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# **CRITTENTON'S 136th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

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# WELCOME!



Exactly one year since stepping into my role as CEO and President, I am excited to welcome you to Crittenton Services of Greater Washington's 136th Anniversary Celebration!

Crittenton's Annual Celebration, one of the region's premiere events, commemorates our history as the region's longest-standing organization serving teen girls. Every year, we come together as a community to celebrate the remarkable young women Crittenton serves and honor amazing leaders who inspire them.

Now, more than ever, it is time to rise to the occasion and uplift teen girls. In the wake of recent events, we are witnessing an alarming surge of abusive attacks against women and girls on social media. These harmful actions do far more than hurt—they undermine a girl's autonomy and obstruct her ability not just to succeed but to truly thrive. It is our collective responsibility to stand up for them, defend their rights with purpose and passion, amplify their voices, and create a world where girls can flourish without fear or restraint.

Our distinguished 2024 Leadership Honorees understand this truth deeply. Once again, they demonstrate the depth and diversity of inspiring role models in our region and epitomize what it means to stand in support, lead with compassion, and take action when it matters most.

**Alicia Wilson** is breaking serious ground in her role as Director of Philanthropy for North America at JP Morgan Chase, working to revitalize communities nationwide, most recently in Baltimore. Alicia is responsible for steering investments totaling \$20 million to small businesses, entrepreneurs, and community developers strengthening working-class communities.

**Julie Kearney** is shattering glass ceilings as the Chief of the FCC's first Space Bureau. Julie and her exceptional team of experts, mostly women, are shaping the future of space technology, innovation, and regulation to meet the needs of the next generation Space Age.

**Adriana Rios Welton** is leading UScellular's policy and regulatory efforts to close the gap in the digital divide so all communities have access to life-changing technology. A fierce advocate for women, Adriana is a board member of Pro Mujer, a leading organization in the Latino community focused on empowering women through access to finance, health, and educational services.

Crittenton's story began in 1887. Our founder, Charles Crittenton, honored the memory of his daughter, Florence, by providing service to other women. What was once a Crittenton home for unwed mothers in Washington, DC, is now three highly successful science and data-backed programs in 68 groups in 24 schools across DC, and Montgomery County, Maryland.

Today, our team of Positive Youth Development program coordinators guide over 1,000 teen girls through adolescence and beyond. Our whole-girl approach focuses on mental, emotional, physical, and reproductive health; academic success and college and career preparedness; building healthy relationships; and self-advocacy and community support. Most important, every girl learns to recognize her gifts and understands she can accomplish anything she puts her mind to.

With your support—through sponsorships and tonight's live appeal—we can triple the impact and continue evolving and building upon this important work. It is our shared duty to uplift, protect, and empower young women. Thank you for investing in these remarkable girls and making a lasting difference in their lives and our community.

Sincerely,

**LaTara Harris**

CEO & President  
Crittenton Services of Greater Washington

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

## **5:30 PM: NETWORKING BEGINS**

## **7:00 PM: MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS**

### **CO-CHAIRS WELCOME**

**Bryan Tramont**

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP

**Vida Ali**

Ben's Chili Bowl

### **BOARD REMARKS**

**Kymber Lovett-Menkiti**

Board Chair

**Caroline Van Wie**

Board Member

### **CEO REMARKS**

**LaTara Harris**

President & CEO, Crittenton Services  
of Greater Washington

### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Julie Kearney**

Chief, Space Bureau,  
Federal Communications Commission

Presented by **Judy Huynh**,  
Crittenton alumna

### **REMARKS**

**Kimberly Bassett**

Secretary of State of Washington, DC

### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Alicia Wilson**

Managing Director, Head of Regional  
Philanthropy for North America,  
JPMorgan Chase

Presented by **Destiny Carrington**,  
Crittenton participant

### **LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Adriana Rios Welton**

General Counsel and Chief  
of Government Affairs, UScellular

Presented by **Aileen Hernandez**,  
Crittenton participant

### **LIVE APPEAL**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

**LaTara Harris**

# JULIE KEARNEY



Julie Kearney is the first Chief of the Space Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Launched in April 2023, the Space Bureau plays a key role in advancing the Commission’s Space Innovation Agenda to meet the needs of the next generation Space Age. She serves under Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, the first woman in history confirmed to lead the FCC.

As a globally-recognized leader/lawyer/board member in the technology and telecommunications field, Julie has been working for more than 25 years with governments, industry, and the public sector around the world to promote legal and regulatory frameworks and policies that enable life-changing technologies. Prior to the FCC, she held senior roles at Loon (an Alphabet company), Twilio Inc., the Consumer Technology Association, National Public Radio, MCI, and private legal practice.

