

Jan Jones Blackhurst

Jan Jones Blackhurst is a long-time political and business leader who spent most of the 1990s as the first woman mayor of Las Vegas – one of the most popular mayors in the city’s history. She then joined Caesars Entertainment, where she and her teams developed the industry’s first Responsible Gaming practices, advancing environmental stewardship and advocating for important social issues. Jan speaks extensively at many universities and helped establish the International Gaming Institution Center of Excellence at the University of Nevada Las Vegas. She was a leader on the Caesars team that decided to invest in UNLV’s Black Fire Innovation.

After leading Corporate Social Responsibility and Public Policy at Caesars for two decades, she joined the Company’s Board of Directors in 2019. An advocate for workplace diversity and equality, she helped Caesars earn a perfect score in the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s Corporate Equality Index for 10 consecutive years and led the company’s Gender Equity Initiative. She also served as chair of the Caesars Foundation, strengthening communities through philanthropic activities.

She was named Chief Executive in Residence at the UNLV International Gaming Institute, where she was a popular faculty member and key player in the “Expanding the Leaderverse” initiative – an academic center of excellence which promotes diversity and inclusiveness at the highest levels of leadership in the gaming and hospitality industry.

Committed to education, Jan serves as Chairwoman for the Public Education Foundation; she has earned numerous awards and accolades while serving on several boards, including the Las Vegas Stadium Authority and the Nevada Resort Association. In 2014, she was one of the first women to be inducted into the American Gaming Association (AGA) Gaming Hall of Fame.

As a long-time Southern Nevada leader in business, philanthropy and the community, few people have helped to shape the Nevada we know today as much as Jan Jones Blackhurst.