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INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP CEO JILL JOHNSON IS HONORED WITH WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AWARD FROM BERKELEY COLLEGE

Johnson Was Honored For Achievements As A Visionary, Small Business Champion & Inclusion Advocate On A Mission To Make The Entrepreneurial Ecosystem More Equitable For Minority Entrepreneurs

NEWARK, NJ, November 22, 2021 — IFEL CEO Jill Johnson was recently honored with the Women's Empowerment Award from Berkeley College. Part of the Seventh Annual Women's Entrepreneurship Week (WEW) Summit entitled "The Future Is Women," the Women's Empowerment Award celebrates women at the forefront of business, government, media, public health, entertainment, fashion and more.

Jill Johnson is the Co-Founder & CEO of the [Institute For Entrepreneurial Leadership](https://www.weareifel.org) (IFEL), a non-profit business consulting organization she founded with her father in 2002. Through her visionary leadership, IFEL has created an innovative platform for businesses to accelerate their growth through three signature programs: [Small Businesses Need Us](#), [Women of Color Connecting](#) featuring the 'Success Circles' model, and [The Making of Black Angels](#). Johnson has nearly 30 years of experience as a business strategist with expertise in financial analysis, marketing, and business development. She is an advocate for community businesses and microenterprises and is a leading authority and champion for inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystems, speaking on topics which include community economic development, business plan development, women's entrepreneurship, small business growth, and creating a new paradigm for access to capital.

"I am proud to receive this very special award, which shines a bright light on the amazing achievements of women both past and present and honors their courage to change society and advance opportunities for more women in the future," Johnson stated.

Berkeley College Vice-President of Communications & External Relations Angela Harrington, founder of Women's Entrepreneurship Week, stated, "We believe that bringing women's voices forward is an important part of building an equitable society, and gives our students a place where they can be inspired and introduced to the movers and shakers, who at one time were just like them. "To bring that inspiration forward for our students is incredible."

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL LEADERSHIP

Founded in 2002, the [Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership](https://www.weareifel.org) (IFEL) is an independent, not-for-profit organization that supports economic development through entrepreneurship. We are experts in creating and implementing small business programming in support of larger economic development objectives. Our mission is to eradicate the systemic barriers that prevent entrepreneurs of color from being able to access the knowledge, networks, and capital required for business success. Visit us at <https://www.weareifel.org>