



# STACIE WHISONANT

## FINANCIAL INNOVATOR

Solving access to education will  
close other inequality gaps.

### MY GOALS

Stacie has made it her life's work to disrupt the finance industry and create solutions to the country's student loan crisis. Stacie created the Loanership™, a credit building scholarship financial product, and it functioned as her gateway into creating products that would further disrupt the finance industry and address the student loan crisis. It is her goal to create equality in higher education by bridging the financial gap.

### CORE BELIEFS

As a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc, Stacie's vision is grounded in service, and she is determined to use her resources for the empowerment of underserved communities. She believes everyone deserves the opportunity to pursue higher education without digging a financial hole that could take a lifetime to escape. "I believe in equality. I will always be a trailblazer and an innovator on the path to making our country and our world a truly equal place." - Stacie Whisonant

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### EXPERIENCE

In preparation for battle with the \$1.6 trillion national student debt crisis, Stacie spent 17 years in the financial services industry utilizing her SEC license to manage mortgages, structured settlements, and annuities for both specialty finance companies and the world's largest international banking and financial services organization—HSBC. Stacie is also a military veteran, having served eight years as a United States Army Reservist. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Management from Longwood University.

Stacie joined the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) in 2018 as the NextGen Innovation Team Leader, and she immediately set to work creating a hub for federal employees to incubate solutions that address the nation's growing student loan figure. The FSA IDEA Lab is positioned to Innovate, Design, Execute, and Award from within the agency with lasting impact on higher education funding.

Channeling her drive to further explore partnerships between the private and public sectors to achieve scaled outcomes more efficiently, Stacie earned a certificate in Social Impact Partnership Design from Georgetown University.

### THE WAY FORWARD

By entering in the sports wagering innovation industry, Stacie is excited to challenge herself to conquer another sector of the financial services industry. Stacie has risen to the top of every other field in the financial sector, and this represents her final progression. When she reaches the top of this industry, Stacie intends to put her profits back into closing the gaps and breaking down the barriers in this country.

#### Additional Recognitions

2016 Halcyon Incubator Fellow, 2018 Bertelsmann Foundation Fellow, Innovate Finance 2017 Women in Fintech Powerlist, PYT Funds is also a notable winner of the Partnership Fund of New York City FinTech Innovation Lab. .Featured in Forbes, Ted Talk Speaker.