



LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

COHORT 2027

JANUARY 16 - JUNE 5

The New Jersey Black Women's Collective **4TH CONSECUTIVE** Leadership Institute Cohort, launches Saturday, January 16, 2027

CALLING ALL FUTURE LEADERS!

Designed for emerging leaders in any sector, the Leadership Institute will help participants gain the skills and strategies needed to address current problems in real time, actualize their skilled vision, and build effectiveness, while developing a talent pipeline for Black women leaders in New Jersey. We welcome participants of any race, sex, or ethnicity.

The Leadership Institute consist of 15 intensive curated sessions led by renown keynote speakers and facilitators, Melody M. Fogarty and Rita Williams-Bogar. Sessions will include: Mercer County Community College high-level course instruction; a leadership assessment; a series of presentations, networking lunches, workshops, lectures, and panel discussions on a variety of topics specific to leadership, organizational culture, and personal development.

FACILITATORS



Melody M. Fogarty

Managing Partner/Chief Business Strategist
Dakota Gray, LLC

Melody Fogarty is Managing Partner and Chief Business Strategist for Dakota Gray, LLC, a national, full-service human resources support, talent management, and legal consulting firm. Her extensive expertise and passion stems from 25+ years of experience working with owners/CEOs/presidents to drive enterprise value for companies in a variety of industries, ranging from start-ups to turn-around organizations including Fortune 500 clients with billions in revenue.



Rita Williams-Bogar, MBA

Founder of Personal Development Solutions, LLC

Rita is dedicated to helping individuals and organizations reach their full potential by unlocking and leveraging their unique talents and skills. An award-winning, dynamic speaker and facilitator, she brings a client-centered approach and proven strategies to inspire growth and drive meaningful impact for individuals and businesses alike.

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SESSION	DATE	TOPIC
Session 1	January 16, 2027	Kick-Off: Emotional Intelligence & Grounding in Power
Session 2	January 23, 2027	Identity, Voice, & Executive Presence
Session 3	February 4, 2027	Strategic Thinking and Planning
Session 4	February 6, 2027	Applied Leadership
Session 5	February 20, 2027	Financial Mastery I: Corporate Finance & Enterprise
Session 6	March 6, 2027	Financial Mastery II: Personal Wealth & Empowerment
Session 7	April 3, 2027	Building Legacy Through Real Estate & Assets
Session 8	April 15, 2027	Technology & The Future of Work
Session 9	April 17, 2027	Governance, Boards & Policy Powers
Session 10	April 29, 2027	Strategic Communications & Storytelling
Session 11	May 6, 2027	Marketing You
Session 12	May 8, 2027	Leadership Through Giving, Fundraising, & Sponsorship Power
Session 13	May 22, 2027	Capstone Preparation & Mentorship
Session 14	June 3, 2027	Wellness & Grounds For Sculpture
Session 15	June 5, 2027	Graduation & Capstone Presentations

* Participants are required to attend each session and cannot miss more than two sessions for program completion. *



SCAN OR CLICK TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 5, 2027

LEARN MORE: www.mccc.edu/njbwc

ABOUT NEW JERSEY BLACK WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

The New Jersey Black Women's Collective (NJBWC) is New Jersey's first comprehensive advocacy organization solely dedicated to the proliferation of Black women leaders in the state. Established in 2021, the 501c(3) non-profit organization's goal is to garner, harness and strengthen the economic, social and political power of Black women in New Jersey by directly investing in and advocating for Black women through coalition building, fundraising, community and stakeholder engagement.

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