



NIGHT OF

SHINING  
STARS

OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>  
6 - 9 PM

HONOREES



ANGELA ALLEN  
PARTNER,  
JENNER & BLOCK



ROB MEYERS  
PRESIDENT,  
REPUBLIC BUSINESS CREDIT

SPECIAL GUEST HOST:  
BRIAN KEYS, ACTOR, SINGER  
& MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST



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**ALL STARS PROJECT OF CHICAGO**,  
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION  
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FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR  
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## A letter from Benjamin L. Nortman

A Night of Shining Stars is quickly becoming the signature charitable event of the turnaround management and restructuring industries in Chicago. What started in 2019 (with a pandemic pause) and continued in 2023 has raised nearly \$1 million for the All Stars Project of Chicago, a cause that is very near and dear to my heart.

Through my involvement with the All Stars Project of Chicago, including membership on the national board and chairing our regional board in Chicago, I have personally witnessed the positive change in young people through their participation in All Stars afterschool development programs. I have especially enjoyed hosting All Stars interns in our office. Seeing young people grow has been tremendously rewarding for me and for so many of my fellow colleagues.

Getting to know these impressive young people has broadened my understanding of poverty and the challenges we face in Chicago. Many of these bright and energetic students with whom I would otherwise never have had a chance to meet, simply do not have the experiences or opportunities to help them see the world beyond their impoverished communities. Led by Founder David Cherry and Regional Director/Vice President Lauren Horn, the team at the All

Stars Project of Chicago is creating new positive growth oriented alternatives for our most underserved students across the city. With your support, they can help hundreds more young people see and achieve new possibilities for themselves and their communities.

Hilco Global, the Turnaround Management Association, and the All Stars Project have created a dynamic partnership. We are excited to once again co-host A Night of Shining Stars, which is a cocktail-networking fundraiser to allow our local turnaround and restructuring community to engage and invest directly in the growth and development of Chicago's youth. We are proud to be honoring Angela Allen of Jenner & Block and Rob Meyers of Republic Business Credit for their leadership in the industry and their commitment to addressing some of the most critical issues in our city.

Our goal is to help the All Stars Project of Chicago reach hundreds more young people and families. I hope you will consider becoming a sponsor, making a gift, or purchasing tickets to celebrate our honorees with us on Wednesday, October 30th and continue to make this annual event a huge success for Chicago's youth.



**Benjamin L. Nortman**

Chief Commercial Officer-Consumer/Retail, Hilco Global  
Member, All Stars Project, Inc. National Board of Directors  
Chair, All Stars Project of Chicago Board of Directors

## About the Honorees



**ANGELA ALLEN**  
PARTNER,  
JENNER & BLOCK

Angela is a bankruptcy lawyer and litigator who focuses her practice on complex bankruptcy litigation, corporate restructuring and investigations. She helps corporate clients navigate issues related to financial distress and counterparty risk and guides trustees in investigations and litigation arising out of fraudulent enterprises. Angela's clients range from manufacturers dealing with distressed suppliers, to landlords and tenants negotiating distressed leases, to opportunistic purchasers of assets in 363 sales. She also has experience addressing restructuring and liquidation issues arising in the financial services sector.

In addition to her bankruptcy practice, Angela is active in both the community and the bar. She dedicates substantial pro bono time and efforts to legal issues involving the military and serves on the Illinois board of the USO. Angela is also active in the Turnaround Management Association and served as the President of the Chicago/Midwest Chapter in 2020.



**ROB MEYERS**  
PRESIDENT,  
REPUBLIC BUSINESS CREDIT

Heading the Origination, Underwriting and Marketing departments as President and Chief Commercial Officer of Republic Business Credit, Robert puts into practice more than 15 years of commercial finance experience. Currently, Robert serves as Vice President of the Secured Finance Network, previously serving as the President of the Turnaround Management Association & President of the Secured Finance Network's Midwest Chapters.

Robert is a graduate of the University of Chicago and holds an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management. Robert was awarded the SFNet Top 40 Under 40 Award in 2016. Robert resides in Park Ridge with his family.





## About the All Stars Project, Inc.



Founded in 1981, the All Stars Project (ASP) creates free, outside-of-school programs for youth from poor and underserved communities. As a national nonprofit organization, All Stars runs programs in New York City, Newark and Jersey City, Dallas, the San Francisco Bay Area, and Chicago,

in addition to hosting virtual programs reaching young people across the country. All Stars encourages young people to try new performances, onstage and in life, which supports their development and allows them to see new possibilities for themselves and their communities.

