



Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs

Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs is also the Founder of Fempower LLC. Fempower LLC is dedicated to empowering others to take charge of their mental, physical, and spiritual health. Fempower LLC offers workshops on professional networking and engagement, promoting healthy self-esteem, goal setting for success, and much more. For more details see:

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Our AAUW Harrisburg 2022 Community Woman of the Year is focused on purpose driven motivation to help others realize their best selves and work towards sustainable change.

*"I am a passionate leader. I am a community advocate. I fight to bring light to people and issues that are overlooked. I seek to inspire, to educate and to create pathways for success for those who have been marginalized."*

## On Saturday, May 21, 2022,\* Harrisburg Branch AAUW Recognizes Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs with Our 2022 Community Woman of the Year Award

A brilliant, bold, and brave leader, Lieutenant Colonel Kristal Turner-Childs, was appointed by Governor Tom Wolf in October, 2021, and is currently serving as the first African American female Deputy Commissioner of Staff of the Pennsylvania State Police. She has previously distinguished herself in her 24 years of law enforcement experience as the first African American female to command a troop -Troop L, Reading, February, 2016 through October, 2018; and the second African American female to obtain the rank of Major in the 117-year history of the Pennsylvania State Police when, in 2018, she was promoted to Major and named as director of the 300-person Bureau of Forensic Services, one of the largest departments in the Pennsylvania State Police.

LTC Turner-Childs became the first person in her family to earn a college degree when she earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Elizabethtown College, and then continued her studies to obtain a master's degree in Organizational Leadership from Central Penn College. She augmented these degrees by also graduating from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command, and the FBI National Academy.

Her recognition by both academic and community organizations include numerous awards, among them an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Central Penn College; the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC (Capital Region Economic Development Corporation) Athena Award; NCBW (National Coalition of 100 Black Women) Trailblazer Award; and the Greater Harrisburg YWCA Woman of Excellence Award.