

EMBA Alumni Spotlight



Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens names our alum Odie Donald II, EMBA Class of 2012, [Chief-of-Staff](#).

Odie Donald II, formerly the administrator of the Augusta-Richmond County consolidated government, is returning to his native Atlanta to serve as Mayor

Andre Dickens' chief of staff.

Mayor Dickens called Odie the right person to help him meet his administration's goals because of his "super-charged experience."

Congratulations, Odie!



Afton Lucente, EMBA Class of 2016, is recognized in this year's [GSU 40 UNDER 40](#) for her extraordinary leadership. Afton is currently an EMBA Board Member and mentor. Congrats Afton!



Markus Rimmele, EMBA Class of 2018, started a new business, [DigitalituM](#). The company focuses on selling and implementing digitalization tools in the manufacturing industry. Markus migrated to the U.S. 14 years ago and has over 20 years of experience in Industrial Automation. Way to go, Markus!



Faustina Brooks, EMBA Class of 2021, was recently named one of six inaugural fellows nominated to participate in the BIPOC executive Leadership in Arts Program.

Responding to the challenges of structural racism in performing arts institutions across the U.S. and Canada, Live Arts Centers of North America (LACNA), a coalition of more than 50 of the largest performing arts centers in both countries, and the LACNA Foundation launched the BIPOC Executive Leadership in the Arts Program.

The BIPOC program supports the growth of future C-suite executives including, chief executive officers, chief operating officers, chief financial officers, and chief advancement/chief development officers. Congrats Faustina!



GSU EMBA Alumna Christine Roberts, EMBA Class of 2002, recently launched coaching and training company [CYBL – Create Your Best Life at Home and Work.](#) Christine helps professional women who feel stuck prioritize what's most

important and make confident decisions to move their careers and lives in a positive direction. Congratulations, Christine!

EMBA Student & Alumni Accomplishments



Sue Dunlap, Class of 2019, recently started a new position at AccordCare as Vice President of Human Resources. Congrats Sue!



Gerry Moschopoulos, Class of 2020, started a new position as Treasurer at The Ardent Companies. Congrats Gerry!



Rachel Litsky, Class of 2022, started a new position as Brand Manager at Keune Haircosmetics. Congrats Rachel!



Jeffrey Balthazar, Class of 2022, will join Truist Financial as the Leadership Development Program Analyst. Congrats, Jeffrey!



Wassim Takriti, Class of 2022, started a new position as Regional Vice President of Operations at Paradies Lagardere. Congrats Wassim!



Jeff Weathersby, Class of 2023, started a new position as Customer Implementation and Operations Manager at Hello Heart. Congrats Jeff!

Is it 2024 yet? It is if you are recruiting the next EMBA class.

Help us keep YOUR EMBA program strong by referring candidates to apply for the EMBA Class of 2024 (starting this fall). Or, let us do the work -- connect us with your HR representative, and we'll take it from there to sponsor a lunch or breakfast and present a customized info session. Contact Melody at mparis@gsu.edu for more information or to make a referral.

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EMBA Alumni Club Endowed Scholarship

Executive MBA Alumni Club Endowed Scholarship has accepted applications for its first disbursement. The recipient(s) will be announced later this month. If you are interested in supporting the EMBA Program and its students, you can donate here:

- [Executive MBA Alumni Club Endowed Scholarship](#)
- [Executive MBA Program](#)

Are you ready for your next educational challenge?



After completing the Robinson EMBA program in 2020, Dwayne Roache decided to continue his education in the Doctorate of Business Administration (DBA) program at GSU.

Roache: Why did I choose to get a DBA?

My passion is to explore the underlying causes of poverty to help lift the poor out of their dire conditions. By continuing my education in the DBA program, I felt I could better understand and propose practical changes while adding to the knowledge of theory to the various constraints of social, cultural, economic, and political domination to help move developing countries forward out of their poverty.

The DBA program presents an intellectual challenge due to its rigorous but simultaneously rewarding design, which allows me to tailor my research to my area of business interest to solve a real-world problem that I can use to advance my career in my current organization in the short term and gain boundless professional flexibility in the long term.

The Robinson DBA program is a 3-year, cohort-based, part-time doctoral degree program designed for senior-level decision-makers looking to evolve business practices, develop new perspectives through applied research, and create flexibility for future a career change (including academia).

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Share Your Success

We are proud to share your professional accomplishments and would like to recognize these successes in our monthly EMBA newsletter. If you have recently accepted a new role, been promoted, or simply want to share a career accomplishment, please let us know!

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