

## **Brandi Harleaux – Short Bio**

Brandi Harleaux is an award-winning CEO, notable keynote speaker, mentor and world changer, impacting people and the planet with extraordinary fortitude. With over 25 years of entrepreneurial experience, she is the CEO and second-generation owner of South Post Oak Recycling Center (SPORC); —Houston’s trusted metal recycling company. SPORC specializes in sourcing recycled metal material by providing first-class service solutions to customers who generate metal as a byproduct of their operations, production, or manufacturing cycle. They are able to move material responsibly while their customers are able to profit from the sale of their recyclable commodities and contribute to producing new recycled goods.

She is an innovative industry leader and speaker specializing in organizational transformation and sustainable success. As an entrepreneur, Brandi is passionate about the intersection of business and faith. She actively educates global audiences on core topics including: STEM Based Learning (Through a recycling lens), Innovation Through Engaged Leadership, Resilience, Women Empowerment, Marketplace Diversity and Family Business.

Driven by professional and educational achievement, Brandi is the distinguished recipient of 2021 Houston International Trade Development Global Seven “International Rising Star” Award, 2020 ISRI Young Executive of the Year Award and, 2018 Greater Houston Black Chamber Pinnacle Award. She holds a B.S. in Psychology and Business Administration from the University of Houston, a M.S. in Industrial Organizational Psychology from California State University, an MBA from Pepperdine University, certificate in Managing the Family Office from Pepperdine and holds certificates in Leadership and Family Transitions from UCLA.

Brandi is the Chair of the City of Houston Office of Business Opportunity (OBO) Advisory Board, Executive Committee Board Member & Director at Large for the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI), Board Member for the Recycling Council of Texas, Advisory Board Member for LiftFund, Board of Advisor for the Pepperdine University Graziadio Business School and International Committee Member for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Brandi impacts humanity in multiple realms of influence as an anti-human trafficking, autism awareness advocate and business mentor at The University of Houston Wolff Center for Entrepreneurship and the Lakewood Church Business Ministry.

She lives in Houston Texas with her husband and is surrounded by family and friends.