



WELCOME & OPENING SPEAKERS

JOHN PORTER, ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA

John Porter has served as the President and CEO of ACT for Alexandria, Alexandria's community foundation, for the past seven years after retiring from the Alexandria City Public Schools. During his time with the school system, he served in various teaching and administrative capacities and is best remembered for his twenty-two years as principal of T. C. Williams High School.

John's position with ACT allows him to continue his civic work on behalf of others in the community working with a cadre of others to address issues impacting the city. He is most proud of the successes of the many students with whom he worked during his years in education and for the opportunity to continue this all important type of work, positively impacting the lives of others.

BRANDI YEE, ACT FOR ALEXANDRIA

As the Chief Program Officer, Brandi Yee oversees ACT's philanthropic and community investment initiatives including the Capacity Building Grants Program, Early Care & Education, IMPACT: Innovation + Philanthropy, LEAD, and Spring2ACTion. She is passionate about strengthening the nonprofit sector and advising donors on strategic philanthropic giving and engaging them in the work of local nonprofits.

Prior to ACT, she worked with Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC) and Goodwill of Greater Washington, establishing the Arlington Career Campus of Goodwill. Prior to working in the nonprofit sector, Brandi worked with undergraduate students as a career consultant at the George Mason University School of Management and as a recruiter with User Technology Associates, Inc., a government contractor.

Brandi has an M.S. in Organizational Learning from George Mason University and a B.A. in Rhetoric & Communication and Sociology-Organizational Studies from the University of California, Davis. Brandi is a member of the Diaconate of Grace Presbyterian Church-DC, serves on the Board of Directors of Food for Life, and is a founding board member of Girls on the Run – DC.

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LORI MORRIS, BRUHN-MORRIS FOUNDATION

Lori Morris is President of the Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation. Established in February of 2003, the foundation was created to support programs in the area of Youth and Family. Since its creation, the foundation has donated funds to organizations such as the Capital City Public Charter School, Fight Crime Invest in Kids, ACT for Alexandria and many other education-focused organizations.

Lori received her Master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education from the George Washington University. She taught in the Alexandria City Public Schools. Since then, she has co-authored two books, "*Inclusive Early Childhood Education: A Model Classroom*" and "*3 Keys to a Successful Circle Time*". She also worked on federally funded education projects focused on developing and then disseminating a model inclusion program for the public schools.

Lori is a current and founding board member of ACT for Alexandria, and serves as Chair of the Community Investment Committee. In addition, she serves on the board at Community Wealth Partners and is launching her own business, Lime and Leaf, a home textile company. She served as Vice-Chair of the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation and as a board member of the INOVA Health System.

ELLEN KENNEDY FOLTS, BRUHN-MORRIS FOUNDATION

As Executive Director of the Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, Ellen facilitates public-private collaboration around high quality early care & education systems building in Alexandria. Through a combination of investments in research, evaluation, and capacity building support, the foundation strives to support organizations' abilities to use data to inform and enhance program design and deliver top quality services.

Ellen has over 20 years' experience leading foundations as well as providing financial and strategic advisory services within family office settings. Prior to joining the Bruhn-Morris Family Foundation, Ellen served as CFO for Ted Leonsis, majority owner of the Washington Capitals, Washington Wizards, Washington Mystics, and the Verizon Center, as well as ED for the Leonsis Foundation. Prior to that, Ellen performed a similar role for Jim Kimsey, co-founder of AOL, after starting out in Ernst & Young's Tax and Financial Planning group.

During her career Ellen has participated on a number of nonprofit boards and committees. She is currently Board Chair for the Center for Alexandria's Children, a Finance Committee member for ACT for Alexandria, and Treasurer of the St. George's Windsor Castle Foundation. Ellen graduated from Stanford University and is a Certified Financial Planner.