

Courtney Finklea Green. M.F.A., Ed.S.

Courtney Finklea Green is an educator, political strategist, advocate, entrepreneur, artist and speaker. More importantly, she is the proud mom to her son DJ. She has thirteen years of major account management, sales, government contracting and marketing experience in corporate America. She attended Sweet Briar College and obtained a B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Spanish Literature. She holds an array of advanced graduate degrees as well as certifications from Georgetown University, Cornell University, Villanova University, George Washington University & Corcoran School of Art & Design.

Many know of her in Prince George's County and Maryland due to holding the positions of liaison and braintrust member for the historic, record breaking campaign for Brooke Lierman for Maryland Comptroller 2022. Courtney is a co-founder of the Prince George's County chapter of "Maryland Women for Biden" with Maryland State's Attorney, the Honorable Aisha Braveboy. Furthermore, she is an alum of Emerge Maryland, which is an organization that recruits, trains and provides a powerful network for Democratic women who want to run for office.

Giving back to the community is very important to Courtney. This is very evident in the past and current roles that she held. Currently, she is a member of the Junior League of Washington and is the Chair of the value resources committee, Jubilee JumpStart Committee. As a member, she is active in community service and charitable activities that increase literacy for women and children in underserved communities. Also, she is a graduate of their "Get on Board" program that trains women to serve on nonprofit community boards.

Courtney has served on the Executive Board as the Education Chair for the Prince George's County Chapter of the NAACP. Due to her hard work and dedication regarding special education community-focused programming, she became the Director of Education for Maryland State Delegate and Chair of the Maryland Black Caucus, Del. Darryl Barnes. Hence, she developed and implemented community events to increase parent engagement and had a leadership role in the Parental Education Advisory Committee created by Del. Barnes.

In 2018, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin awarded her a citation for education advocacy and community service. Also, in 2018 and 2019, Maryland State delegates; Del. Darryl Barnes, Del. Derrick Davis, Del. Nick Charles, and Sen. Melony Griffith awarded her citations for outstanding leadership in education. In 2021, she was appointed by the Hon. Angela Alsobrooks, county executive of Prince George's County, MD to be a member of the School Board Transformation Task force.

Due to her dedication in the areas of education and activism, she was a guest on LA Talk Radio's "Dr. Tongie Show". Courtney has also appeared on Darius Stanton's "The Peace in the Morning Show" to discuss her work as a disability rights activist and special

education. Her steadfast passion for supporting parents and their children with disabilities led her to create the non-profit, "Mustard Seed Mom". The non-profit organization is a 501c3 that empowers and embraces children as well as their families in special education, art education and underserved populations.

Lastly and without further ado, Courtney is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She belongs to the chapter, Iota Gamma Omega in Prince George's County.