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## The Sadie Collective Launches New Membership Portal For Black Women In Economics & Recruiting Organizations

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**August 9, 2021 (Washington, D.C.)** - Earlier this year, the Sadie Collective entered into partnerships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to combat gender inequality and shift women's power and influence globally by increasing Black women's participation in economics and related fields. Today, as a result of this partnership, the Sadie Collective is proud to announce a new initiative to advocate for and increase Black women's participation in economics and related fields: the Membership Portal.

This new portal will be available for Black women and recruiters to use beginning in August 2021. The Membership Portal will provide Black women from all career stages with opportunities to connect with other Black women in the field, gain access to jobs and internships through the Collective's career partners, and explore resources for professional and academic development. Institutions interested in recruiting from the Collective will also benefit from this new initiative; the Membership Portal will allow recruiters to host events, network, and have access to an ever-growing network of brilliant Black women from which to recruit.

**Goldman Sachs' One Million Black Women is proud to partner with the Sadie Collective to break down the systemic barriers to entry Black women face in the fields of economics and finance. This tech-enabled approach will provide Black women with the access, information and network they need to grow and thrive.**

- *Asahi Pompey, Global Head of Corporate Engagement, Goldman Sachs*

The Membership Portal is the first of many initiatives that the Collective will launch in 2021 and the years to come, made possible by partners like the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Goldman Sachs. Achieving our mutual goal of seeing more Black women participate in economics and related fields begins with giving them access to resources like those on the Membership Portal.

"We need to continually address pipeline and pathways issues in economics and related fields. This new portal is an important resource to advance the critical work of the Sadie Collective, creating a place for recruiting organizations to host events, talk to members, and post job opportunities," said Thomas H. Klier, a senior economist and economic advisor at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, which has partnered on conferences with the Sadie



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Collective. In launching the Membership Portal, a crucial first step towards realizing this goal has been taken.

To learn more about the mission of the Sadie Collective and the new initiatives on the horizon, visit [sadiecollective.org](http://sadiecollective.org).

## About the Sadie Collective

The Sadie Collective is named after Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander, the first African American to earn her doctoral degree in economics in 1921 from the University of Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, due to racial barriers that persisted at the time, she was unable to find work in the economics profession and instead pursued a career in law, holding a variety of positions such as Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Pennsylvania and President of John F. Kennedy's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Founded by Anna Opoku-Agyeman and Fanta Traore and led by a team of Black women, undergraduates and recent graduates, the **Collective** aims to bring together Black women at different stages in their academic and/or professional careers in the quantitative sciences to share resources, network, and advocate for broader visibility in the field. The Collective strives to create safe spaces where Black women in these fields can obtain the resources they need to thrive.

The Collective is working to shift inequitable power structures that create barriers to access in economics so that everyone can fully participate in the field.

To learn more about our programming, please visit our website [www.sadiecollective.org](http://www.sadiecollective.org) and follow us on Twitter and Instagram [@SadieCollective](https://twitter.com/SadieCollective).