Reneé Fluker, Founder and President of the Midnight Golf Program, oversees daily program operations and manages all phases of donor relations. She spends her evenings mentoring 250 metro-Detroit high school seniors each week. Since 2001, nearly 2000 students have matriculated through the program, with 95% enrolling in college. The Midnight Golf Program started with 17 students meeting at Franklin-Wright Settlements, a small community center in Detroit, to learn golf skills. Today, the program has expanded to a 30-week curriculum for two cohorts, and has helped hundreds of Detroit’s at-risk high school students enter college and various professional careers. Students are educated on topics including financial literacy, college readiness and community activism, while being exposed to the game of golf.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Reneé uses her social work background to support students’ progression through the program. After 35 years of service, she retired from the Michigan Department of Human Services. She is a lifetime member of the NAACP and was inducted into the African American Golfers Hall of Fame. Reneé is a member of the Michigan Chronicle Women of Excellence class of 2015 and a 2016 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Women of Distinction Honoree. She received the 2017 Community Impact Award from the Wolverine Bar Association and the Society of St. Vincent DePaul – Detroit, 2017 Irvin F. Swider Eternal Flame Award. She serves on the Editorial Advisory Board for African American Golfer’s Digest and The Gasper Financial Group Board of Advisors. Reneé has a son, Jason, and daughter-in-law, Christianne.