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## **New Leadership Team Welcomes Early Birds to Join New Y**

*Community can now join the Spurlino Family Y on Big Bend Road before its Jan. 2019 grand opening.*

**Tampa, FL (Oct. 29, 2018)** – Starting today, a new leadership team invites the community to join the new [Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road](#) online only. Then, starting this Saturday, Nov. 3, the public can join onsite at 9650 Old Big Bend Road in Riverview.

After four national searches, the Spurlino Y welcomes Jeremy Hester as the Center Executive Director, Ashlee Claiborne as the Senior Membership Director, Josh Sandoval as the Senior Wellness Director and Adam Steward as the Senior Aquatics Director.

Jeremy will oversee the development of programs and services that will significantly extend the Tampa Y's impact to more children, families, and health seekers in Southern Hillsborough County. Jeremy has held leadership positions in membership, fundraising, community engagement and program delivery at the Y of Central Maryland and the YMCA of South Hampton Roads. Most recently, he served as Director of Operations at the Pasadena and Greater Annapolis Family Centers. Jeremy earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing from James Madison University.

Ashlee will lead membership sales and operations, member engagement and retention, staff development, customer service and community partnerships. Ashlee has a strong background in sales, health and wellness and sports. She also holds a bachelor's degree in health and exercise science from Northwestern State University of Louisiana.

Josh will lead wellness programs, group fitness classes, personal training, fitness coaching, staff development and member engagement. Josh is a U.S. Navy veteran of six years where he was a Master at Arms and a Command Fitness Leader. After his military service, Josh started working with YMCA of Greater San Antonio where he grew programs and personal training. Josh has a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and exercise science from Texas A&M University.

Adam has served as the Aquatics Director for the Campo Family YMCA since 2015, where he built a strong staff team, grew swim lesson programs, expanded drowning prevention efforts and increased access to aquatic trainings while creating a culture of safety and quality. He also served as Aquatics Director for the YMCA of South Hampton Roads. Adam earned a bachelor's degree in sports management from Old Dominion University.

This new leadership team is ready to expand into a new community to advance the Tampa YMCA's impact. The \$16.4 million project is possible thanks to the partnership of the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners. A grand opening is planned for January 2019.

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### **About the Tampa Y**

The Tampa Metropolitan Area YMCA is a cause-driven [4-star charity](#), strengthening Hillsborough and East Pasco communities for 129 years, through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across the Association, 18 facilities engage nearly 160,000 men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve our community's health and well-being, and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. The Tampa Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change. [www.tampaymca.org](http://www.tampaymca.org)