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# Top 100 Influencers in Louisville

Louisville is a city of growing influence, and there are many people in the community who are contributing to the forward momentum. Some are executives of our largest companies. Others are shaping politics. Then, there are the change-makers and groundbreakers who stand out for the bold ways they do things in the corporate and nonprofit worlds.

So how does Insider Louisville measure influence? Using our Insider 502 platform, our team of researchers curates and mines data from publicly available business

intelligence resources to identify those who are making a significant mark. Founding a company and getting involved in community endeavors are factors that weigh heavily on an individual's ranking. Other variables considered range from leadership roles to board affiliations to social media presence.

Our research team is constantly updating our data and certifying new profiles. Are you among Insider 502's most influential? Visit [Insider 502](#) to view more than 4,000 unique profiles.

- 1**  **Greg Fischer**  
Mayor, Louisville Metro Government
- 2**  **Ed Glasscock** Report Sponsor  
Chairman Emeritus, Frost Brown Todd
- 3**  **Sandra Frazier**  
CEO, Tandem Public Relations
- 4**  **Michael Mountjoy**  
Chairman and Managing Partner, Mountjoy Chilton Medley (MCM)
- 5**  **Barry Barker**  
Exec. Director, Transit Authority of River City
- 6**  **David Yates**  
President, Louisville Metro Council
- 7**  **Marita Willis**  
Major Gifts Officer, American Red Cross, Louisville Chapter
- 8**  **David Jones, Sr.**  
Community Leader
- 9**  **Cynthia Knapek**  
President, Leadership Louisville Center
- 10**  **Alice Houston**  
President, Houston-Johnson, Inc.



Click the names of influencers to see their complete Insider 502 profiles.

## Did You Know?

- **Louisville's Top 10 Influencers represent 67 corporate and nonprofit board positions, including...**



- **8 businesses were founded by the top 10 leaders**

- **7 are Leadership Louisville Center graduates**



- **6 have degrees from universities in Kentucky**



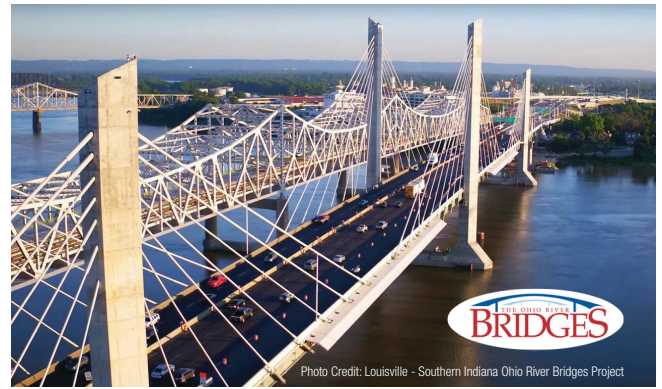
# Making it Happen

Community game-changers don't just happen by themselves. Whether it's a major construction project, charitable board, civic engagement or consensus building, we're there working with other community leaders to make Louisville great.

Frost Brown Todd follows the leadership approach of Muhammad Ali: ***"Community service is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."***

Our team has been involved in leadership roles in many projects and organizations, including:

