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STEPHANIE A. HIGHTOWER, PRESIDENT & CEO THE COLUMBUS URBAN LEAGUE

STEPHANIE A. HIGHTOWER IS THE 8TH PRESIDENT & CEO OF THE COLUMBUS URBAN LEAGUE (CUL), THE SEVENTH LARGEST AFFILIATE IN THE NATION. THE CUL HAS A BUDGET IN ABUNDANCE OF \$4MILLION AND DELIVERS 13 DIFFERENT PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOCUSED ON EARLY CHILDHOOD, PRIMARY, SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION, HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT/CAREER SERVICES AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH TO SPECIAL POPULATIONS.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT FOR COLUMBUS COLLEGE ART & DESIGN, ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S PREMIER ART AND DESIGN INSTITUTIONS IN THE MIDWEST, STEPHANIE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE DISTINCTIVE MARKETING STRATEGIES AND BRING IN DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS EXCEEDING THE \$12M GOAL FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ENDOWMENT GROWTH. STEPHANIE HIGHTOWER'S PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO INCLUDES A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCES IN ATHLETICS AND PUBLIC SERVICE. OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS SHE HAS WORKED IN LEADERSHIP ROLES IN GOVERNMENT, AMATEUR ATHLETICS, THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT-HUMAN SERVICE ARENA, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND HIGHER EDUCATION.

AS A STUDENT ATHLETE AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, STEPHANIE HELD SEVERAL AMERICAN AND WORLD RECORDS AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE 1980 OLYMPIC TEAM BEFORE RETIRING IN 1988 AND EARNING A PLACE IN THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY'S ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME. NATIONALLY SHE CONTINUES HER OLYMPIC SERVICE AS BOARD CHAIR FOR USA TRACK & FIELD. A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL SUPPORTED A SIX YEAR TERM AS PRESIDENT OF THE COLUMBUS BOARD OF EDUCATION. ADDITIONAL CIVIC INVOLVEMENT INCLUDES SERVICE WITH KIPP LEARNING ACADEMY AND THE ADVISORY BOARDS FOR US BANK, COLUMBUS REGION AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY.

IN ADDITION TO HER RECORD OF PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS, STEPHANIE IS MOST PROUD OF HER SON, CAMERON BAKER, A RECENT GRADUATE OF HAVERFORD COLLEGE IN PENNSYLVANIA.