

# Daniel Mahoney

**Class of 2022**

Daniel Mahoney is a Jackson native, graduating from Jackson High School (2000) and Jackson College (2022). He also attended Eastern Michigan University where he studied business.

Elected mayor of the City of Jackson in 2021 and 2023, he is the city's first African-American mayor. He focuses on Downtown Jackson's forward momentum and extending that progress into neighborhoods, economic development, public safety, street improvements and continuing diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

As a Jackson County Commissioner, he represented District 7 for seven years before becoming mayor.

Giving back to the community, he founded the city's "The Jackson Back 2 School Bash" on the south side some 12 years ago.

He launched Many Hands Community Services in 2019, a nonprofit that facilitates the Back 2 School Bash, the African American Family Summit, and the Business Incubator program, *The Launchpad*.

Mahoney works as a case manager for Access for All, a pre-apprenticeship readiness program.

He previously served as the African American Affinity Liaison for Jackson College.

He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

As a lifetime member of the NAACP, Mahoney has been president of the Jackson County Branch of NAACP, chair of the Economical Development Committee, membership chair, chair of the Street Renaming Committee, graduate of the NAACP NextGen Program and 2020 graduate of the Professional Development Academy's High Performance Leadership Program.

His service activities include Lifeways Board of Directors, Community Action Agency Board of Directors, Jackson County Landbank Authority, Jackson County Fair Board Vice Chair, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, Michigan Association of Counties Health and Human Services Committee and Judicial Committee, FEMA Board, the City of Jackson's Equity Commission, and the MLK Corridor Authority.

He is married to wife, Semaj, and the couple shares five daughters, Calvena, Sophia, Olivia, Cecilia, and Ila.

The family are members of the United People Community Church.

