

2024-2025 FC2 EMERGING LEADERS



JONATHAN AKMAN

Director of Analytics & Technology, Kogod School of Business at American University

Jonathan is a proud sixth-generation Washingtonian. He currently serves as the Director of Analytics & Technology at American University's Kogod School of Business (where he also serves as an adjunct faculty member). Jonathan is a board member and treasurer of the England Family Foundation - an organization focused on creating a vibrant and equitable Washington, D.C. A basketball enthusiast, Jonathan also acts as an official scorer and statistician for the Washington Wizards and Washington Mystics (a role he's served in for over 15 seasons). Jonathan earned a BA and an MBA from The George Washington University.

*Jonathan resides in Ward 2. He was nominated by FC2 Member **Owen Billman** of Blake Real Estate.*



ALLISTER CHANG

Ward 2 D.C. State Board of Education Representative

Allister Chang is the Ward 2 Member on the D.C. State Board of Education and an advisory board member of the Library of Congress Literacy Awards. Allister co-founded a healthcare company that embeds services in laundromats to turn a weekly chore into a meaningful time to get, understand, and use benefits. He was previously a Robert Bosch Stiftung Fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute, a Visiting Researcher at UNESCO's Institute for Lifelong Learning, and the Executive Director of Libraries Without Borders. He has been on the International Literacy Association's "30 Under 30" list and holds a Master's in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.

*Allister resides in Ward 2. He was nominated by **Malcom Fox** of Opportunity DC.*



MICHAEL COHEN

President & CEO of Suitless Inc.

Michael Cohen is currently the President & CEO of Suitless Inc. Founded in 2014, Suitless provides small to medium-sized companies with complete back office support. Since its inception, Suitless has worked with a number of companies in the media, technology, professional services, and non-profit spaces, providing expert guidance in the areas of human resources and finance. Michael also currently serves as an Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for ANC 4B07, was a previous graduate of the FBI's Citizens Academy, and sits on the board of the Order of the Leaf, a non-profit that supports a summer camp for boys, which is located in Frederick County, Maryland.

*Michael resides in Ward 4. He was nominated by **Malcom Fox** of Opportunity DC.*

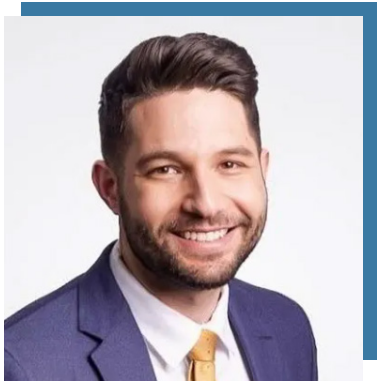


ROBERT "BOBBY" CUNNINGHAM

Director of The Vogel Group

Bobby Cunningham has worked in and around politics for over a decade. Prior to joining Vogel Group, he spent more than five years at Van Heuvelen Strategies. Bobby cut his teeth helping startups innovate across government-dominated industries. He has also worked with global nonprofits in addition to serving in key roles on political campaigns, most recently as treasurer for Marcus Goodwin, a DC Council candidate in 2020. At Vogel Group, Bobby works to advance policies and support programs for nonprofits and startups. His specific issues include e-waste recycling, school-based health and school security, maternal and infant health equity, healthcare for the aging population, international peacebuilding and unarmed civilian protection, as well as initiatives supporting our nation's military personnel and veterans. Bobby was born in Seoul, South Korea on the anniversary of the Korean Armistice Agreement. A proud Irish American, he serves as a note-taking and observing member of the Ad Hoc Committee to Protect the Good Friday Agreement. He is also a Board Member of the Hoops for Youth Foundation, which sponsors the annual Congressional Basketball Game. Bobby graduated from Wesleyan University (CT) with a degree in American Politics and he currently serves as the Young Alumni Chair of the St. Albans School Alumni Association Board.

