

Daecia-jame Borgia was born and raised in Voorhees, New Jersey. She attended Temple University and obtained a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education, English Education in 2017. Daecia taught English and Writing for several years during and after her time at Temple. She loved mentoring her students and watching them connect with the material. One of her most rewarding experiences after graduating was her time teaching English abroad in Rome. Like any good Philadelphian, she made sure to teach her 6<sup>th</sup> grade students the "Fly Eagles Fly" fight song!

During the pandemic, Daecia switched paths within her career to follow some of her other passions within community building and marketing. event planning and social media management. This led to her most recent role as Visitor Appeal Manager at Visit Philadelphia on the External Affairs team and works with partners in the Arts+Culture field to strengthen and maintain their relationships with Visit Philadelphia through site visits, sponsorships and web features.

This past August, Daecia obtained her Master's degree in Adult and Continuing Education from Rutgers University and looks forward to using her degree to effectively tailor marketing messages and offerings to meet partner and stakeholder expectations as well as communicate and build stronger relationships with stakeholders in Philadelphia.

Daecia lives in Northern Liberties with her husband Joseph and their gray tabby cat, Laz, aka Kitty. In her free time, she loves being a tourist in her own city and exploring new restaurants and pop ups events. Her likes include yoga, anything ginger flavored, practicing radical self-care and of course, the Eagles!

Daecia loves to travel and hopes to check off a few new spots from her bucket list in the coming years. She has been to 21 different countries but in all the places she's visited, for her nothing is comparable to the vibrant culture found in Philadelphia.