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AMANDA VALENTINE

Memorial Hermann Health System

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Amanda Valentine is a healthcare operations and quality improvement leader who uses data, systems thinking, and service-driven leadership to strengthen communities and create pathways for women and girls to lead. She serves as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt at Memorial Hermann Health System, where she leads enterprise-level initiatives focused on patient safety, access to care, and operational excellence across one of the nation's largest nonprofit health systems.

Amanda holds a Master of Engineering in Healthcare Systems Engineering from Lehigh University, a Master of Science in Health Informatics from Northeastern University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University. She is currently completing a PhD in Health Policy and Management at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth School of Public Health). A Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), she is nationally recognized for translating analytics into action and mobilizing multidisciplinary teams to deliver measurable, high-impact results.

Beyond her professional role, Amanda is deeply committed to advancing opportunities for women and girls. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Girls Empowerment Network and is an active member of the Junior League of Houston and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. She is also a servant leader within Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, where she mentors emerging leaders and promotes service, leadership development, and community empowerment. Her leadership and impact have been recognized through honors, including the Houston Business Journal Women Who Mean Business Award and the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce STEAM Role Model Award. Through her work and service, Amanda is intentionally building pathways for others to follow.