Julie is a past president of the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA – The Tech Bar) and she also served as chair of the FCBA Foundation. She was a long-serving member of the Federal Communications Commission’s Consumer Advisory Committee and also served on its Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Other Board positions include USTelecom and the United States Technical Training Institute (USTTI).

Julie earned her B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and a J.D. from Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law, with a certificate from its Law and Technology Institute. She recently completed a 3.5 year term on the Columbus School of Law’s Board of Visitors. A trained singer, she has sung with choruses in the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington, DC area, most recently with Schola Cantorum (CA) and the Choral Arts Society of Washington (DC). Julie and her husband are the proud parents of a teenage daughter.



Presented by **Judy Huynh**, Crittenton Alumna

Judy joined the Crittenton SNEAKERS program when she was in high school. The program supported and guided her during her journey as an individual. Her mentor, Deb Lopez, had a huge impact on her life, including submitting her for a scholarship to help make college more financially accessible. Judy won the scholarship and recently graduated from University of Maryland with a bachelor’s degree in public health. She was on the dean’s list every semester while at UMD and was a recipient of the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Education Academic of Excellence Award. She is now a Program Analyst/Communications Coordinator, Axle Informatics/NIH-NCATS.

## 2024 LEADERSHIP AWARDEE

# ALICIA WILSON, ESQ.

Alicia Wilson, Esq., is the Managing Director and Head of Regional Philanthropy for North America for JPMorgan Chase. At JPMorgan, Alicia oversees local philanthropic strategies across 40+ markets in North America, collaborating with senior leaders across the firm's corporate responsibility and business units to drive meaningful impact across JPMorgan's business footprint in the U.S. and Canada. This includes helping steward the \$2 billion philanthropic commitment as part of the firm's broader Racial Equity Commitment.

Prior to joining JPMorgan, Alicia served as Vice President of Economic Development for Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Health System and Associate Professor in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, in Baltimore. At Johns Hopkins, Alicia led a core cross-institutional team focused on developing and implementing Hopkins' institution-wide strategies and initiatives as an anchor institution in and around its campuses both within the United

States and abroad. Alicia spearheaded the elevation and expansion of Hopkins signature commitment to its communities through investments in real estate, economic and neighborhood development, healthcare, and education.

Alicia currently serves on the boards of Johns Hopkins, the University of Maryland School of Law Board of Visitors, the CollegeBound Foundation, Kennedy Krieger Institute, and the France-Merrick Foundation. She is co-founder of the Black Philanthropy Circle at the Baltimore Community Foundation. Alicia is Chair of the CollegeBound Foundation and as such is the first CollegeBound Foundation alum, first woman, first African-American and youngest Board Chair in the history of the organization. Alicia also serves as Parliamentarian within the Harbor City Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and is a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Alicia was recognized as the 2024 Voice of Justice Honoree by the University of Baltimore School of Law, as one of the Power 50 Women of Influence for 2024 by the US Black Chamber of Commerce the 2023 Sally Michel Honoree by the Parks and People Foundation, and the 2023 Change Maker of the Year by the William & Lanaea Featherstone Foundation. She was recognized as one of the 15 Black Marylanders to Watch for 2023 by the Baltimore Sun. In mid-2022, Savoy Magazine recognized Alicia as one of the "Most Influential Black Executives in Corporate America". She was also named a 2022 "Women Who Wins" and Newsmaker of the Year for 2021 by the Afro-American Newspaper.



Presented by **Destiny Carrington**, Crittenton Participant

Destiny is a current senior at Washington, DC's Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and a participant in Crittenton's S.N.E.A.K.E.R.S. program. She is SGA president, a student athlete on Dunbar's volleyball team, and a member of the National Honors Society. Once she graduates, Destiny wants to attend Florida A&M University and major in international relations.

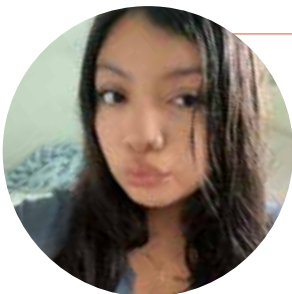
# ADRIANA RIOS WELTON



As General Counsel and Chief of Government Affairs at UScellular, **Adriana Rios Welton** leads the company's regulatory and policy efforts at the federal and state level and provides legal counsel to the company and its board of directors.

Adriana has more than 11 years of legal counsel experience, and prior to joining UScellular she served as general counsel and vice president of regulatory and external affairs for AT&T Mexico. In this role, she was responsible for legal and regulatory matters, external affairs, and corporate social responsibility for a business with approximately 20 million customers and more than 19,000 employees. She previously was legal counsel for DirecTV Latin America and was an attorney at a global firm where she counseled public and privately held businesses on a broad range of topics.

