participating vaccine site locations list will be updated frequently. Additional locations statewide will be added when providers are ready to safely administer the vaccine, and as vaccine supply allows.

Project RESET continues to prevent evictions

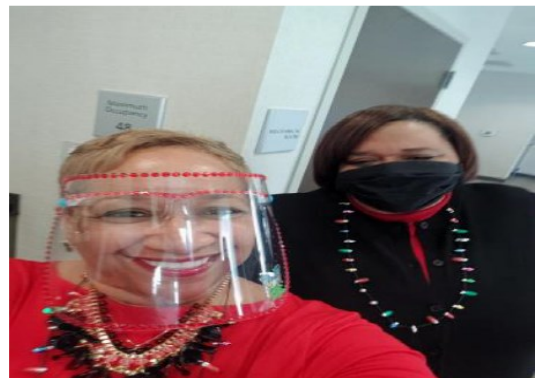
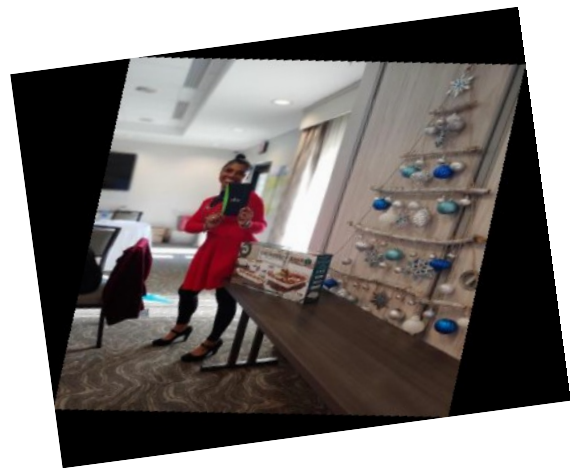
Gwinnett County is continuing to use funds from the CARES Act to make past due rent payments directly to landlords in order prevent imminent evictions and keep tenants stably housed. Project RESET, which stands for Relief from Evictions Starts by Engaging Together, is a partnership between HomeFirst Gwinnett, Gwinnett County Government, and the Magistrate Court. Interested parties can get more information by calling 770.847.6765 or emailing MagistrateCourtProjectRESET@gwinnettcountry.com. Read more about the program [here](#), and apply using the QR code in the flyer or [this form](#).

Upcoming Events Calendar:

InspireHer Chapter Membership Campaign	April 24, 2021
ABWA National Membership Campaign	March 1, 2021—May 31, 2021
APEX Course(s) - Complimentary	
◆ Workplace Visualization	March 1, 2021—March 31, 2021
◆ Culture of Kaizen	April 1, 2021—April 30, 2021



InspireHer—Holiday Gala!



1st Quarter



ToRhonda Green

M'Kaneghay Hudson

Sharon Norman

Lisa Wren

L'Tonya Hall

Teresa Williams

Precious McBride

Leslie Washington

Angela Wilson

Tina Williams

Shareen Clark

Alecia Grimes

Julia Mikens

Syronica Wyatt



Around Gwinnett County



Kick off your spring cleaning at Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

Gwinnett Water Resources and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful are teaming up to host the fifth annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day Saturday, February 20 from 9:00am to 1:00 pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds. Residents can drop off up to five containers of household

hazardous waste, like paint, aerosols, batteries, and more, for proper disposal or recycling. COVID-19 guidelines will be in place to ensure the safety of residents and staff, which may result in a slightly longer wait during drop off. For a full list of accepted materials, guidance on container sizes, and more, please visit [GwinnettCB.org](https://www.gwinnettcba.org).

Apply for Gwinnett 101 or Gwinnett Youth Commission

Learn how and why Gwinnett County Government does what it does by attending the Gwinnett 101 Citizens Academy, a 12-week program that gives participants a peek behind the curtain at County operations and policies. Participants meet one evening a week to talk with County leaders and tour County facilities. Apply for the spring session by filling out the [form](#) at [Gwinnett101.com](https://www.gwinnett101.com) by March 2. Classes start April 1. By completing the program, you can join the alumni network that includes three of my fellow commissioners!

The Gwinnett Youth Commission, an eight-week summer leadership program for high school students, is also accepting [applications](#) on the [Gwinnett Youth Commission](#) webpage through April 12. Classes for both programs will be in-person but limited to 15 participants each to allow for social distancing.

Links to social media profiles

Website: [abwa-inspireher.org](https://www.abwa-inspireher.org)

Facebook: [@AbwaInspireHer](#)

Instagram: [abwa.inspireher](#)



InspireHer Corner....



SPRING IS HERE. Flowers, trees, leaves and the sun will be making their debut. Naturally incubating in the earth, waiting to spring into Spring. Their journey manifested in bright and beautiful days. Reaching their intended destination.

LET'S PROCEED IN ENLIGHTENMENT. Commanding our daily perceptions. There are benefits and rewards in each day of our journey. Gratitude is renewing and strengthening.

Whether our days consist of the beauty and patience of a bud to a flower. Or, the needed struggle of the caterpillar in the cocoon, transforming into the butterfly. The struggle providing strength in the wings.

STAY AWAKE. When our season is manifested, our journey will have been as important as our destination. For once the destination is reached, our review mirrors will reflect. "That life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breaths away". - Maya Angelou.

*As we journey to our destination **and** as we transform daily. Let's paint our wings vibrantly.*

BE INSPIRED make yourself a beautiful butterfly!!!



SPRING MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN MARCH 1-MAY 31



WE KNOW THAT ABWA IS AN ASSOCIATION THAT'S ALL ABOUT "CHOICE." IN ABWA, **YOU** CHOOSE

YOUR LEAGUE AFFILIATION, YOUR LEAGUE'S ELECTED OFFICER, YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY!

This year, we asked our regional conference attendees to choose their favorite package of Vera Bradley accessories (VB) for recruiting, one, two or three new members during the spring campaign period. We are pleased to announce that the majority of members selected **Package 1** which includes a Vera Bradley luggage tag, hanging organizer, and a duffle bag with luggage sleeve valued at almost \$200 in a fun spring pattern (*while supplies last*).

This campaign season, reach out to a woman who needs the support of a community of strong, smart and compassionate women. Ask her to attend a Chapter/Express Network meeting. Help her **REIMAGINE HER FUTURE**, by sharing the benefits of membership in ABWA. And if she joins, make sure **YOUR** name is listed as her sponsor to qualify for prizes. You will be recognized on the ABWA District Facebook pages weekly, for every member you sponsor too!

PLUS, if you recruit more than 3 new members during the campaign, you will be added to a drawing for "bonus" prizes too in the same pattern just in time for spring.



LEVEL

1

ENROLL ONE NEW MEMBER



WHIMSY LUGGAGE TAG

LEVEL

2

ENROLL TWO NEW MEMBERS



HANGING TRAVEL ORGANIZER

LEVEL

3

ENROLL THREE OR MORE NEW MEMBERS



COMPACT WEEKENDER BAG



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