



September 2019

## *Special Edition*

# IT'S A CELEBRATION



(L to R) CFO/General Counsel, James R. Washington III; CEO, Danny Blanks and CCO. Bart Cook  
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The Members of Pontchartrain Partners, LLC are humbled as they move forward into their 10th year of business. The small civil-engineering business that started with just 3 founding members in 2009 in a small office in the CBD. The company is now located on a private lot at 739 S. Clark St. in New Orleans. There are now seven (7) offices across the country: New Orleans (Corporate); Gulfport,

MS; Mobile, AL; Cocoa, FL; Las Cruces, NM; Dallas, TX; and Washington, DC. The start up staff of 3 is now more than 150 employees strong and quickly growing.

Danny Blanks, (CEO), Bart Cook, (CCO) and James Washington III (CFO/General Counsel) have won multiple awards for their work in business and through various community

development and leadership programs.

Our staff is honored to work for such leaders and are excited about the company's future.

Pontchartrain Partners, LLC is breaking ground and setting standards within the marketplace and the community, becoming fearless competitors in the construction industry nationwide.



# PONTCHARTRAIN PARTNERS, LLC.

The members of Pontchartrain Partners, LLC brought together their staff, family and closest friends to celebrate the company's **10 Year Anniversary**. The event was held at PPLLC's corporate office in New Orleans and everyone was entertained and danced the night away with an amazing live band, great food and many laughs.

During the anniversary celebration all employees who have been with the company 5 years or longer, as well as longtime partnering vendors were recognized for their dedication and unwavering support to PPLLC throughout the company's 10 years of business. Congratulations are in order for the following employees and partnering vendors;

## INAUGURAL EMPLOYEE AWARD

### 8 Years Anniversary

*\*Longest Employed Staff Member*

**Mary LeBlanc** - June 2011

## 5+ YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

### 7 Year Anniversary

**Brooke Woods** - Jan 2012

### 6 Year Anniversary

**Guy Brignac** - April 2013

**Julius Blanks** - May 2013

**Andre' Simmons** - August 2013

### 5 Year Anniversary

**Malissa Gioia** - May 2014

**Donald Tutor** - May 2014

**Thu Vo** - June 2014

**Chelsea Castillo** - July 2014

**Kent Gravois** - July 2014

**Todd Grantier** - August 2014

**Matt Booker** - July 2014

**Matt Karl** - August 2014

## PARTNERING VENDOR AWARDS

AG Consulting Services

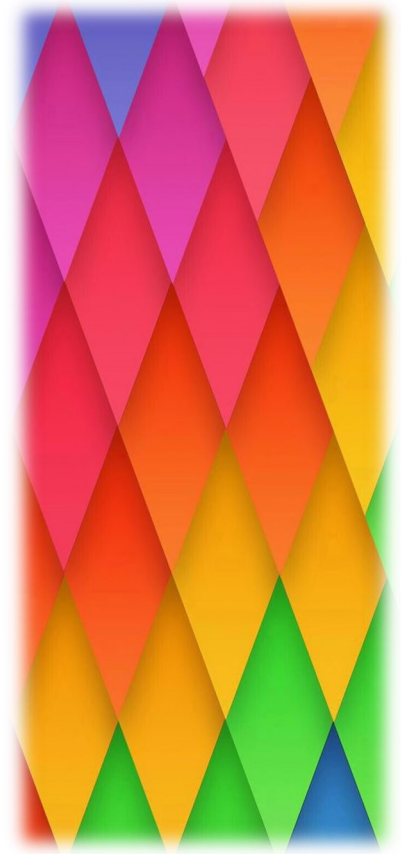
Evans & Graves Engineering

Jill Tucker

Low Land Construction Co., Inc.

Stuart Harris

Whitney Hancock Bank



(L to R) United States Representative, Garrett Graves; PPLLC CCO Bart Cook; PPLLC CFO/ General Counsel James R. Washington III; Mr. John Graves; Ms. Ashlyn Graves; and PPLLC CEO, Danny Blanks



Cake created by Haydel's Bakery







## 2019 OPERATIONS MEETING & SOCIAL

Over the past 4 months Pontchartrain Partners not only planned the company's 10 Year Anniversary, but also planned the company's Annual Operations Meeting that was held on the same week.

Many of our staff members traveled from across the country to learn about new and current processes and procedures. Streamlining our systems in order to continue moving the forward in the upcoming year. In the past year, the company has flourished, bringing in a wave of new talent. In the course of a day and a half our team trained, reviewed forms, and enforced set protocols.

After the first day of training ,the staff was able to relax and get to know each other better during a social held at The Whitney Hotel. It was great being able to socialize and get to see our extended team members from across the country and learning about them individually.

We hope that every staff member that was able to make the trip to NOLA left feeling more confident about PPLLC our culture and our policies.





# HUMAN RESOURCES

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**08/05**  
Scott Gomez  
Kaila Murphy

**08/12**  
Sean Regan

**08/19**  
Sidney Murray  
Patrick Pina  
David Remley

**08/20/19**  
Pertrina Beasley

## Food for Thought...

STOP TRYING TO  
MAKE EVERYONE  
HAPPY  
YOU'RE NOT  
TEQUILA



Thank you all for your loyalty and dedication. PPLLC appreciates you and is better because of you.

