

# ELEVATE

JACKSONVILLE

## Message from Executive Director March 2025



### *Embracing the Winds of Change*

As March ushers in its characteristic winds, we are reminded of the transformative power of seasonal changes. Just as these breezes prepare the way for April's blossoms, participating in today's Elevate program prepares students for a flourishing future beyond the classroom.

This month, we join the nation in celebrating **Women's History Month**, honoring the remarkable women who have shaped our educational landscape. Their dedication and resilience have been instrumental in guiding generations, and their legacy inspires us daily.

At Elevate Jacksonville, we are committed to carrying forward this torch, ensuring that every student receives the guidance and support they need to thrive. Together, let's harness the winds of March to propel our mission forward, nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

With heartfelt appreciation,

- Carla Austin

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## **Honoring A Trailblazer** **Dr. Diana Green**

In celebration of Women's History Month, we spotlight Dr. Diana Greene, the first Black woman to serve as the permanent superintendent of Duval County Public Schools. Dr. Greene's trailblazing leadership has been instrumental in shaping Jacksonville's educational landscape, inspiring countless students and educators with her dedication and passion.



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## **Elevate Jacksonville** **"Goals for Giving" Night**

Join us for **Goals for Giving Night** on **March 14th**—an unforgettable evening of hockey and giving back!

Cheer on the Jacksonville Icemen and support Elevate Jax's incredible work in our community. Your ticket helps empower local youth and create lasting change.

Don't miss this chance to make a difference while enjoying an exciting game. Get [our tickets now!](#)

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS \(while supplies last\)](#)



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**Save the Date**  
***"Forward Together"***  
***April 29, 2025***



We are looking forward to welcoming our donors, friends, and partners to **Elevate Jacksonville's first-ever 'Forward Together Night'** on **Tuesday, April 29**, at the **historic Ritz Theater and Museum in LaVilla**.

Under the banner of our organizational mantra, **"No One Gets There Alone,"** current supporters, new friends, teacher/mentors, and student leaders will gather to celebrate community and connection.


During the evening, we will recognize **special donors** and extend an **invitation to new partnerships** that will secure funding for future endeavors.

For more details, contact our event coordinator, **Nancy Schneider**.

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## **Visit Our Classrooms** **Experience the Impact First-hand**

We invite potential supporters to **schedule a visit** in March or April to one of our classrooms. Witness the dynamic learning environments and the positive influence your support brings to our students.

 [Book your March classroom visit here. Scroll down to the middle of the page to choose your preferred date and time from the available options.](#)

### Select a Date and Time

Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

< March 2025 >
Monday, March 24

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9:00 am

12:30 pm

#### Service Details

**In-Person Class Visit**  
 March 24, 2025 at 9:00 am  
 Elevate Jacksonville  
 Elevate Team Member  
 1 hr 30 min

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### Select a Date and Time

Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

< April 2025 >
Friday, April 4

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12:30 pm

#### Service Details

**In-Person Class Visit**  
 April 4, 2025 at 9:00 am  
 Elevate Jacksonville  
 Elevate Team Member  
 1 hr 30 min

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## In Memoriam Honoring Marissa Clowers



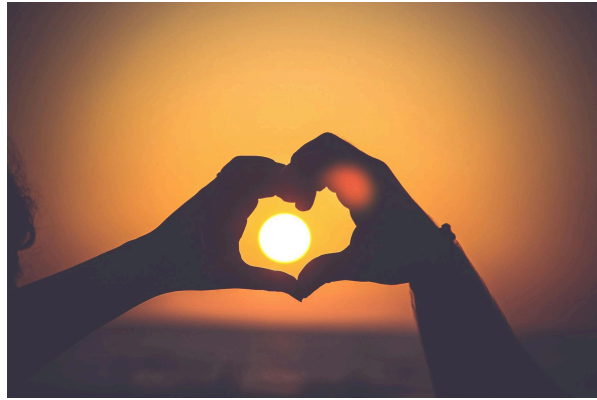
It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved **teacher-mentor, Marissa Clowers.**

Marissa's unwavering dedication, compassion, and passion for education left a lasting mark on the lives of her students and the Elevate Jacksonville family. Her commitment to mentoring and empowering young minds will always be remembered.

We honor her legacy and the incredible work she did in shaping the future of our students.

She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

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## Donate Now & Support Our Mission

Your generosity fuels our programs and initiatives, enabling us to continue making a difference in the lives of Jacksonville's youth.

Donate Now

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## Closing Note

"Whether it's through love, knowledge, or community, we hope this March reminds you of the power of connection. Thank you for being part of the Elevate Jacksonville family!"

***Carla Austin***

Executive Director, Elevate Jacksonville



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