

Meet the 2023 Cohort!

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Kwame Terra | bEHR Health Systems

Kwame Terra, MPH, is the Founder & CEO of bEHR Health Systems, Inc., a digital health company headquartered at Xavier University of Louisiana. "Our vision is to make health part of Black culture— placing it at the core of how we live, learn, work, play, and celebrate in the Black Community." bEHR provides medical, lifestyle, and social solutions for the healthy aging of Black people.

Amy Bell & Joi Chevalier | Cook's Nook

A veteran of corporate America turned chef and entrepreneur, Joi Chevalier is the Founder & President of The Cook's Nook. Joi is complemented by Amy Bell, who serves as CEO, leveraging nearly 15 years of experience leading investments in successful, purpose-driven enterprises. The Cook's Nook provides "food as medicine" solutions to organizations addressing the health needs of the tens of millions of Americans who suffer from diet-related disease but lack the means and access to healthy food. Culturally relevant prepared meals are designed to cost-effectively improve patient health—and save millions of dollars in avoided medical expenses.



Daniela Bahamon Arango & Mika Eddy | Malama Health

Mika Eddy is the Co-Founder & CEO of Malama Health. Mika was the Director of Clinical Product Innovation at UnitedHealthcare, the largest health insurer in the world. Daniela Bahamon Arango is the Co-Founder and CMO. She is a designer focused on gender equity, a lecturer at the Stanford design school with 10+ years of experience including as a Brand Expert for L'Oreal and Christian Dior. Malama develops tech-enabled care to improve pregnancy-related outcomes. The solution focuses on improving management of diabetes during pregnancy, leveraging data collected in the pregnancy period to risk stratify and tailor postpartum care. The Malama solution is designed to provide care for populations with high prevalence of high-risk perinatal conditions (diabetes, hypertension), who may not have easy access to providers or clinics (live in maternity care deserts).



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Jonathan Kumar | Samaritan

Born to immigrant parents in poverty, Jonathan Kumar has lived a life of entrepreneurship and social impact. Alongside a team of designers, developers, social workers, and people with lived experience - Jonathan Founded Samaritan, a support platform to help >100,000 Americans improve their access to care, critical utilities, and housing. Samaritan empowers people without a stable home to reach life goals. Health and human services deploy Samaritan to engage last-mile populations into the financial & social support needed to address critical needs. Using Samaritan has been shown to help individuals rapidly improve access to primary care, housing, and employment, significantly reducing need for emergency care.

Melanie Richardson | TrainingGrounds

A native to New Orleans, Melanie Richardson, MSW, LMSW, is the Co-Founder & Executive Director of TrainingGrounds. TrainingGrounds' free We PLAY Center and its We CONNECT Resource HUB are welcoming drop-in environments where parents and children (birth to five) engage in brain-building activities that promote positive language, social and cognitive skills and families receive coordinated support services and resources to improve their children's health and educational outcomes.



Steven Moyo & Susan McLennan | Welfie

Dr. Steven C. Moyo is a Board Certified Physician and CEO & Founder of Welfie. Dr. Moyo founded Welfie after seeing Black and Immigrant people die preventable deaths. As an Emmy award-winning content creator and marketing, brand, and PR expert, Susan McLennan is the Co-Founder & Chief Marketing Officer. Welfie is a "Wellness Selfie", giving people a regular snapshot of their health so they can see the big picture of their wellness journey. Welfie puts Community Health Workers in Schools to deliver health education and care coordination to families on Medicaid.



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