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NEW SENIOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DISTRICT'S EDUCATION FOUNDATION APPROVED BY PLANO ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Plano Chamber of Commerce CEO Jamee Jolly tapped to become new leader of the Plano ISD Education Foundation

Plano, TX – May 21, 2019. At tonight's meeting of the Plano ISD Board of Trustees, Jamee Jolly was announced as the Plano ISD Education Foundation's senior executive director. Ms. Jolly, who currently serves as president and CEO of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, will assume her new position by August 1, 2019.

"As a strong proponent, as well as a product, of public education, I am profoundly aware that every aspect of our community has benefited from the excellence that has been achieved by Plano ISD," said Ms. Jolly. "I hope to bring the same level of excellence to my work with the

Education Foundation. I am excited about the opportunity to match corporate partners and their workforce initiatives to the important mission and vision of Plano ISD."

Ms. Jolly brings extensive nonprofit and relationship-building experience to her new role. She is a mission-driven, senior executive with a proven record of accomplishment for delivering results. Ms. Jolly joined the Plano Chamber of Commerce in 2010, and under her leadership, the chamber received 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 2015 and Chamber of the Year honors in 2018.

"Jamee's ability to lead cross-functional teams and connect resources within the Plano community, along with her proven track record of success, will be a tremendous asset to the Plano ISD Education Foundation and to the students, families and staff served by Plano ISD," said Superintendent of Schools Sara Bonser.

Before taking the lead position at the Plano Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Jolly served as executive director for the Greater Dallas Restaurant Association, a chapter of the Texas Restaurant Association. Prior to that, in her role as director of public affairs for The Real Estate Council, she was key in securing funding and support through public-private partnerships for the Woodall Rodgers Deck Park, now known as Klyde Warren Park, in downtown Dallas. She also served as a lobbyist for the Collin County Association of Realtors, an organization focused on the protection of property rights.

Ms. Jolly's expanded leadership credentials include CAE certification (Certified Association Executive), IOM (Institute for Organization Management) and CCE (Certified Chamber Executive). She is also a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the Plano Rotary Club, and serves on the boards of the Texas Association of Business and Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives. Ms. Jolly is a Leadership Plano graduate (class 30), a City of Plano Government Academy graduate, and was recognized among Collin County's "Forty under Forty" by the *Collin County Business Press*.

With a master's degree in Sport Marketing from Florida State University, Ms. Jolly is an avid Florida State Seminole fan. She has an undergraduate degree in kinesiology and sports studies from Texas A&M – Commerce. She and her husband, Marvin, a residential realtor, and their fur-child Maks, a Biewer Yorkie, "live, work and play" in Plano.

About the Plano ISD Education Foundation

The Plano ISD Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to help all students in the Plano Independent School District achieve their full potential by providing financial support to educators and academic programs. Since 1993, the Foundation has generated private support for priority projects for which tax dollars are not available. Almost \$17 million has been gifted to Plano ISD programs and services of importance to the school district. The Foundation is committed to supporting quality education for Plano ISD students as it continues to identify and fund needed programs, and works to increase community and corporate involvement in support of Plano ISD schools.

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) (www.pisd.edu) endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs more than 6,900 staff members who serve more than 53,000 students in 72 schools and 11 service facilities. Mission: Our Plano ISD learning community will educate, inspire and empower every student to activate their unique potential in a dynamic world.

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