

Stella Umunna, DTM - Visionary Leader, Strategic Planner, and Community Builder



Stella Umunna is an accomplished and passionate leader dedicated to empowering others and fostering growth within the Toastmasters community. With a remarkable track record of leadership, mentorship, and community engagement, Stella has made an indelible mark on District 46 and beyond.

Leadership Experience:

- **Club Growth Director (2024-2025):** As the current Club Growth Director for District 46, Stella has led impactful initiatives to build and support clubs, strengthen member engagement, and implement strategic growth plans. Under her guidance, the district aimed to build 20 new clubs, prioritizing sustainability and member retention.
- **Division C Director (2023-2024):** Stella played a pivotal role in guiding club officers, fostering leadership skills, and maintaining high standards of quality and engagement throughout the division.
- **President of Gastronomy Toastmasters Club (2023-2024):** As President, Stella demonstrated dynamic leadership and community-building skills, enhancing member experience and encouraging participation.
- **VP of Education at Hudson River Toastmasters and Podcast Pioneers (2023-2024):** Stella delivered quality training and promoted educational initiatives to elevate member skills and leadership potential.
- **Area Director - Area 34 (2023-2024):** Recognized for her dedication to member success and club growth.
- **Sergeant at Arms, Hudson River Toastmasters (2024-2025):** Demonstrated commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging meeting environment.

- District 46 Webmaster (2024-2025): Managed digital communications and maintained an engaging online presence for the district.

Professional Expertise: Stella brings a wealth of professional experience from her role at Cantor Fitzgerald, where she honed her skills in financial analysis, budgeting, and resource management. This experience equipped her with the strategic planning and financial acumen necessary for successful district leadership. Additionally, her involvement in STEM education initiatives has strengthened her commitment to mentorship and empowering young learners through technology.

Core Competencies:

- Strategic Planning: Proven ability to develop actionable growth strategies and align resources for maximum impact.
- Financial Management: Expertise in budgeting, financial reporting, and resource allocation to ensure efficiency and transparency.
- Mentorship and Coaching: Passionate about developing future leaders and fostering a culture of support and encouragement.
- Community Building: Creating inclusive environments where members feel valued and motivated to participate.

Awards and Recognition:

- Best Area Director - Division C (2023-2024)
- Evelyn Marrero - Servant Leader Award (2024)

Educational Background:

- BSc in Biochemistry
- MSc in Computer Modelling
- Doctorate in AI & Machine Learning (Expected Graduation: 2026)

Additional Information: Stella's leadership journey is driven by her commitment to making a positive impact on others' lives. Whether it's through strategic initiatives, educational programs, or community engagement, Stella's people-first approach ensures that every member has the tools and support they need to succeed. She is actively involved in STEM education and AI learning tools for young learners, bringing innovation and empowerment to the next generation. Stella's passion for community building and leadership development continues to shape the success of District 46 and inspire those around her.