*Bobby resides in Ward 2. He was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Nicholas Folger** of Folger Nolan Fleming Douglas.*



SALAH CZAPARY

Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife & Culture

Salah Czapary was appointed to serve as the Director of the Mayor's Office of Nightlife and Culture by Mayor Bowser on November 10th, 2022. He was unanimously confirmed by the Council of the District of Columbia on December 20th, 2022. As Director, he serves as the chief advocate and liaison for the hospitality sector within government. Salah has over 10 years of experience leading community outreach initiatives and engaging with diverse stakeholders, including work abroad in Chile, Israel and Jordan. Before joining the Mayor's Cabinet, Salah served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Chief of Police at the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), where he led numerous programs, including the MPD Reserve Corps and Domestic Violence Liaison Program, to encourage greater community engagement and involvement with policing. He also oversaw community working groups to capture community feedback, develop community trust, and improve volunteer service programs. Salah is a graduate of the Metropolitan Police Academy, he completed a Fellowship in Innovative Policing at Georgetown Law Center, the Program for Excellence in Municipal Management through The George Washington University. He is currently completing his Master's Degree in Homeland Security and National Defense at the Naval Postgraduate School.

*Salah resides in Ward 1. He was nominated by **Malcom Fox** of Opportunity DC.*



KRISTEN DESANTI

Manager of Career Preparedness Programs at DC Public Schools

Kristen DeSanti is a visionary leader with a remarkable 15-year journey in public education, dedicated to empowering underrepresented students and shaping innovative pathways to postsecondary success. With over a decade-long tenure in DC public education, Kristen has been a driving force behind transformative initiatives aimed at dismantling barriers and fostering equitable access to career opportunities. Her strategic efforts ensure that students and staff are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the DMV's dynamic economy. As a proud student-athlete and graduate of Syracuse University (B.A. International Relations '09), she was inspired to pursue her graduate degree at George Washington University (M.A. International Education '11) after studying abroad in Chile. Kristen has found a second home in Washington, DC over the past 15 years. She resides in Columbia Heights (with her dog, Mosley) and is deeply connected to the community she serves, aiming to make a positive impact for key stakeholders across the district.

*Kristen resides in Ward 1. She was nominated by **Tanya Borachi** of the Federal City Council.*



MANNY EGOEGONWA

Managing Partner at Cubed Partners

Manny Egoegonwa is Managing Partner & Co-Founder of Cubed Partners. He is a design, development and construction professional with over 15 years of experience in the multifamily & commercial real estate sector. Manny is responsible for all development activities at Cubed Partners, ensuring great execution in all of our development pursuits.

*Manny resides in Maryland. He was nominated by FC2 Trustee and 2023-2024 Emerging Leader **Nihar Shah** of Transwestern Development Company.*



DANIEL GOETZEL

Strategic Partnerships, Senior Advisor at the National Science Foundation

Daniel Goetzel directs strategic partnerships for innovation and economic development. He splits his time between the National Science Foundation's Technology, Innovation and Partnerships Directorate and the U.S. Department of Commerce. For the past 2 years, he led the NSF Engines Program, a new initiative focused on expanding the U.S. geography of innovation, providing regions up to \$160 M over 10 years+ to build their entrepreneurial ecosystems. Previously, he led corporate partnerships at Columbia University and directed innovation at Johns Hopkins University. Daniel's career began in politics, including roles in gubernatorial and senatorial offices, and he holds degrees from Emory University and the Harvard Kennedy School. A DMV native, he resides on Capitol Hill.