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|---|---|
| \$2.4 Billion Ohio River Bridges Project            | Rotary Club of Louisville                 |
| Planning and construction of the KFC Yum! Center    | Bellarmine University Board of Trustees   |
| Louisville Bats - Slugger Field                     | Bellarmine University Board of Overseers  |
| Kentucky Kingdom                                    | Louisville Zoo                            |
| Kentucky Center for the Arts                        | 21st Century Parks                        |
| Campaign to Merge City and County Governments       | The Olmsted Parks Conservancy             |
| Fund for the Arts                                   | Junior League of Louisville               |
| Fund for the Arts NeXt program                      | One Southern Indiana                      |
| Metro United Way                                    | YPAL                                      |
| University of Louisville Board of Overseers         | Local Option Sales Tax Initiative         |
| University of Louisville Athletic Association Board | Kentucky Wins! Gaming Initiative          |
| Junior Achievement of Kentuckiana                   | Bring the NBA to Louisville Campaign      |
| Junior Achievement Capital Campaign                 | Actors Theatre of Louisville              |
| Greater Louisville Inc.                             | Louisville Orchestra                      |
| Enterprise Corp.                                    | Kentucky Opera                            |
| Greater Louisville Foundation Inc.                  | Speed Art Museum                          |
| Leadership Louisville Capital Campaign              | Louisville Free Public Library Foundation |
| Louisville Downtown Development Corporation         | Gheens Foundation                         |
| Kentucky Derby Museum                               | Venture Connectors                        |
| Backside Learning Center at Churchill Downs         | Commonwealth Seed Capital Fund            |
| Frazier History Museum Board                        | Enterprise Angels Fund                    |
| James Graham Brown Cancer Center                    | Community Foundation of Louisville        |
| Nucleus   | Louisville Police Foundation              |
|   | Forecastle Foundation                     |
|   | Filson Historical Society                 |




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## Top 100 Influencers in Louisville


**11**  **Ruth Brinkley**  
President and CEO, KentuckyOne Health


**16**  **John Yarmuth**  
U.S. Representative,  
U.S. House of Representatives


**12**  **Donna Hargens, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent, Jefferson County  
Public Schools (JCPS)


**17**  **Phoebe Wood**  
Principal, CompaniesWood Properties

**13**  **Nikki Jackson**  
Senior Vice President, Federal Reserve  
Bank of St. Louis

**18**  **John Schnatter**  
CEO, Papa John's International, Inc.

**14**  **Mary Ellen Wiederwohl**  
Chief, Louisville Forward,  
Louisville Metro Government

**19**  **Deb Moessner**  
President, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield -  
Kentucky

**15**  **Sadiqa Reynolds**  
President and CEO, Louisville Urban League

**20**  **Charles Denny**  
President, PNC Bank

## Of Louisville's Top 100 Influencers, did you know?

26 are elected officials



36 are University of Louisville graduates,  
10 are University of Kentucky graduates



**21** **Gill Holland**  
Managing Partner, The Group Entertainment

**26** **Kent Oyler**  
President and CEO, Greater Louisville, Inc. (GLI)

**22** **Attica Scott**  
State Representative, Kentucky State Government

**27** **Bill Weyland**  
Executive, Weyland Ventures

**23** **Stephanie Horne**  
CEO, Horne Title

**28** **David Jones, Jr.**  
Chairman and Managing Partner, Chrysalis Ventures

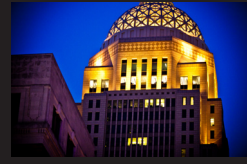
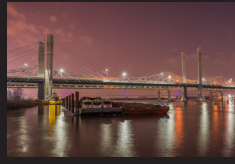
**24** **Wendy Dant Chesser**  
President and CEO, One Southern Indiana

**29** **Todd Spencer**  
CEO, Doe-Anderson

**25** **Bruce Broussard**  
CEO, Humana

**30** **Lesia Seibert**  
CEO, Mightily





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- 31 Pattie Dale Tye**  
Vice President, Humana
- 32 Diane Medley**  
Managing Partner, Mountjoy Chilton Medley (MCM)
- 33 Bill Hollander**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 34 Junior Bridgeman**  
President and CEO, Manna Inc.
- 35 Bob Saunders**  
Partner, OCA Ventures
- 36 Barbara Sexton Smith**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 37 Christina Lee Brown**  
Community Leader
- 38 Paula Harshaw**  
Community Leader
- 39 Turney Berry**  
Partner, Wyaatt, Tarrant & Combs
- 40 Todd Lowe**  
President, Parthenon
- 41 Kevin Cosby, D. Min.**  
President, Simmons College
- 42 Frank Harshaw**  
President and CEO, Harshaw Trane
- 43 Angela McCormick Bisig**  
Judge, Jefferson County Circuit Court
- 44 Ronald J. Murphy**  
Community Leader
- 45 David James**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 46 David Tandy**  
Attorney, Bingham Greenebaum Doll