### 1 Year

9/12 John Fazio, Sr.  
9/12 John Fazio, Jr.  
9/18 Reza Ahwazi  
9/28 Joshua Cuevas-Cintron

### 2 Years

9/5 Renea Helire

### 5 Years

09/29 Matt Booker

### 17 Years

08/01 Chad Lagman



**09/01** Kevin Hall  
**09/03** Christopher Hamilton  
**09/05** Stephen Sprouse  
**09/06** Stewart Buck  
Kyle Mattei

**09/13** Chelsea Castillo  
Pamela Adams  
**09/17** Darryl Devillier  
**09/21** Spencer Jennings  
**09/23** Keith Dunlap

**09/24** Warren Matthews  
**09/28** Malinda Nelson  
**09/29** Edwin Brown  
Wayman Crawford







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## RECENTLY AWARDED PROJECTS



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### **1204-S: FY19 Pilot Support Services**

**Contract No. W912EQ19P0066**

*Award Date: July 24, 2019*

*Award Amount: \$262,500*

*Agency: USACE Memphis District*

*Set-Aside: 8(a) sole source*

*POP: Aug 14, 2019 – Feb 29, 2020*



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of Engineers®

### **1205: Riverdale Levee Repairs**

**Contract No. W9127S19C0011**

*Award Date: 7/31/19*

*Award Amount: \$4M*

*Agency: USACE Little Rock District*

*Set-Aside: 8(a) Sole Source*

*POP: 7/31/19 – 9/30/2020*



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### **1207: Freeport HFPP**

**Contract No. W912HY19C0009**

*Award Date: 8/16/19*

*Award Amount: \$3,228,700*

*Agency: USACE Galveston District*

*Set-Aside: Total Small*

*POP: 180 Days ANTP*



### **1208: Greenhouse Repairs and Stand-By Generators**

**Contract No. 12405B19C0019**

*Award Date: 8/23/19*

*Award Amount: \$2,377,787*

*Agency: USDA ARS*

*Set-Aside: 8(a) sole source*

*POP: 180 Days ANTP*



## TASK ORDER: COMMUNITY



## Congratulations, CEO *Danny Blanks*

### ABOUT YOUNG LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Young Leadership Council (YLC), is a civic organization established in 1986. The founders were a group of young college graduates who had a passion to find ways through community leadership programs, to open the minds of youth in disadvantage areas. Today, YLC has more than 15,000 professional volunteers.

Every year, YLC honors select leaders in the community who have willingly volunteered and served the community through planned and well-developed leadership programs

within their private practices.

### HONOREE

We are excited that YLC will be honoring Pontchartrain Partners, LLC's CEO, **Danny Blanks**, at this year's *YLC Role Model Awards Gala*. The event will be held at *The Filmore, New Orleans*. For the past 3 years, leaders and staff member of PPLLC have volunteered their time to educate and teach youth from various high schools on the inner workings of how a civil-engineering firm operates. PPLLC is a contributor to YLC's *Power Ties* initiative. Students are taught the techniques of the

estimating and bidding process, step-by-step instructions on how a budget is set to start a project, and the necessary protocols that must be followed to ensure the completion of a successful project.

The staff of PPLLC are excited for Danny and his unwavering commitment to being a positive role-model and leader not just in the office but also in our community.

# NOLA HAPPENINGS

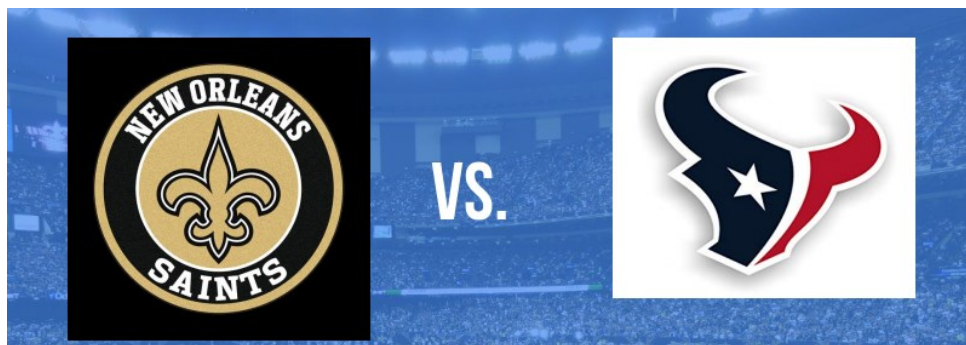


In honor of Labor Day the corporate office will be closed, **Monday September 2, 2019.** The office will re-open Tuesday, September 3, 2019 for normal business hours 7:30 am to 5 pm.

***HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE LABOR DAY WEEKEND!!!***



Crispy, extra crispy, double dipped, spicy, mild, extra spicy -- fried chicken is served a lot of ways in a lot of wonderful places in New Orleans. It's a staple on menus across the South. So come sample some of the best at the National Fried Chicken Festival presented by Raising Canes on **September 20th, 21st and 22nd** at Woldenberg Park on the river.



**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS –VS– HOUSTON TEXANS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**MERCEDES BENZ SUPERDOME**





## SAFETY MATTERS



# STOP-WORK AUTHORITY

- ✓YOU have stop work authority, and are expected to use it whenever you see something you believe to be unsafe.
- ✓YOU are responsible for your own safety – don't do anything you believe to be unsafe.
- ✓YOU have a responsibility for your co-worker's safety – don't let them do anything unsafe.
- ✓YOU are responsible for reporting all safety incidents to your supervisor, including injuries or accidents you are involved in.
- ✓YOU are expected to report all safety concerns to your supervisor, safety committee, or safety representative. If necessary, elevate the concerns through any other available avenues within the company.