Adriana is currently on the Board of Directors of Pro Mujer, one of Latin America's leading organizations committed to the empowerment of women. She earned a bachelor's degree in politics from Princeton University in Princeton, N.J., and holds a juris doctor from Duke University Law School in Durham, N.C.



Presented by **Aileen Hernandez**, Crittenton Alumna

Aileen Hernandez is studying to become a Radiologist at Montgomery College's Radiologic Technology Program. She attended Maryland's Springbrook High School where she was an active member in various clubs including the National Honors Society. Aileen completed her dual enrollment program and graduated last year as an Honor roll student with her seal of biliteracy.

# 2011–2024 LEADERSHIP HONOREES

## 2024

### **Julie Kearney**

Chief, Space Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission

### **Adriana Rios Welton**

President & CEO, National Association for Latino  
Community Asset Builders

### **Alicia Wilson**

Managing Director, Head of Regional Philanthropy  
for North America, JPMorgan Chase

## 2023

### **Marla Bilonick**

President & CEO, National Association for Latino  
Community Asset Builders

### **Patrice King Brickman**

Founder and Managing Director, Inspire Capital,  
LLC

### **Anna Gomez**

Commissioner, Federal Communications  
Commission

### **Michelle Lawrence Jawando**

Senior Vice President, Programs, Omidyar  
Network

### **Debra Lopez**

Senior Bilingual Program Coordinator, Crittenton  
Services of Greater Washington

## 2022

### **Jan Adams**

President & CEO, JMS Solutions

### **Meedie Clark Bardonille RN, FCN, PCCN-K**

Chair, DC Board of Nursing; Founder, Black Nurse  
Collaborative

### **Maria S. Gomez**

Founder, President & CEO, Mary's Center (retired)

### **Narda Jones**

Chief of Staff, Federal Communications  
Commission

### **Unique Morris-Hughes, Ph.D**

Director, District of Columbia Department of  
Employment Services

## 2021

### **Carisa Stanley Beatty**

First Vice President, Amalgamated Bank

### **Sindy Marisol Benavides**

Executive Director, Latino Victory Project

### **Kate Goodall**

Co-Founder and CEO, Halcyon

### **Karima Woods**

Commissioner, District of Columbia Department  
of Insurance, Securities & Banking

### **Jessica Rosenworcel**

Chair, Federal Communications Commission

## 2020

### **Kathleen Grillo**

Senior Vice-President, Public Policy and  
Government Affairs, Verizon

### **Virginia Kase Solomón**

Chief Executive Officer, League of Women Voters

### **LaQuandra Nesbitt MD, MPH**

Senior Associate Dean for Population Health &  
Health Equity, George Washington University  
School of Medicine & Health Sciences

### **Maria Otero**

Former Under Secretary for Civilian Security,  
Democracy, and Human Rights, United States  
Department of State

## 2019

### **Joan Marsh**

Executive Vice President & Chief Regulatory and  
State External Affairs Officer, AT&T (retired)

### **Alejandra Castillo**

U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce for  
Economic Development

### **Tracie Jade Jenkins**

Executive Director, Boris Lawrence Henson  
Foundation

## 2018

### **Kathryn Zachem**

Executive Vice President, Regulatory & State  
Legislative Affairs, Comcast (retired)

### **Sachiko Kuno**

Co-founder, President & CEO, S&R Foundation

### **Domenika Lynch**

Vice President, Latinos and Society Program,  
Aspen Institute

## 2017

### **LaTara Harris, MBA**

CEO & President, Crittenton Services of Greater  
Washington

### **Kathleen Abernathy**

Former Commissioner, Federal Communications  
Commission

### **David Owens**

CEO, Da'Vision & Strategies

### **Nancy Navarro**

Former District 4 Councilmember, Montgomery  
County Council

## 2016

### **Colette Honorable**

EVP Public Policy & Chief External Affairs Officer,  
Exelon

### **Kathleen Ham**

Senior Vice President, Government Affairs,  
T-Mobile

### **Maria Cardona**

Principal, The Dewey Square Group  
Political Commentator, CNN

### **DeRionne Pollard, Ph.D**

President, Nevada State University

### **Mary Cheh**

Former Ward 3 Councilmember, District of  
Columbia

## 2015

### **Maria Martinez**

Founder, Respira Medical

### **Maureen Ohlhausen**

Partner & Co-Chair, Antitrust & Competition Law  
Practice Group, Baker Botts LLP