*Daniel resides in Ward 6. He was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Bill Alsop** of Hines.*



A. JILLYNN GREENE

Chief of Staff at SRB Communications

Jillynn Greene, a seasoned executive-level administrative professional and event planner with a decade of experience in global corporations, serves as Chief of Staff at SRB Communications. She plays a pivotal role as a thought leader partner to the CEO, Dr. Sheila Brooks, overseeing strategic initiatives and ensuring smooth operations. With exceptional people skills, she fosters relationships with clients and stakeholders, contributing to the boutique marketing agency's success. A proud graduate of an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Jillynn combines financial acumen with her administrative and event planning prowess, offering a unique blend of skills to the team. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

*Jillynn resides in Maryland. She was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Dr. Sheila Brooks** of SRB Communications.*



ASHLEY GREENSPAN

External Affairs at Crown Castle

Ashley Greenspan leads external affairs across DC, Maryland and Virginia for Crown Castle, the largest provider of shared communications infrastructure in the United States. She works with communities and government officials to expand access to the wireless broadband we rely on in our daily lives to stay connected with loved ones, access vital information, and so much more. She is responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive external affairs strategy that leverages media relations, coalitions, social media, lobbying and thought leadership. Prior to joining Crown Castle, she led communications at the Partnership for New York City, served as Chief of Staff at the NYC Economic Development Corporation, and led lobbying and public affairs accounts at Kasirer and Edelman, respectively.

*Ashley resides in West Nyack, NY. She was nominated by **Laura Miller Brooks** of the Federal City Council.*



LAJOY JOHNSON-LAW

Parent Support Specialist at Advocates for Justice and Education (AJE)

LaJoy is a Ward 8 resident with a beautiful 12-year-old daughter—Abria. LaJoy has been heavily involved in the education and policy landscape in DC for over 12 years. LaJoy is a fierce subject matter expert in education and has been a fighter for special education, schools east of the river, and children with disabilities and their families. Constantly inspired by her daughter, who was born extremely premature at 23 weeks and 1 pound 6 ounces—LaJoy believes that just like her daughter is a miracle, all of our children are miracles and deserve high-quality education so they can thrive. Currently, LaJoy is the project coordinator at Advocates for Justice and Education (AJE) to continue her advocacy efforts for families who have children with disabilities. LaJoy holds an Associate's Degree in Elementary Education, a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Phoenix. Additionally, LaJoy also holds a Master of Philosophy in Public Policy and Administration from Walden University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration.

*LaJoy resides in Ward 8. She was nominated by **Malcom Fox** of Opportunity DC.*



MATT LARSON

Associate Principal at Arup

Matt Larson is an Associate Principal at Arup's Washington, DC office. He is a structural engineer by training and responsible for multi-disciplinary team leadership, project management, and design of projects in DC, domestically, and globally. He has 20 years of experience on both building and infrastructure projects with particular interest in public rail for its ability to respond to inequities of access for communities while providing decarbonized transit options. A selection of his work in the DMV includes near and long term projects at Washington Union Station, the new Potomac Yard WMATA station, and the 11th Street Bridge Park concept. Matt is a native Washingtonian and lives in Takoma with his wife and two children.

*Matt resides in Ward 4. He was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Anna Gradishar** of Arup.*



GRAHAM MCLAUGHLIN

Executive in Residence at Zeal Capital Partners and President of Snacklins

Graham McLaughlin was a healthcare executive for 20 years, including leading health equity and social responsibility at the world's largest healthcare organization, launching health tech products across the US and EMEA, and serving on UnitedHealth Group's impact investment committee. Graham is currently an executive in residence at Zeal Capital Partners, a venture capital firm focused on generating above market returns by investing in diverse management teams leading exceptional businesses. He is also President of Snacklins, a healthy snack company backed by Mark Cuban and leading CPG venture capital firms, as well as a licensed DC realtor with Sotheby's. Graham chairs the board of 1863 Ventures, a non-profit accelerator and venture firm supporting Black-owned businesses, and is on the board of Georgetown's School of Health. He also founded a for-profit social enterprise and non-profit incubator helping individuals returning from incarceration to launch businesses. Graham has been published or profiled in publications and media outlets such as Guardian Sustainable Business, Forbes, the Washington Post, ABC, NBC, NPR, and National Journal. Graham graduated Summa Cum Laude from UNC-Chapel Hill with a dual degree in psychology and management.

