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Building Communities of Inclusive Strength: *Foundations/Funders ROI for Investment, Equity and Outcomes*

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PANEL LEADER

**Oscar Sweeten-Lopez***President & Founder, GradSnapp*

Oscar is president of College Success Tools at the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation and past president of the Board of Directors for the National Scholarship Providers Assoc. He is mission-driven, college graduation-motivated, and technology-obsessed. For over a decade, Oscar served as portfolio director for the successful Dell Scholars program. His work directly advising students and developing a high-engagement program model at scale provided him the experience and insights to build technology that addresses the needs of college success advisors.

**Richard A. Brown***Vice President of Philanthropy, American Express*

Richard oversees all three of the company's global giving programs Engaging Citizens, Sustaining Communities, and Developing Leaders, which includes the Coalition to Back Black Businesses with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, as well as the American Express Leadership Academy. Previously the Corporate Secretary of the Goldman Sachs Foundation, Mr. Brown has also held leadership positions in corporate philanthropy at AT&T Wireless, the Toys R Us Children's Fund, the Texaco Foundation, and Altria.

**Frank Fernandez***President & CEO, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta*

Frank leads one of America's top 20 largest community foundations. The power of his experience and the institution's 70 years of leadership combine as a force for good, championing equity across metro Atlanta, and increasing the vitality of the region and the well-being of its residents. Prior to joining CFGA, he served for six years as the Senior VP for The Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation where he led transformational revitalization of Atlanta's Westside. He is a recognized leader on affordable housing, transportation, and economic development.

**Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker***President and CEO, Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo*

At CFGB, Clotilde is creating positive long-term change in her community and beyond. She has led the Foundation's strategy to create meaningful community change by advancing groups like Say Yes Buffalo, Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable, and the WNY Impact Investment Fund, to name a few. Seen as a change-maker, Clotilde's work has attracted more than \$93 million to Western New York to support these collective efforts. Clotilde speaks frequently about the role of philanthropy, community impact and nonprofit governance around the world.

**Chantelle George***Founder, CG Consulting*

Chantelle began a career in higher education coaching students on their journey to and through college. After seeing the large systemic gaps that exist between K-12 and higher education, and the many hoops students and families have to navigate in order to be successful, she transitioned to a non-profit in order to work for change. Chantelle has built and maintained over 30 strategic partnerships between K-12 districts, higher education institutions, and nonprofits to close the gaps that exist for underserved students transitioning from high school to post secondary education.

**Jamie Van Leeuwen***Director of Public-Private Partnerships, Emerson Collective*

As Director of Youth & Community Engagement with the Emerson Collective, Jamie is focused on building and leveraging relationships across the sectors impacting social justice issues that are specific to education, conservation, immigration, health care, and youth development. He is also CEO & Founder of the Global Livingston Institute, a non-governmental organization in East Africa designed to engage students and community leaders to Listen. Think. Act. by developing innovative solutions to poverty.

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