

Throughout his career, Glenton "Glen" Gilzean Jr. has been recognized as a courageous leader and advocate for disadvantaged youth and families.



At the age of 26, Glen created an educational non-profit organization with the mission of ensuring that disadvantaged youth had a safe and nurturing destination after completing the school day. Over three years, Educate Today blossomed into a multimillion-dollar organization, serving hundreds of youth across the state of Florida.

In 2012, Glen moved onto his next challenge and brought his advocacy skills to Florida's largest educational non-profit organization Step up for Students, serving as Vice President of Family and Community Affairs. Along with his team, Glen worked tirelessly in Tallahassee to ensure that families had the right to choose the education path that best met their needs, guaranteeing the best development for their children.

Glen has received six gubernatorial appointments throughout his career. Most recently, Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Glen to the Re-Open Florida Task Force to ensure the urban community was properly represented in Florida's recovery plan for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Glen to the Florida Census Complete Count Committee (2020) and the Florida Commission on Ethics (2019). Previously, Governor Rick Scott appointed Glen to the Pinellas County School Board (2012), the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) Board of Trustees (2013) and to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission (2016).

Additionally, Glen is a fellow of the James Madison Institute (JMI) and is a member of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) leadership network.

In 2019, Glen was named one of Central Florida's CEOs of the year by the Orlando Business Journal; recognition of his work as the President and CEO of the Central Florida Urban League (CFUL). Since beginning his tenure at the CFUL in 2016, Glen led the rebirth of the organization. Saddled with \$1.2 million of debt, in under two years, the CFUL became debt-free and re-established its place as a community leader.

Glenton "Glen" Gilzean Jr. holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Sciences from the University of South Florida and a Master's Degree in Entrepreneurship from the University of South Florida's Center of Entrepreneurship.