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## Our Programs

### Development School for Youth

With a 26-year track record and over 5,000 alumni, the Development School for Youth (DSY) creates leadership training and paid summer internship opportunities for youth in the business community. This summer, over 200 youth participated in internships across the country. In Chicago, our 2024 intern hosts include 360 Chicago, AMLI, Birch Lake, Cook County Sheriff's Office, Cooley, Driehaus Capital Management, Equity Residential, Hilco, JPMorgan, KPMG, NGE, Nuveen, and Polsinelli. DSY has been featured in the Chicago Tribune and Forbes as a model program in preparing youth for the business world and creating meaningful engagement, as our corporate partners respond to new calls of action for diversity and equity in the workplace.

### Development Coaching

Created in response to the pandemic, Development Coaching is a virtual program that matches caring adults (coaches) with young adults ages 18-24 (coachees). The adults help guide and enhance each young person's professional and personal development through six one-hour sessions over an 8-week period. Since 2020, we've matched over 1,000 young people and adults in the program!

### Performance Programs

Through on-stage and online performance activities, All Stars uses an innovative performance-based approach to help young people from across the country (and the world!) grow their confidence on stage and in life!



## Our Programs

### Operation Conversation: Cops & Kids

Cops & Kids is an award-winning, police-community relations model program run in partnership with local police departments in New York City, NY and Newark, NJ. We have worked directly with over 5,000 youth and officers over the past decade who have built new relationships with one another through their engagement with the program.

### Operation Conversation

Operation Conversation is the All Stars

Project's newest bridge-building initiative created to address the social and racial divides in America. Operation Conversation gives people from all walks of life new and effective tools to develop their empathy, appreciation, and listening skills, all while exercising their curiosity 'muscles.' The workshop builds diverse relationships, engages racism, and promotes racial healing in everyday life through the power of performance.



### All Stars Project of Chicago

Working in neighborhoods that have been hit the hardest by violence – the South and West Sides – the All Stars Project of Chicago has touched the lives of over 40,000 young people since 2007. The business and philanthropic communities have stepped up with All Stars to address the city's tough issues and are expanding the All Stars Talent Show Network and the Development School for Youth at record speed.

Off the success of our growth, All Stars established a new Hub for Afterschool Development in the Printers Row neighborhood in downtown Chicago in March 2023. Occupying the entire second floor, this nearly 6,300-square-foot space is easily accessible from public transportation

and includes an open-concept workspace, offices, and a large multi-purpose “collaborative performance space” for hosting our award-winning program activities, workshops, receptions, and more. The Hub allows ASP of Chicago to have a welcoming presence and leverage even more partnerships and collaborations as we work to bring the transformational power of performance to underserved youth, their families, and communities.

We invite you to join us in our mission to Create ONE Chicago. Make a gift, sponsor an intern, host a workshop, become a Development Coach, or volunteer for one of our many outreach opportunities. Together, we can create a brighter future for our young people!

Thank you, again, to our 2023 Night of Shining Stars Sponsors!

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Please join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, networking, and youth performances as we honor Angela Allen and Rob Meyers at A Night of Shining Stars benefiting the All Stars Project of Chicago.

Please select the level of your preference:

#### Sponsorship Levels

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20 tickets, premier recognition and listing as Lead Sponsor, includes logo on "Sponsorship Walk of Fame", full-page ad on-screen at event, special leadership recognition before, during, after event

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2 tickets, includes quarter-page ad on screen at event

##### INDIVIDUAL TICKET(S) AT \$250

tickets requested

Thank you for your support and investing in youth development! For those purchasing tickets/sponsorships and attending in-person, \$160 per ticket is not tax-deductible to account for goods and services received. All other gifts are 100% tax-deductible.

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#### Contribution

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All sponsorship packages will receive recognition as a sponsor of the event and be listed in evites. Please see sponsorship levels for additional premiums. Journal will be electronic and will be displayed during the event.

#### Sponsorship Payment

##### ONLINE

Make a sponsorship, purchase your ticket, or give a gift at nightofstarschicago.com. EFT and stock payment options are also available. Please contact Amy Kaczmarek for details at akaczmarek@allstars.org or (312) 994-3111.

##### CHECK

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For all inquiries, please contact: Amy Kaczmarek, Senior Director of Development, All Stars Project of Chicago, akaczmarek@allstars.org, (312) 994-3111.