

AMBER SCOTT

Leap Year

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2018 Black Male Achievement Fellow



BIG BOLD IDEA

Create a generation of college-educated change-makers by preparing low-income high school graduates to succeed in college and develop leadership skills through a paid AmeriCorps gap year program.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Leap Year's paid gap-year program is building the next generation of high-impact leaders by providing first-generation students the support they need to succeed in college and service. Talented high school graduates apply for the year-long program where Leap Year Fellows work on college readiness through ACT prep, reading and writing tutoring, socio-emotional learning, and taking a real college class for credit. Fellows also serve as paid AmeriCorps reading coaches at a local elementary school, gaining invaluable leadership skills. At the end of the year, Leap Year Fellows are ready to enter college, prepared to become the change-makers communities need.

PERSONAL BIO

Amber Scott is founder and executive director of Leap Year. A child of first-generation college students, the importance of higher education and the power that it can have to raise a family out of poverty was instilled in Amber at a young age. She believes that the opportunity for higher education should be open to everyone, regardless of where they are born. After working in the nonprofit sector for ten years, she founded Leap Year to challenge the status quo. Amber is a winner of WeWork's 2017 Incubate Creator Awards, and was recognized by Black Enterprise as one of "25 Black Women Who Are Changing the World." She holds a BA in neuroscience from Smith College, and an MBA in marketing from The Ohio State University.

Issue area

Education

Organization/Fellow Location

Atlanta, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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