

Cohort Co-Chair Julie DeVoe

Julie DeVoe is a member of The J Board of Directors and a Kansas City communications leader. Julie's family has been involved at The J for more than 25 years. She is married to Rob Slemmons, and they have four children, twins Lily and Leah, Dillon and Alexandra. They also have four grandchildren, Max, Lucy, Leo, and Rosie. Leah is currently the lifeguard supervisor at the J; Lily is a Triathlon camp counselor; Rosie participates in the after school program as well as dance; and Rob is an active fitness user and volunteer.

Julie has built a diverse, relationship-focused, and impactful career with experience and recognition as a journalist, Fortune 100 CEO speechwriter, philanthropy communicator and director of global employee/CEO communications. She is also a certified indoor cycling instructor and teaches cycle classes at The J.

"I have true passion for leadership, the power of community and The J. As co-chair of the BCLC, those passions unite and give me a chance to help grow the next generation of J leaders," Julie said. "BCLC is an innovative initiative that's a win-win — for parents of young children looking for insider knowledge about current J programming and operations and for current J leaders who value their perspectives and ideas. The future of the J is brighter with the introduction of BCLC, and I am thrilled to be part of it."

Julie is a graduate of Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee, and holds a B.S. in English/Journalism with a High School Teacher Certification in English. She is a Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society Member and has been honored with several Silver PHILLY, IABC Quill and other professional awards over the years. Julie is currently employed by The American Academy of Family Physicians as Director of Communications serving more than 130,000 physician members.