



Dear Members,

Summer weather is finally here and we could not be happier! We're looking forward to a wonderful season filled with stories of professional accomplishments and relaxing vacations.

Our biggest task this season is selecting the newest cohort of CUP Catalysts. This annual program celebrates the accomplishments of diverse senior leaders from the financial services, legal, and media & entertainment sectors. The program has no specific role or responsibility, so it is a great opportunity to work with peers while mentoring younger up-and-comers in your field on terms you set. Don't worry about not having enough time. Any involvement helps.

The deadline for to nominate a candidate is June 3, so the clock is ticking! If you would like to nominate a CUP Catalyst, [please fill out this form](#). To take a look at previous people identified as valuable leaders within their respective industries, please [click here](#). If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to a previous recipient. We're also happy to field any inquiries – Send your questions to **Janyce Hunt** at [jhunt@cupusa.org](mailto:jhunt@cupusa.org).

I'd also like to personally welcome new members to the CUP family. Each of you is encouraged to take advantage of the wide variety of CUP events and opportunities, and we look forward to working with and learning more about you. We also encourage our valued existing members to utilize all of the programming that CUP has to offer. By remaining focused on our vital mission to **connect, empower, and mobilize** the next generation of diverse business and civic leaders, we hope to continue providing more access and exposure to professionals of color and women across sectors.

All my best,

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