*Graham resides in Ward 7. He was nominated by **Malcom Fox** of Opportunity DC.*



SAMANTHA MEYERHOFF

Senior Project Manager at Consigli Construction Co.

Samantha Meyerhoff is an experienced leader in the construction industry, currently serving as Senior Project Manager at Consigli Construction Co., Inc. With extensive experience, she has led notable projects in Washington, DC, including the construction of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of African American History and Culture, the renovation of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, and the new International Spy Museum. Currently, Sam is leveraging her leadership and strategic vision on the Lincoln Memorial Undercroft project, demonstrating her dedication to excellence and commitment to innovation. Sam holds a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, highlighting her solid foundation in the field. Her impressive track record and unwavering dedication position her as a standout nominee for the Federal City Council's Emerging Leaders program.

*Samantha resides in Ward 6. She was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Phillip Brault** of Consigli.*

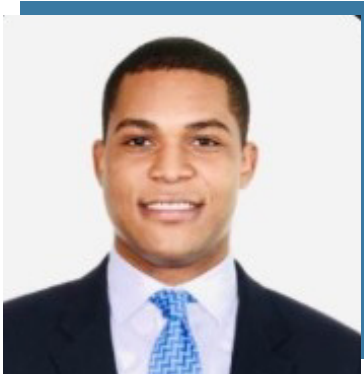


HAYLEY MORRIS

Vice President of Acquisitions at Post Brothers

Hayley is the VP of Acquisitions at Post Brothers and has led or supported financings and acquisitions totaling \$1.6b across over 3m SF of properties. Hayley started working at Post Brothers in 2014 as an intern while studying at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania as an undergraduate. Today, Hayley's duties include seeking out new property acquisitions and leading construction financings by creating investment memorandums, compiling market and project-specific research, and working with capital partners throughout the entirety of the due diligence process. Hayley is also a member of Philadelphia-based WIRE (Women in Real Estate) and the Jewish Federation of Real Estate and engages with her alma mater's real estate groups in various capacities. Hayley is a Los Angeles native and in her free time she enjoys traveling, studying the Spanish language and Hispanic culture, and going to art museums and exhibits.

*Hayley resides in Philadelphia, PA. She was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Matt Pestronk** of Post Brothers.*



CHAD PRICE

Development Associate for Mill Creek Residential

Chad Price is a native Washingtonian and serves as a Development Associate for Mill Creek Residential. He is responsible for all aspects of the development process, including sourcing, financing, and executing multifamily and mixed-use projects in the Mid-Atlantic region. Before joining Mill Creek, Mr. Price was a Development Analyst at Fundrise, a crowdfunding platform that enables retail investors to invest in private real estate through shares. Prior to his employment at Fundrise, Mr. Price was a Financial Analyst at Jones Lang LaSalle, which is a global real estate company that specializes in services for commercial property and investment management. Mr. Price earned a B.A. in Economics and is pursuing a Masters in Real Estate Finance from Georgetown University. He is a member of the District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA), DC Real Estate Group, and a board member of the Young Real Estate Council (YREC), a D.C.-based organization that fosters the professional, philanthropic, and social development of young African-American commercial real estate professionals.

*Chad resides in Ward 6. He was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Corey Arnez Griffin** of Global Government and Industry Partners, LLC.*



JAMIE SCOTT

Deputy Director of Business Development and Strategy at the Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning and Economic Development

Jamie Scott currently serves as the Deputy Director of Business Development & Strategy in the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. In this role, he serves as the principal advisor to the Director of Business Development and Strategy and supports the agency's business attraction efforts, small business investments, and strategic initiatives that drive equitable economic growth across diverse industry sectors. Previously, he served as the Director of Planning & Economic Development for the Georgetown Business Improvement District (BID) where he oversaw economic development, placemaking, and transportation initiatives. Before joining the BID, Jamie was Assistant Director of Community Engagement at Georgetown University where he supported the university's master planning, neighborhood relations, and community partnerships in the District. Jamie earned his Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University.

