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## Ami Carter Advantage Shelby County

Many of you know Ami Carter, Director of Advantage Shelby County. She is a familiar face in the county's high schools and at LSC events. In 2015, Ami had just recently returned to Indiana and was enjoying her new position at Leadership Johnson County when she learned about a new initiative between Ivy Tech, Shelby County and



the City of Shelbyville—Advantage Shelby County. Ami applied and was hired to launch the newly developed program and recruit the students with the inaugural class beginning in 2016. The first year, 46 students attended the free two-year Ivy Tech program. Enrollment is now approximately 125. Enrollment counts both 2019 and

2020 cohorts currently attending Ivy Tech. As Director, Ami continues to raise the bar. This year Advantage Shelby County will offer two ASAP programs, an accelerated associate program where students can earn their associate's degree in 11 months. Ami says that she is "grateful for the first cohort of kids who trusted the staff to deliver the first program of its kind in the state." She also "commends the students for stepping out of their comfort zone and joining the program."

Advantage Shelby County is not Ami's first venture into higher education. After graduating from Purdue with an animal science major and a business and communication emphasis, Ami went on to earn a Master of Science degree in Mass Communication at Middle Tennessee State University. As a freshman, she was asked to become a researcher for one of her professors and has been involved in higher education ever since.

After graduating from MTSU, Ami worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture where she facilitated various trainings. She then returned to MTSU as an academic advisor and program coordinator for the Tom T. Hall Writer's in the Round, a symposium for authors, song writers and poets. She also managed the university's John Seienthaler First Amendment Lecture Series. In addition, Ami taught journalism and broadcasting at Western Kentucky University at Bowling Green.

Ami worked with Bonnie Pribush (LSC Facilitator from 2015-2017) during her time with Leadership Johnson

County, so she wanted to participate in Leadership Shelby County while Bonnie was the facilitator. She graduated in the spring of 2017 and remains very active in the program as board member and guest presenter. Ami found the LSC program very beneficial. She said, "I have lived in many places. Being involved in LSC was a way to feel integrated and part of the community very quickly. I met many people in the class and through the class, and this made a world of difference to me."

Ami enjoys spending her free time with her two daughters—going to school activities and just being together as a family. Alexandra (Alex), a freshman at Purdue this year, was active in the SHS Band. Samantha (Sam) is a junior at Shelbyville High School where she plays softball.

Ami's enthusiasm for her job, her family and Leadership Shelby County are evident in the energy and time she invests in all three.

## Save the Date: Multipliers A Leadership Shelby County Virtual Professional Development

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Friday, January 22, 2021 via Zoom.

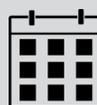
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

\$39.00\* Leadership Shelby County Alumni and Chamber Members

\$49.00\* General Public

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