### Of Louisville's Top 100 Influencers, did you know?

- 12 are startup experts
- 21 are business owners



- 47 Jim Allen**  
CEO, Hilliard Lyons
- 48 Neville Blakemore, III**  
President, Great Northern Building Products, LLC
- 49 Jeff McKenzie**  
Partner, Bingham Greenebaum Doll
- 50 Yvette Gentry**  
Executive, Louisville Metro Government
- 51 Bill Bardenwerper**  
Managing Partner, Bardenwerper, Talbott & Roberts
- 52 Angela Leet**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 53 Laura Douglas**  
Former Vice President, LG&E
- 54 Ben Ruiz**  
CEO, Adhawks Advertising & Public Relations
- 55 Matt Bevin**  
Governor, Kentucky State Government
- 56 Kellie Watson**  
General Counsel, Louisville Metro Government





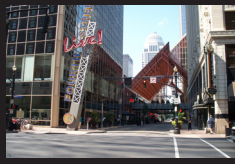
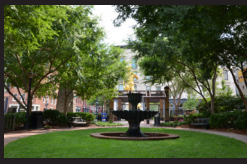
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- 57 Vidya Ravichandran**  
President, GlowTouch Technologies
- 58 Ben Richmond**  
President, Rebound
- 59 Ellen Hesen**  
Chief of Staff, Louisville Metro Government
- 60 Glen Stuckel**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 61 Madonna Flood**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 62 Robert Brown, Ph.D.**  
General Counsel, Healthcare Asset Network
- 63 David Armstrong**  
Community Leader
- 64 Jessica Green**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 65 Steve Trager**  
CEO, Republic Bank
- 66 Susan Barry**  
President and CEO, Community Foundation of Louisville
- 67 Emily Ledford Lawrence**  
Principal, The Glenview Trust Company
- 68 Ankur Gopal**  
CEO, Interapt
- 69 Tim Mulloy**  
President, Mulloy Commercial Real Estate
- 70 Brandon Coan**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 71 Tori Murden McClure**  
President, Spalding University
- 72 Mary Woolridge**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 73 Jonathan Blue**  
Chairman and Managing Director, Blue Equity
- 74 Gerald Neal**  
State Senator, Kentucky State Government
- 75 Dennis Heishman**  
CEO, Old National Bank
- 76 Julie Denton**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 77 Joseph Kurtz, D.D.**  
Archbishop, Catholic Archdiocese of Louisville
- 78 Susan Bergmeister**  
Assistant Director, University of Louisville College of Business
- 79 James S. Welch, Jr.**  
Community Leader
- 80 Jerry Abramson**  
Executive in Residence, Bellarmine University

### Top 100 by Industry

- 16 nonprofit
- 8 education
- 25 government
- 7 Legal
- 7 Healthcare





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- 81 Steve Huey**  
CEO, Capture Higher Ed
- 82 Rick Blackwell**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 83 Doug Whyte**  
Chief Development Officer, ARGI Financial Group
- 84 Chris Brady**  
Professional, Norton Healthcare
- 85 Bill Strench** Report Sponsor  
Partner, Frost Brown Todd
- 86 Brent Ackerson**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 87 Randy Coe**  
President, Kosair Charities
- 88 Linda Duncan**  
Community Leader
- 89 Mary Michael Corbett**  
Community Leader
- 90 Alex Rankin**  
President, Sterling G. Thompson Co.
- 91 Abby Shue**  
Vice President, Fund for the Arts
- 92 Tonya York Dees**  
CEO, York Management
- 93 Stephen Gault**  
President, Stephen C. Gault Co.
- 94 James Ramsey, Ph.D.**  
Community Leader
- 95 Ted Smith, Ph.D.**  
CEO, Revon Systems
- 96 Kent Taylor**  
Chairman and CEO, Texas Roadhouse
- 97 Marianne Butler**  
Council Member, Louisville Metro Council
- 98 Craig Greenberg**  
President, 21c Museum Hotels
- 99 Henrietta Pepper**  
President, The Pepper Group
- 100 Diane Porter**  
Community Leader



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