*Jamie resides in Ward 4. He was nominated by FC2 2023-2024 Emerging Leader **Julia Lovett** of Framebridge.*

JEROME (JAY) SHUMAN JR.

Of Counsel at Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

Jerome (Jay) Shuman Jr. is a DC and Maryland-based attorney who counsels non-profit and for-profit clients in the buying, selling, financing, development, management, and leasing of affordable and market-rate housing, mixed-use developments, and other commercial projects. Jay maintains an active pro bono practice and is a gubernatorial appointee to the Maryland Housing Finance Review Committee, responsible for reviewing loan requests and the investment and project financing policies of the Department of Housing and Community Development. As a former associate county attorney for Prince George's County, Maryland, Jay represented the county in its major real estate development and finance transactions. He also has extensive corporate experience from his time in private practice in New York. A born-and-bred Washingtonian, when not working, Jay enjoys spending time with his wife and two daughters and is a car enthusiast.

*Jay resides in Maryland. He was nominated by FC2 Emeritus Trustee **Charlene Drew Jarvis**.*

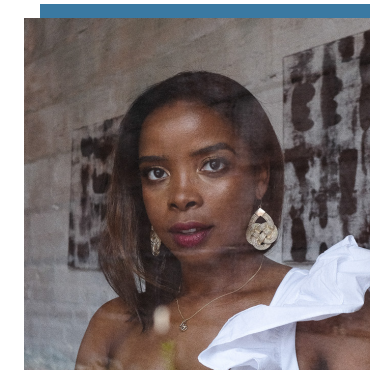


CHERRELLE SWAIN

Creative Strategist and Filmmaker at Terra Rossa

Cherrelle Swain is a film producer, creative strategist, and creator of Terra Rossa, a community-centered production company focused on social justice based in Washington DC. Her past clients include American Cancer Society, Fiverr, TIAA, Documentary Producers Alliance, George Washington University, and more. Bringing a unique perspective to storytelling Cherrelle is passionate about uplifting narratives of ancestry, identity, and healing. Before founding Terra Rossa, Cherrelle served as an educator, community organizer, and expat. She played a pivotal role in community engagement and strategic partnerships at Citybridge Education, supporting the development of innovative public charter schools in Washington DC led by founders of color. Descending from Saint Paul, Minnesota's Rondo community, Cherrelle holds a BBA from Howard University and an MBA from the University of Sevilla in International Business. She has produced acclaimed documentary films such as "BLACK BOYS," streaming on NBC Peacock, and is currently a Producer for "Southmont" by Ashley O'Shay. As an Impact Producer, Cherrelle has worked on titles including American Fiction, For What It's Worth, and Show Her the Money.

*Cherrelle resides in Ward 5. She was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Nicholas Folger** of Folger Nolan Fleming Douglas Inc.*



BRETT SWIATOCHA

Associate Principal and Residential Practice Leader at Perkins Eastman DC

Brett Swiatocha co-leads the multifamily design studio for Perkins Eastman DC, where he has been practicing Architecture since 2010. He is a registered Architect in the District of Columbia, New York, and Connecticut, specializing in the design of mixed-use and mixed-income multifamily residential developments. Brett primarily focuses on dense urban development sites in the DC Metropolitan Area but has worked on projects of all scales throughout the United States and thrives on the pursuit of creative design outcomes for complex challenges. As a design leader in the community, Brett has been an invited member of design competition juries at local universities and has served as an ambassador for Perkins Eastman on the Housing Council of the Urban Land Institute's DC chapter and the Housing Committee of the DC Building Industry Association. Brett relocated from New York City over twenty years ago to attend the University of Maryland, where he received a Master of Architecture degree with a focus in Urban Design. He currently resides in DC's Brightwood neighborhood with his wife Andrea and two young children.

*Brett resides in Ward 4. He was nominated by FC2 Trustee **Barbara Mullenex** of Perkins Eastman DC.*

