



## **Powering Forward: The Art of Resilience**

**January 27, 2022**

**7:30AM – 2:30PM**

**Lake Mary Events Center**

### **Featured Speakers:**

#### **Jordan George- VP, Head of Client Solutions Curium Solutions US**



Jordan George is an award-winning business transformation leader and sought-after international speaker with a passion for empowering people to achieve their ambitions and realize their full potential. As a former HR executive with over 15 years of leadership experience championing talent management, strategic communications, and employee experience, Jordan is well-versed in helping teams shape organizational culture, lead through change, and foster a dynamic, high-impact workforce. In his role as Head of Client Solutions at Curium US, Jordan's focus is on cultivating long-term partnerships, elevating the

company's people, change, and technology solutions, and delivering exceptional client experiences at every touchpoint. His reputation as an energetic and highly sought-after international speaker is rooted in his depth of experience, but it's Jordan's unique training as a professional improviser that sets him apart in helping teams improve communication, amplify creativity, and navigate change in a way that empowers people to do their best work.

## Derreck Kayongo- Co-Founder of Africa Mbele



Derreck Kayongo is an internationally recognized visionary and humanitarian. He is the founder of the Global Soap Project: a humanitarian aid organization that collects discarded and unused soap from thousands of hotels worldwide, reprocesses it, then distributes it to in-need populations around the world. The project was born from his simple observation about how much soap is available in hotels, and how much is thrown away when hotel rooms are turned. This simple observation became an innovative idea that is now battling global health issues in 90 countries. Hygiene-related diseases, and the resulting deaths, have dissipated in many at-risk communities, thanks in part to Derreck's creative problem solving. The Global Soap Project makes him a leader in both global health and environmental sustainability.

Derreck is also a CNN Hero and former CEO of the Center for Civil and Human Rights and a native of Uganda. He has a great story to share of his life as a refugee to leading one of America's great cultural institutions. His perspective on diversity and inclusion in today's multicultural workplace along with how students can take on global challenges will empower you to create positive change.



## Eleni McCready, Senior Director of Brand Marketing + Community, Lilly Pulitzer

Eleni is a proven marketing leader with experience that's been honed with mega-retailers and industry innovators. With a front row view of the social media industry since "the early days," Eleni now leads community-driven strategy for social media, public relations, collaborations, promotions, influencer marketing, and social impact for Lilly Pulitzer, the iconic American Resortwear brand born in Palm Beach over 60 years ago. Eleni resides in the Philadelphia area with her husband and twin sons.



## **Mckenzie Milton- CEO of UCF NIL Collective Mission Control / Sales & Business Development @3MGroofing**

Born in Wahiawa, HI, October 10, 1997, McKenzie William Kanai Milton had a passion for sports since his very beginnings on the island of Oahu. He played baseball, basketball, golf, snow skiing and of course football. He attended Mililani High School where he excelled at golf and football as a three-star dual threat quarterback, being named as the 2014 First Team All-State QB in Hawaii, the Hawaii Gatorade Football Player of the Year, and USA Today Hawaii

Offensive Player of the Year. In 2015; KZ was 2<sup>nd</sup> team All State behind now Miami Dolphins quarterback., Tua Tagovailoa.

McKenzie chose UCF because of new head coach Scott Frost, the former offensive coordinator of Heisman winning quarterback Marcus Mariota, whom Milton had idolized in high school. McKenzie started 10 games his freshman year leading the Knights to a 6–6 regular season record and an appearance in the Cure Bowl. The previous year, the Knights had gone 0–12. In his Sophomore year, Milton led the Knights to a 12–0 regular season record, winning the AAC and eventually the Peach Bowl against the SEC runner-up Auburn Tigers. Milton was named the AAC offensive player of the year and placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the Heisman vote for 2017. Milton was named the offensive MVP in the 2018 Peach Bowl, he ended the game 16 of 35 with 242 yards, 2 touchdowns and no interceptions. Milton also excelled with his legs, picking up 116 yards on the ground and scoring a touchdown, which led all UCF rushers. This was UCF's first ever Peach Bowl win, and second New Year's Six win in four years. Following the game, the school claimed a national championship.

