

2021 GIR Service Award Winner
ANDRÉ JENKINS

Everyone who meets André instantly feels like a friend. He is the first one to reach out and welcome people. “I remember when I started in IT as a coordinator and at my first big executive meeting, Andre came up to me and introduced himself and offered his support. He made me feel welcome and that I belonged in the room.” During his time in the GIR, he has served as a mentor, a colleague, a coach, a sponsor and most importantly, a friend. He is always the first one to volunteer to assist in whatever project or work the Group is planning.

André currently serves as the Deputy Chief Information Security Officer at the University of Pennsylvania. Penn's ISC Office of Information Security coordinates security services and projects across campus to help safeguard the University's information assets against unauthorized use, disclosure, modification, damage, or loss. He is a former GIR Steering Committee member, former chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Work Group and a former participant in the Leading Information Technology in Academic Medicine program.

