

## **Member Spotlight:**

**Forever Kings**  
**Jordan Bankston**  
**Founder and Chief Executive Officer**



**Tell me a little about your agency, yourself, your career, and your current position.**



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*I am Jordan Bankston and I am the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Forever Kings Inc. We are a nonprofit organization that exists to challenge the social norms, explicit biases, and stigmas associated with Boys and Young Men of Color in grades 4th - 12th. Our goal is to empower our young men to re-define, re-shape, and re-imagine the outcomes by ensuring that they graduate high school on time and are prepared to enlist, enroll, employ, or become an entrepreneur. I started Forever Kings after 10 years of working for and with several other youth serving organizations within the City of Cincinnati. I am daily thankful for the opportunity to invest into the lives of the young men we serve.*

**How long have you been a LC member and what prompted you to join?**

*I joined Leadership Council in June of 2020. I joined because I was looking for a way to network and build relationships within the nonprofit sector. In addition to wanting to grow my personal leadership skills as an executive leader.*

**How has membership in Leadership Council been of value to you?**

*Wow! Since the moment I met Jenny and got connected to leadership council I have gained so much knowledge about the nonprofit sector. Getting to participate in BOLD 4 was a huge value win for myself and my organization. It helped me learn how to utilize my board better and even how to better support them in their work. I am so grateful for Leadership Council.*

**What is the best leadership advice you have received or given?**

*"You can't lead where you won't go, and you can't teach what you don't know".*

**Has your agency developed any notable partnerships, initiatives, and/or collaborations with other organizations (for profit or not for profit) to further your agencies work?**

*Absolutely! If COVID-19 hasn't taught us anything else it has taught us the importance of collaboration. We have begun to form many partnerships with other nonprofits and for profits including Abundance University for financial literacy, 5-star meal who teaches our members about nutrition and how to prepare meals, and we are in the process of formal several other partnerships.*

**Please feel free to share any additional information, announcements, or news with the Leadership Council community.**

*We will be celebrating two years in August! Subscribe to our newsletter on our website to stay up to date with how we plan to celebrate! We've done so much great work in the last two years and we can't wait to celebrate with our network.*