Female Foundations/Funders

Fueling Equity at Scale

Maia Sharpley
Co-founder & Managing Partner, Juvo Ventures
A recognized thought-leader, Maia Sharpley has built and run multiple educational start-ups. Her experience spans the globe with deep roots in K-12 and post-secondary education, professional/vocational, test prep, language training, pathways/foundation, and publishing. Maia is a Fellow at Kaufmann Fellows, and was previously a Partner at Learn Capital, as well as the Vice President for Strategy and Innovation at Kaplan. She serves on the Board of multiple education organizations including colleges, EdTech accelerators, and research think tanks, and she is a mentor to numerous start-ups and small businesses.

Janet Salazar
President & Executive Chairman
Foundation for the Support of the United Nations
At the FSUN, Janet is focused on the intersection and convergence of leadership, innovation, investment, inclusion, and philanthropy for social good. Known for bringing the business perspective inside the UN, Janet has built a solid ecosystem of deep connections and influencers in the global diplomatic community. She is the CEO and Founder of IMPACT Leadership 21, a global platform providing leadership solutions for inclusive economies. Above all, Janet is a passionate advocate and defender of the right to freedom in all forms.

Isabelle Hau
Impact Education Funder
Isabelle immigrated to the U.S. twenty years ago, and now works to make a high quality education accessible to all children. Education enabled Isabelle to succeed in finance, venture capital, and impact investing; so she is passionate about creating educational opportunities for every child, regardless of gender, race, or zip code. Isabelle believes in empowering the educators, families, and communities involved in a child’s lifelong learning journey. A former Partner at Imaginable Futures, a venture of The Omidyar Group, she is writing a book on the future of learning.

Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller
CEO, Colorado Health Foundation
Karen McNeil-Miller describes social and human impact as the center of her life’s work. Karen helps guide the Foundation to determine the most impactful investment of human, financial and influence capital on behalf of the Coloradans who need it most. She says, “I chose this important field of work to be on the ground in Colorado communities and to get closer to those in need—many through no fault of their own—and assist in every way I could.” Previously, she served for a decade as president of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

Gloria Schoch
Executive Director, The VF Foundation
Gloria Schoch works to deepen the global impact of the VF Foundation by making a positive impact on people and our planet, by protecting outdoor spaces, promoting the value of trade work, and contributing to a world that prioritizes equity and belonging for all people. Gloria has fifteen years of experience in communications, community relations, corporate social responsibility, government/public affairs, and cause marketing at five global Fortune 500 companies. She also is the board chair of The Latino Community Foundation of Colorado.

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