



Katina Barnes, Member-at-Large

Katina W. Barnes, a native of Suffolk, Virginia, has worked extremely hard to become a change agent in her community. After earning a degree in Fashion Marketing & Design from the Art Institute of Atlanta, she went on to earn a bachelor's in Social Work and Masters in Urban Education from Norfolk State University. Mrs. Barnes spent most of her career strengthening families and empowering communities. Ms. Barnes is now employed with the Department of Labor, as a Career Transition Specialist, helping to employ Job Corps students. She is also very busy as Founder/Executive Director of Butterfly Village, a nonprofit, 501 (c)(3) organization designed to cultivate change in the lives of women and girls.

She currently volunteers as lead advisor for a mentoring ministry for teenage girls, and coordinates breast cancer awareness activities supporting the American Cancer Society. Ms. Barnes is an alum of Lead Hampton Roads and Lefco Leadership. She serves as Secretary for the Portsmouth Schools Foundation. Ms. Barnes takes honor and pride to be the 2017 recipient of the Tidewater Community College Martin Luther King Jr. College Distinguished Service Award and National Coalition of 100 Black Women Distinguished Leader Award 2018.

Ms. Barnes is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoys spending time with her family, interior decorating, collecting teacups and settling at the beach. Her philosophy is “believe in yourself, your dreams, and strive to make a difference each day”.