Some of his biggest accomplishments at UCF included being named the first two time AAC Offensive Player of the Year, finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the 2017 Heisman Trophy voting, 6<sup>th</sup> in the 2018 Heisman Trophy voting, won the 2017 Archie Griffin National Award, and won his last 23 games as a starter at UCF. KZ also was a finalist for the prestigious 2018 Sullivan Award recognizing the top amateur athlete in the USA regardless of the sport or gender.

On November 23, 2018, UCF played the last game of the regular season against in-state rival University of South Florida. Early in the second quarter, Milton pulled the ball on a belly option and ran right. He was tackled by two USF players. This caused Milton to dislocate his knee which led to two years of extensive rehab. On December 13, 2020, Milton announced that he would be transferring to Florida State University to play for coach Mike Norvell.

On September 5, 2021, he returned for his first game since the injury. On his first throw in Florida State's game against [Notre Dame](#), he threw a complete pass. Notre Dame won the game

in overtime 41–38. McKenzie completed 5 passes of 7 attempts for 48 yards and led the Seminoles back from a 10-point deficit late in the 4th quarter to tie the game in overtime.<sup>[19]</sup>

On July 1, 2021, NCAA student-athletes were allowed to receive compensation for use of their [name, image, and likeness](#) (NIL) for the first time, and Milton was one of the first athletes to take advantage of the new rules. He and [Miami](#) quarterback [D'Eriq King](#) became the co-founders and public faces of Dreamfield, a company specializing in booking live appearances for student-athletes. Dreamfield also offers [non-fungible tokens](#) (NFTs), digital art works that cannot be duplicated and are purchased with [cryptocurrency](#). Milton was the subject of Dreamland's first NFT auction, set for July 6, 2021 Times, Forbes, Vanity Fair, Shape, Cosmopolitan, Rolling Stone, and other print media.



### **Michele Rigby Assad-Ex-CIA Intelligence Officer, Keynote Speaker and Corporate Trainer.**

Growing up in a small town in Central Florida, Michele didn't know much about the world. But her parents taught her the power of positive thinking which she embraced at a young age—being willing to do the hard things, never giving up, and working hard until you succeed. This propelled her down a long and windy road, taking her to destinations she could have never imagined: serving undercover for ten years as a counterterrorism officer in the CIA; solving difficult problems as an international security consultant; supporting the fight for global human rights; and helping refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) persecuted by al-Qa'ida and ISIS.

Upon retirement from the CIA, Michele and her husband Joseph (also a former intelligence officer) joined a group of Americans who wished to aid persecuted Iraqi Christians. Their efforts resulted in the evacuation of a group from northern Iraq that was featured on ABC's 20/20 in December 2015.

Today, Michele is a corporate consultant, trainer, and keynote speaker, sharing a variety of lessons from her unconventional life. Michele holds a master's degree in Contemporary Arab Studies from Georgetown University and a political science degree from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

## Secily Wilson- Founder and CEO of WOW Legacy Group, Inc.



Secily began her career as an award-winning broadcast news journalist, anchor/reporter and television personality. Secily has spent more than a decade as a storyteller, spokesperson, and communications professional. Her foundation and the philanthropic space was developed during her role as Director of development and community relations at the YMCA of Central Florida.

Secily Wilson is the Best-Selling author of the debut book: "She Said the P Word", TEDx speaker, founder of WOW (Women Overcoming with Willpower) Legacy Group, a growing Central Florida nonprofit with a mission to Empower, Educate, Inspire and Transform the lives of women facing life adversity. Secily is also Orlando Business Journal's 2021 Women Who Mean Business Honoree, United Way Change Impact Award winner and Immediate Past President of the Rotary Club of Lake Buena Vista.

She's often asked, "How did you go from broadcast news to the nonprofit sector"? Her answer is simple. "My transition wasn't a choice. Sometimes you are pushed into your purpose. After experiencing a series of unexpected life adversities, my life quickly fell apart". One of her favorite quotes is, "In order to find yourself, you must lose yourself in the service of others." The philanthropic bug bit her and Secily merged her profession with her passion; "Service above self."