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#### Dr. Ryan Ross

Assoc. V. Chancellor Student Affairs, Equity, & Inclusion Colorado Community College System

An educator, speaker, and actualization coach, Dr. Ross is committed to access, equity, and the development of leaders. After fourteen years of educational work, Ross

transitioned from executive leadership at the Community College of Denver to become Regional Manager for Mobilization for the American Petroleum Institute. There, he is focused on STEM awareness in students and building workforce opportunities in the energy industry for women, minorities, and veterans.



#### **Dr. Eric Lee**

Manager of Business Operations, TEKsystems

Dr. Lee brings a blend of academia and business leadership to the management of the nation's largest technology services firm, TEKsystems. Previously, he served as Executive Director at Colorado Community College Online, where

he focused on student success and organizational transformation. Eric's professional background includes extensive experience in higher education, technology services, and diversity & inclusion for a Fortune 500 corporation. Dr. Lee has been an active community volunteer and board member for numerous non-profit organizations.



#### **Mia Keeys**

*Director of Health Equity,* American Medical Association Mia is the Director of Health Equity Policy & Advocacy with the American Medical Association. She formerly served as the Policy Director of Congresswoman Robin Kelly's (D-IL) Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Health

Braintrust. In 2017, The National Minority Quality Forum recognized Mia as a 40 Under 40 Leader in Minority Health. She has been a Kaiser Family Foundation Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholar; a Fellow for the City of Philadelphia in the Deputy Mayor's Office for Health and Opportunity; an HIV/AIDS researcher in South Africa; and a Fulbright Fellow to Indonesia.



#### Dr. Jamillah Moore

President, Cañada College

Dr. Moore is the President of Cañada College, an awardwinning institution located in the heart of the Silicon Valley. Previously, she served at San Mateo County Community College District as the Vice Chancellor for Educational

Services and Planning. Her background includes teaching and research in educational access and equity with a primary focus on student success for minority and low-income students. She has consulted on education policy issues with college systems and policymaking organizations in California and Washington, DC.



#### **Jeffrey Kass**

*Equity Trainer, Author, Lawyer,* Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP

An award-winning author, speaker, lawyer, diversity trainer, and thought leader on race and society, Jeffrey has been recognized as one of the top writers on racism. He serves

on the board of the Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado, providing leadership skills to emerging young Black professionals, as treasurer on the board of Denver Delta, Inc., which assists Black and other underserved communities in the areas of health and education, and he's a board member of the Jewish Community Relations Council, where he works on social justice issues and outreach to other communities.



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