

Dr. Burns-Wallace



DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Ed.D., is president and chief executive officer of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The Kauffman Foundation is one of the largest private foundations in the United States. It approaches its work from the middle of the country with a solid Midwest mindset – working to build practical and workable solutions to today's challenges.

Dr. Burns-Wallace is an award-winning public sector leader and educator who has championed policies and leveraged resources to improve lives and communities around the world. For more than 25 years, her leadership has created equitable and broader access to opportunities, shaped policies that expand resources, and helped position communities to thrive intellectually, economically, and civically.

Through her work with educational institutions, government, business leaders, and community organizations, Dr. Burns-Wallace is recognized for her ability to envision and implement innovative, data-informed solutions in dynamic and complex organizations that yield sustainable impact.

Throughout her career, Dr. Burns-Wallace has been selected for numerous honors and awards, most recently as 2022 Kansas City CIO of the Year – Public Sector. Previous honors include the Superior and Meritorious Honor awards from the U.S. State Department and the 2018 White House Champions of Change for College Opportunity.

The most important title to this Kansas City native is Mom to her son, Xavier.