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Donald Barringer, a native of Charlotte, NC, and currently a resident of Lansing, Michigan. Those who are close to him call him “the connector” or “influencer”, an ENTJ leader since third grade, and has been a member of PTA since High School (over 26 years ago). It was because of his mother’s 20 years as a PTA member that he became a part of what she enjoyed. A fun fact: he completed a US Army Golden Knights tandem jump with past PTA President Otha Thornton.

Within PTA, he served as a teacher representative, education partner with the local Council, NCPTA Board of Directors, and served as chair of Nominations & Elections, Community Engagement & Membership, Co-chair of the Events, Advocacy, Founder's Day, Teacher Training, and the Executive Committee. During the 2017-2019 years he supported The NCPTA Board of Directors as Membership Chair and within that work led efforts to help NCPTA, Durham Council of PTAs, and Bethesda PTA receive National PTA Grants centered on Family Engagement, Healthy Eating, and STEM+Families. His highlight was engaging with the National PTA School of Excellence Program by helping NCPTA receive its largest amount of SOE Designations since the program's existence in 2018 and 2019.

With his Doctorate of Education in Organizational Leadership, he continues to support PTA and education-based organizations to become better and greater utilize the human resources and community partnerships to help make every child’s potential a reality. He has taught a variety of higher education courses, recruited future educators, and conducted professional development for people ages 2 to 72. Donald has served as a teacher, curriculum developer, union president, the first African-American and NC Teaching Fellow Teacher Advisor to NC Governor Bev Perdue, and a higher education recruiter and administrator. Currently, Donald is pursuing several life passions, in 2019, he founded and is CEO of his non-profit Building Communities for Success, which will dismantle generational poverty one community at a time, As a part-time employee, he was recently named Employee of the Year at one of the top-performing Hampton Inns in America. His full-time job is Teen Services Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Lansing, which aligns with his passion for out-of-school programs.

In his spare time, he loves his morning personal time until 10 am, listening to his various music playlists, watching baking and cooking shows, traveling with #PassportRequired, and enjoying all that life has blessed him with. He loves PTA and continues to support local units, councils, states, and National PTA when called upon. If you enjoy reading and want to know more about Donald’s passion for PTA, Volunteering, and Literacy Check out page 25 in Spring 2018 Our Children Magazine to learn more about “The Donald”.