



BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS

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Birmingham Botanical Gardens Starts Junior Board

BIRMINGHAM, AL – Birmingham Botanical Gardens launched its new Junior Board March 23 at Jackson's Bar & Bistro in Homewood's SOHO Square. The group of young professionals held a happy hour meet-and-greet with Friends of Birmingham Botanical Gardens' Board of Directors and staff for its inaugural meeting. The group has been commissioned to generate interest and involvement among younger, more diverse demographics for The Gardens' events and education programs.

The first order of business for the newly instituted group of leaders was to recognize its executives: President, Miller Allen, Vice-President, Ashley Gassner, and Secretary, Dionne Burks. The Junior Board made one of its primary goals to expand its numbers to 20 by summer, before any planning for future events takes place. Those in attendance included Miller Allen, Dionne Nicole Burks, Michie Duke, Ashley Gassner, Liz Hard, Alisha Johnson, Laurie Kramer, Kaylan McDuff, Troy Rhone, Jody Seal, Dr. Tommy Amason, Lou Willie, Laurie Allen, Fred Spicer, Olivia Alison, Michael Hansen and Andrew Krebbs.

The Junior Board of Birmingham Botanical Gardens is still accepting nominations; anyone interested in more information or nominating themselves or a colleague can contact Michael Hansen at 205.414.3960 or mhansen@bbgardens.org.

About Birmingham Botanical Gardens

Birmingham Botanical Gardens is Alabama's largest living museum with more than 10,000 different plants in its living collections. The Gardens' 67.5 acres contains more than 25 unique gardens, 30+ works of original outdoor sculpture and miles of serene paths. The Gardens features the largest public horticulture library in the U.S., conservatories, a wildflower garden, two rose gardens, the Southern Living garden, and Japanese Gardens with a traditionally crafted tea house. Education programs run year round and more than 10,000 school children enjoy free science-curriculum based field trips annually. The Gardens is open daily, offering free admission to more than 350,000 yearly visitors.