

2021 Board Election Candidates Bios



Kai Daniels

Fueled by a family history and passion for entrepreneurship, Kai Evelyn Smith Daniels drives impact as an Investment Associate with GM Ventures LLC, the corporate venture capital arm of General Motors. Currently pursuing a Masters in Business Intelligence and Data Analytics from Carnegie Mellon University, Kai is responsible for analyzing and supporting investments across automotive cleantech, infotainment, smart materials, and other Industry 4.0 automotive-related technologies.

Working on the front lines of the venture community, Kai champions startups, and the vital role they can play in helping GM transform the automotive industry. Prior to her role at GM Ventures, Kai was a Global IT Project Manager within General Motors and co-founder of SoFitU, a fitness mobile application launched out of the Florida State University's College of Business and Tech Town Detroit in 2014. Kai graduated from Florida State University, with honors, obtaining both a Management Information Systems and Entrepreneurship Degrees. Lastly, she is a proud resident of Highland Park's Historic District where she enjoys spending time with her family and volunteering at the Ruth Ellis Center.



Arianna Dortch

Arianna is a lifelong resident of Highland Park. She is 16 years old and attends Detroit Edison Public School Academy in Detroit. As an 11th grader, she is dedicated to her studies, evidenced by excelling in advanced placement and IB classes.

Arianna maintains a 4.3 cumulative GPA and is 3rd in her class of 109 students. Arianna is enrolled in Dual Enrollment classes through The University of Michigan (Dearborn). She is a varsity volleyball player for DEPSA and a member of The National Honor Society.

Arianna has educational goals to attend a University of choice to pursue a STEM degree. Arianna is passionate, dedicated and strives for excellence in all pursuits. These qualities combined would make her an exceptional junior board member.



Stacye Jones

DJ Stacye J is a native of Detroit and a veteran DJ of her hometown's independent music scene. With mentorship from underground legends like DJ Trickster, DJ Sicari, and Piper Carter, Stacye has earned her credibility as a force of reckon behind the turntables whether it be parties that place her as the headliner responsible for everyone's good time, or playing sonic architect and helping performing artists like Detroit Che tailor their live show to the surprise and delight of the audience.

Emerging from her teenage years as a self-proclaimed "lame" into the stylish cumulative of matter-of-fact queerness, womanhood, and motherhood, DJ Stacye describes her style of auditory curation as "sophistiratchet". This desire to move crowds in ways that are both primal and intelligent stems from deep love of Detroit's claim to fame as predecessors of electronic music and its more urban extensions, namely ghettotech and "booty music".

This genre that has come to define counterculture movements across Detroit and other melanated-metropolis was originally DJ Stacye J's sole reason for learning the ways of the turntables. Since her induction into mixing, scratching and matching, DJ Stacye J has since developed a following of dedicated supporters as a highly sought DJ, promoter, and event curator.