



Janeen Uzzell, a dynamic and seasoned executive, serves as a catalyst for innovation and positive change. She is a pioneer who has merged her global citizenship, technology skills and storytelling strengths to advocate for change without compromise and often boldly going it alone.

With a career underscored by a steadfast commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, Janeen seamlessly blends technical expertise with strategic vision. Currently at the helm as the CEO of NSBE, Janeen brings her leadership prowess from the technology sector, contributing to cutting-edge solutions that harmonize technology, business, and social impact. As the organization's first CEO, her role is pivotal in propelling it towards sustainable growth and societal advancement. Leading a membership of tens of thousands ranging from youth, through collegiate, and professionals, NSBE has become the largest ecosystem of diverse STEM talent and thought leadership.

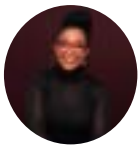
In her capacity as the Chief Operating Officer at the Wikimedia Foundation, which also took place during the rise of global disinformation and the public exposure of inequalities through the Black Lives Matter movement, Janeen masterfully orchestrated the allocation of organizational resources, ensuring the sustained growth and expansion of Wikipedia's content and user base. Her strategic integration of core programmatic priorities and a robust, secure infrastructure yielded measurable advancements, solidifying the Wikimedia Foundation as a non-profit powerhouse reaching nearly 1.5 billion unique devices monthly.

During her tenure at GE Global Research, Janeen brought a global perspective to business technology teams, reshaping traditional U.S. Government funding strategies and establishing divergent commercial partnerships in emerging markets. Her transformative leadership not only significantly increased external funding for the Research Center but also pioneered groundbreaking initiatives, including handheld ultrasound for Africa. As an ex-pat, Janeen lived in Accra, Ghana, fully immersing her career and life into the culture. Her advocacy efforts, such as the partnership with the United Nations, showcased a deep commitment to global health sustainability and she was awarded the U.N. Global Leadership Award for her allegiance to global solutions and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Janeen is a public figure and the recipient of many awards for her impact in business and the community. She is a frequent speaker on tech equity, and business transformation and is a thought partner to C-Suite leaders.

Recognized for her global business leadership, technical acumen, and advocacy for diversity in the tech industry, Janeen possesses a holistic perspective on the challenges and opportunities within the dynamic business landscape. As a board member, she brings a wealth of knowledge, a forward-thinking mindset, and an unwavering passion for creating transformational change, making her an invaluable asset to any organization fortunate to have her guidance.

Janeen currently serves on the board of Mercy Ships where she sits on the audit committee and the DEI task force. She is a member of the National Association for Corporate Directors (NACD) and is completing their board director certification course.



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## BOARD ADVISOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CEO | HBCU Advisor | Global Tech Strategist | Investor | Equity Advocate | Engineer

- **Global strategist** driving workforce development outcomes in technology for companies, leading causes that change lives, communities, and the world.
- **Tech catalyst** creating change in the technology industry, advocating for tech equity, developing solutions to address and combat tech inequality.
- **Methodical leader** for diversity and inclusion advocacy, leveraging technology for market solutions, delivering operational excellence and the transformation of teams.
- **Builder of partnerships** with 20+ years of experience in accelerating company growth for Fortune 100 companies, international private sector, nonprofit, government partners, United Nations, and countries around the world.
- **Storyteller** captivating audiences, inspiring change in technology and social justice, and fostering a more equitable future for the next generation of tech leaders.

## BOARD EXPERIENCE

**Member of the Board, Presidential Advisory Council on HBCUs, the White House** **2022-Present**

- Support HBCUs by creating opportunities for students at HBCUs to receive quality education and career development.

**Board Member, Mercy Ships International** **2020-Present**

- Advocate for financial support through the charity to deliver free healthcare, community development, education, mental health, agriculture, and palliative care services, primarily to African countries.

**Board Member, dFree Global Foundation** **2020-Present**

- Develop strategies to enhance financial freedom for African American communities through content, curriculum, training, tools, and professional development.

**Advisor, NCA&T's College of Engineering** **2018-2022**

- Provide support to students through mentorship and training for professional development and career success.

## EXECUTIVE CAREER SNAPSHOT

**National Society of Black Engineers — largest Black STEM community impacting society and industry**

*Chief Executive Officer* *2021-Present*

- Selected as the company's first CEO in the nearly 50 years of the organization.
- Reinforce overall mission to increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community.

**Wikipedia Foundation — supports and hosts Wikipedia, accessed by nearly 1.5 billion unique devices**

*Chief Operating Officer* *2019-2021*

- Built technology to help people everywhere access Wikipedia, across devices and in nearly 300 languages to improve and grow Wikipedia.

**General Electric Company (GE) — multinational company operating in aviation, power, renewable energy, and more**

*Head of Women in Technology* *2017-2018*

- Led companywide initiative addressing the ongoing gender imbalance in technical fields and accelerated the number of women in roles across the Engineering, Digital, Manufacturing, and Supply Chain platforms.

*Global Director, External Affairs and Technology Programs*

*2014-2017*

- Expanded U.S. Government funding strategies to build commercial partnerships with emerging market industries, increasing research awards in aviation, energy systems, and healthcare development.

*Director, Healthcare Programs, Africa*

*2012-2014*

- In Africa, pioneered transformative design of handheld ultrasound devices, built implementation teams, and instituted public-private partnership models and sales practices to deliver financial growth for healthcare.

*Multiple Director Positions, Healthcare and Operations*

*2002-2012*

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## **EDUCATION**

**Bachelor of Science** in Mechanical Engineering | North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

**Master of Business Administration** in International Business | Fairleigh Dickinson University