

# MEET THE SPEAKERS

## JEWEL BURKS SOLOMON

Jewel Burks Solomon is the Head of Google for Startups in the US. In this role, Jewel works to level the playing field for underrepresented startup founders and communities by connecting them with the best of Google's products, people and platforms. In addition to this role, Jewel also serves as Managing Partner at Collab Capita. Before these roles, she was founder and CEO of Partpic, a startup that was acquired by Amazon in 2016. Jewel was named as one of Forbes 30 Under 30 in 2016, one of Ebony Magazine's Power 100 in 2018, and one of Atlanta's 100 Most Influential People in 2020. Jewel received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing from Howard University.



## CHARLOTTE JONES



Charlotte Jones, Dallas Cowboys Executive Vice President and Chief Brand Officer, oversees all business operations, strategies and applications surrounding the team's brand as it is presented to fans worldwide. Recognized as one of the most powerful women in sports, Charlotte Jones was named Chairman of the NFL Foundation in 2012 where she is responsible for spearheading the NFL efforts in youth football participation, health and safety, and community outreach. She is the first woman to serve in this position and is the first female executive in history to lead a major professional sports league charitable foundation. A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, she is a graduate of Stanford University and resides in Dallas.

## NAITHAN JONES

Naithan Jones is a partner at the venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz where he leads the Talent x Opportunity Initiative (TxO), which aims to identify cultural geniuses and help them build enduring, scalable, and large businesses around their cultural breakthroughs. Nait was previously on a16z's market development team, focused on creating business opportunities for a16z portfolio companies. Prior to a16z, Nait held business development roles at Gartner and The Kauffman Foundation. In 2011, he founded one of the first direct-to-consumer food delivery marketplaces, AgLocal, that facilitated transactions and delivery between local farms and consumers



## COURTNEY & TYE CALDWELL



Courtney Caldwell is the Cofounder & COO of beauty-tech startup, ShearShare. Prior to cofounding ShearShare, Inc., Google Demo Day winner 2018, Tech. Co's Startup of the Year, and a YC Fellowship and 500 Startups alum, Courtney managed an award-winning salon with her husband and cofounder Tye, which was the genesis behind ShearShare. Dr. Tye Caldwell is a licensed instructor and educator, and received his Doctorate of Professional Barbering from Miracle University. He has worked in beauty for 26 years as a master barber-stylist, educator, and small business coach, offering his decades of industry knowledge as a proven roadmap.

## JAMES SETH THOMPSON

James Seth Thompson is a Senior Vice President and Head of Diverse Markets Strategy at Bernstein Private Wealth Management. James also holds several distinct leadership roles championing diversity, equity, inclusion, recruiting and professional advancement of diverse talent across the firm. He began his tenure at AllianceBernstein in 2011 where he led marketing for the firm's institutional investment management channels. James has a BA in marketing and a BA in human resources administration from Temple University. He serves as Treasurer for Dignity Housing for the Homeless and Race, Equity and Empowerment Chair for Philadelphia Youth Basketball.



## JASON REED



Jason Reed is an assistant teaching professor, assistant department chair, and director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Finance. Reed's research focuses the integration of behavioral economics in the field of macroeconomics and finance; his dissertation topic was "Mean-Square Stability and Adaptive Learning in Macroeconomic Models." Honors and distinctions include the James Dincolo Outstanding Undergraduate Finance Professor (2018), and the GEOC Excellence in Teaching Award (2014). Reed earned a B.A. in art and design, as well as a B.S. in economics from Grand Valley State University. He earned his master's degree and Ph.D. in economics from Wayne State University.