

# NOTABLE MISSOURIANS AND TIGERS COLLECTION

**Ella M. Jones (BA, University of Missouri-St. Louis,  
Chemistry)  
First Black and Female Mayor of Ferguson, Missouri**



Mayor Ella Jones was elected as Ferguson's first Black and female mayor in June 2020. She was one of several Black female first-time mayors elected across the country that year. A Ferguson resident for over forty years, Jones graduated from the University of Missouri at St. Louis with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry. In 2015 Jones became the first African American on the Ferguson City Council, a year after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by Ferguson police that sparked nationwide protests. The event and subsequent unrest throughout the state and the nation influenced Jones's decision to run for public office.

**ARTIFACT:** Autographed cotton campaign t-shirt with print: "#Team Ella for Mayor of Ferguson 2020 Vision". 2020. Gift of Ella Jones. Portrait image courtesy of the City of Ferguson.