



*Dear YP Family -*

Welcome to the beginning of our new term! My name is Tra Talley and I have the honor of stepping in as your newly elected President of the Dallas-Fort Worth Urban League Young Professionals (DFWULYP). I have been a member of this chapter for the past 11 years and I step into this new role excited for the possibilities and ready for the hard work required. During these last 11 years as a member, the National Urban League has poured into me, provided me with opportunities, and contributed to my leadership development. There is no way I can ever reciprocate what was given to me, but I will do my best to reflect it with my leadership and commitment to our chapter. My promise to you is that I will serve and lead with integrity, respect, and tenacity. I'm ready to build upon the great legacy of this chapter and leave it even better than how we received it.

To our incoming Executive Leadership Team (ELT)- congratulations! You have accepted the charge to step up and lead; not only did you answer the call, who you are and what you stand for, solidifies my confidence that you will set a new standard of excellence that will propel this organization forward for generations to come. Each one of your voices, knowledge, and opinions on the many issues we are facing currently, and in the future, will be vital for our success. I am excited to serve alongside you.

To our incredible members, partners, and supporters- the work that we do is essential. We not only serve our community; but we develop the next generation of civically engaged, socially aware, and economically empowered leaders. We stand in the gap to serve and advocate for the underserved and underrepresented. We lean into our mission to push for equitable policy and utilize one of our chapter's greatest strengths, our political power, to fight for civil rights.

As your chapter President, I know that it's not about me. It is not about the ELT. It is about you, our members, and our community as a whole. This organization will only continue to exist because of you, and we will need more from you than ever before. We need your intelligence, your leadership and your engagement. Your experience and passion will be the catalyst for change. This is your movement! Our success as an organization will be predicated on us all working together to bring about bold, dynamic, and positive change to the Metroplex.

I am excited to serve you and I am confident that together, we can and will make Dallas-Fort Worth better.

Thank you again for your support. I hope y'all are ready because we gon' do this work!

Yours in the Movement,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tra Talley'.

**President, Dallas-Fort Worth Urban League Young Professionals**