### **Kimberly Bassett**

Secretary of the District of Columbia,  
Office of the Mayor

### **Siobhan Davenport**

Program Officer, Tides Foundation

## 2014

### **Meredith Attwell Baker**

President and CEO, CTIA--The Wireless  
Association

### **Gloria Blackwell**

CEO, American Association of University Women

### **Karla Silvestre**

Director of Community Engagement, Montgomery  
College

### **Donna Edwards**

Former Member, US House of Representatives

## 2013

### **Beatriz "BB" Otero**

Special Assistant to Montgomery County, MD  
Executive Marc Elrich

### **Beverly Perry**

Former Senior Vice President, Pepco Holdings

### **Chris Van Hollen**

Member, US Senate, Maryland

### **Pamela Johnson\***

Former Chair, Crittenton Services of Greater  
Washington

## 2012

### **Deborah Taylor Tate**

Director-Emeritus, Tennessee Supreme Court

### **Linda Gooden**

Chair, Maryland University System Board of  
Regents

### **Soledad O'Brien**

Journalist; Anchor, Matter of Fact with Soledad  
O'Brien

### **Marlen Esparza**

Winner, 2012 Olympic Bronze Medal, Boxing,  
Women's Flyweight Division

## 2011

### **Rosie Rios**

Former Treasurer of the United States

### **Mignon Clyburn**

President, MLC Strategies; Former Commissioner,  
Federal Communications Commission

### **Barbara Huberman\***

Director of Education and Outreach, Advocates  
for Youth

\*Deceased



# CRITTENTON BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Keiva Rodrigues**

**Dr. Shawaan Robinson**

For more than 135 years, Crittenton Services of Greater Washington has evolved to meet the changing needs of the region's most vulnerable young women.

At Crittenton, we work with more than 1,000 teen girls in Washington, DC and Montgomery County, many of whom are facing serious challenges in their home lives, difficulties in their social and emotional development—including mental health issues—and continued obstacles due to the entrenched racism and sexism of society at large.

And we have built programs that work.

**Girls in our programs are staying in school, avoiding pregnancy, graduating, and going on to college and jobs.**

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High School  
Graduation Rate

**99%**

Grade  
Advancement Rate

**82%**

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## Complex Challenges

We partner with schools in chronically underserved communities that have high rates of students qualifying for Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS), low graduation rates, and high truancy rates.

95% of our girls are Black or Brown, and many come from families at or below the poverty line.

## A Whole-Girl Approach

We support each girl's emotional, physical, and reproductive health; her academic success; and her ability to stand up for herself.

## Our Core Programs

In weekly group meetings with a trusted adult, Crittenton girls develop the skills and confidence to succeed.

### **GOAL SETTING GIRLS**

#### Grades 6 & 7

Goal Setting Girls delivers an evidence-based social and emotional development curriculum. It helps girls develop self-management and self-care skills, and bolsters parents' ability to support their daughters' education.

### **SNEAKERS**

#### Grades 7–12

SNEAKERS teaches healthy relationships with peers, partners, and parents; positive communication; reproductive health and pregnancy prevention; and postsecondary education and career options, equipping girls with skills for college and personal success.

### **PEARLS**

#### Pregnant & parenting teens

In PEARLS, pregnant and parenting teens learn about pregnancy, labor, and delivery; parenting skills, child care and safety; healthy relationships; reproductive health; and postsecondary education and careers. It's a crucial support system for balancing parenthood, education, and work.

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The **Exelon Foundation STEM Academy** has served **more than 1,200 girls** from diverse, underrepresented communities since its launch in 2018. Last year, the nearly **\$18 million** we invested in our workforce development programs across our six utilities resulted in **more than 1,900 people hired**. And over the past five years, Exelon has spent more than **\$12 billion** with diverse businesses.

Exelon is proud to sponsor **Crittenton's 136TH Anniversary Celebration** and we salute their commitment to equip teen girls to overcome obstacles, make positive choices, and achieve their goals through programs in schools throughout the Greater Washington area.



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**Congratulations**

**Adriana Rios Welton**

**and all the 2024 Crittenton Honorees.**

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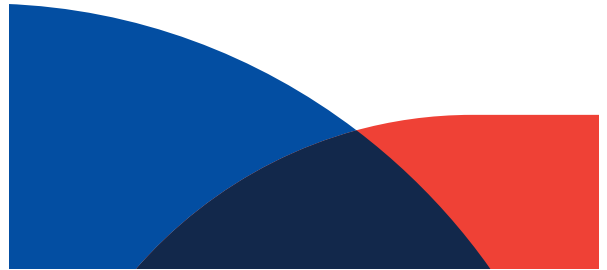


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