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2020 Board Chair for the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

LevelUP

Junetta Everett is a history maker. As the 2020 Chair of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, she is the first African American and the sixth woman to be elected to that position. Everett brings a wealth of business experience and community involvement to her position. Having served on the Board of Directors for the Kansas Health Foundation, Exploration Place, HCA Wesley and WSU National Advisory Council, she's well equipped to lead the Chamber as implementation of the 2020-2022 strategic plan gets underway. See the Chamber's December 19 blog entry at wichitachamber.org/blog for the full interview with more information about her leadership style and her 2020 plans to Level Up!

ONE WORD TO DESCRIBE ME: Driven

FAVORITE QUOTE: "True belonging doesn't require you to change who you are; it requires you to be who you are." ~Brené Brown

2020 CHALLENGE: We need to be much more than data driven at the Chamber. We need to be data informed. I'm challenging the Chamber team to determine how we can utilize data, technology, innovation and creativity while maximizing the engagement of Board members and the community.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CHAMBER: We are a convener of people and ideas. And I want to stress that we are working harder to convene people of diverse backgrounds and from different industries. We're also the champions of doing what's best for the people in the community.

BEST ADVICE: If you can't change the people around you, then change the people around you!

INSPIRATION: Former First Lady Michelle Obama and her philosophy that "When you've worked hard and done well and walked through that doorway of opportunity...you do not slam it shut behind you...you reach back, and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed."

LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: I'm humbled and honored to be the sixth woman and the first African American to be elected to Chair this 102-year old institution.

PASSION: Seeking out, listening to and then handing a microphone to the unusual voices. As a convener and connector, the Chamber needs to elevate innovative ideas while including diverse voices who are just waiting to be invited to contribute to improving our business environment and community.

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