



Centri Tech Foundation Announces New Team Members

Technology Urban Planner, Kendra Hills, Community Leader Tyrell Holcomb, and HBCU Scholar Armani Hamilton join the national nonprofit organization to expand initiatives for digital advancement

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(Washington, DC) -- Centri Tech Foundation, a national nonprofit organization that leverages technology and community development resources to promote shared prosperity, proudly announces new additions to our team.



Kendra Hills



Tyrell Holcomb



Armani Hamilton

Kendra Hills joined the foundation as Program Director of Digital Advancement Initiatives. Kendra recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Masters of Urban Planning program with a concentration in smart city solutions and technology planning. She brings nearly a decade of public and private sector work experience and specializes in exploring the intersection of technology and housing, with a focus on use of data, geospatial analytics, and urban design that is steeped in innovation. The first fellow of the ESI Center of Future Cities, Kendra researched and authored publications on electric vehicles, infrastructure funding, broadband in affordable housing, and the role of big data in city government. During her service as a Peace Corps Volunteer, Kendra helped launch Laboratorio de Innovación; an entrepreneurship program to promote economic autonomy for young women in more than 30 rural pueblos in Portoviejo, Ecuador, in partnership with Plan Internacional, a nongovernmental organization.



“It is rare to find an organization like CTF where *all* of my passions and skills are not only welcomed but valued as an integral part of the work being done,” said Kendra Hills, CTF’s new Director of Digital Advancement Initiatives. “I am elated to join such a passionate team and eager to expand our programs to the U.S. southern and rural regions, and further develop our Muni Index tool to support cities.”

Summer intern Armani Hamilton joined the nonprofit as Data and Policy Analyst. Driven by a deep passion for both academic excellence and community empowerment, Armani comes from Spelman College, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics with a minor in Management and Organization. Armani is a 2022 Morgan Stanley HBCU Scholar, receiving a full four-year tuition scholarship from the firm, and a 2024 Wealth Management Summer Analyst. As the 2023 Miss Black South International, she has channeled her platform to bring attention to the challenges faced by individuals experiencing homelessness and actively works towards creating sustainable solutions.

“Centri Tech Foundation's unique approach to combining purpose-driven initiatives with technological advancements has opened my eyes to new possibilities,” said Armani Hamilton, Data and Policy Analyst. “I am eager to contribute my skills and leave a lasting footprint within the organization.”

Earlier this year, the organization also welcomed Tyrell Holcomb as its first Director of Development. Tyrell brings over 20 years’ experience in nonprofit and government service dedicated to improving the lives of residents in Washington, DC. Tyrell’s passion for community engagement and economic development stems from growing up in and working on behalf of DC’s most disinvested neighborhoods. His advocacy has focused on health equity and food insecurity, in addition to fundraising and negotiating community impact agreements ranging from \$500,000 to \$5 million. Tyrell was elected by his peers as Youth Mayor in 2015, named a “DMV Top 30 under 30” by Urban One Radio, and recognized as the 2019 Community Leader of the Year by KIPP D.C., a network of high performing public schools.



“I look forward to building strategic partnerships in support of Centri Tech Foundation’s mission to promote digital advancement and improve quality of life for residents of affordable housing in the US,” says Tyrell Holcomb. “I am even more thrilled to also bring my community development experience to this work and help us achieve people-centric impact for US communities, including in the city where I grew up.”

“We are excited to grow Centri Tech Foundation’s team in service of digital advancement, especially at this pivotal moment where all 50 states and the U.S. territories prepare to receive their federal funding allocations of the \$42.45 billion Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program. This new talent will help us serve more communities seeking to expand digital access and adoption as a means to building stronger economic futures,” said Marta Urquilla, president of the Centri Tech Foundation.

About Centri Tech Foundation

The Centri Tech Foundation (CTF), a national nonprofit organization, leverages technology and community development resources to promote shared prosperity. We believe digital advancement is a civil right. To achieve a sustainable future, one where everyone can fulfill their aspirations and thrive requires an inclusive digital economy. Learn more at centritechfdn.org and follow [@centritechfdn](https://twitter.com/centritechfdn) on social media.