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Shannon is the Founder & CEO of the Voice + Visibility Women's Summit (VVWS) in Sarasota, FL. The VVWS convenes diverse, cross sector female leaders with a mission to empower women, expand networks & opportunities, and elevate the voices of diverse women. She is a social entrepreneur with three decades of experience in public and private sector collaboration, fundraising and diversity and inclusion work in healthcare, education and business. Shannon created the Bridge Builders, Diversity Equity and Inclusion training programs to equip leaders and businesses with results driven solutions.

She currently serves as the SoGal Sarasota, Chapter Lead. SoGal's mission is to close the diversity gap in entrepreneurship and venture capital. Shannon also serves on the Women's Resource Center Board, and the KNOW TRIBE Diversity Advisory Board. Shannon is the Co-Founder of Visible Men Academy, (VMA) a public charter school for low-income boys in Bradenton, FL. At VMA, Shannon created the Whole Child and Family Program, Community Partnerships, Women SHINE Gender Equity Curriculum and Lead Organizational Advancement. Shannon received her BA from Colgate University, and a Master's in Social Work from Smith College School for Social Work. She lives with her husband Neil, two teenage sons and a growing tribe of pets. Shannon's TedX Talk is Failure & Forgiveness in the New South. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0t0tEm-xgM&t=314s>