

Black Connect Announces New Director of Business Development and Launch of Tampa Office with Community Meet & Greet

Meet & Greet on November 13, 2025 at Sparkman Wharf in Tampa



Tampa, Florida Nov 11, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Black Connect, Inc. (Black Connect), the only national chapter and membership-based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering small business owners and closing the racial wealth gap through entrepreneurship is proud to announce two milestone developments: the appointment of Kurt Phelps as Director of Business Development, and the opening of its new Tampa office located at Industrious at Sparkman Wharf.

To celebrate these milestones, Black Connect will host a **Meet & Greet / Open House** on **Thursday, November 13, 2025, from 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM**, welcoming members, corporate partners, and local business leaders for an evening of networking, collaboration, and community building.

The appointment of Kurt Phelps will strengthen Black Connect's national growth strategy, focusing on strategic partnerships, corporate sponsorships, chapter expansions and member engagement across its network. The Tampa office launch is part of the organization's broader plan to establish local hubs that deliver meaningful resources—legal, financial, mentorship and networking—to Black entrepreneurs in key markets.

“Joining Black Connect as Director of Business Development is an exciting opportunity to deepen our partnerships and accelerate impact across markets,” said Phelps. “This Tampa hub will connect entrepreneurs, professionals and institutions in new ways—creating access, building capital flows and strengthening ecosystem infrastructure for Black-owned businesses.”

“The launch of our Tampa office and Kurt’s appointment represent the next phase of building an interdependent ecosystem where entrepreneurs can thrive. His expertise in business growth and our expansion into Tampa symbolize the collaborative infrastructure we’re building nationwide. Black Connect is designed to function like business insurance for the community — every member contributes to the strength of the whole, ensuring that we all have access when it matters most.” said Angela Majette, Founder & National President of Black Connect.”

Meet & Greet / Open House details:

- **When:** Thursday, November 13, 2025 • 4:00 – 6:30 PM
- **Where:** Industrious at Sparkman Wharf, 615 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602
- **RSVP required** at [Blackconnect.org/events](https://blackconnect.org/events).

Media and organizational partners are invited to attend the November 13th Meet & Greet, request interviews with Black Connect leadership, or explore sponsorship/member opportunities. Please contact info@blackconnect.org for press credentials.



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