



## COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

## Catalyzing Change in Technology

## Black Women Democratizing Tech

### *Creating Space for Success*

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**Lakecia Gunter**

*Vice President and General Manager, IOT Global and Strategic Engagement, Microsoft*

Lakecia is a visionary senior engineering executive with more than twenty years of leadership and management experience at tech titans like Microsoft and Intel. She is a successful transformation leader with depth in technology development, leadership development, and business strategy, who thrives at the intersection of leading-edge technology and new business development. Lakecia is an inspirational leader, a nationally-recognized, award-winning engineer, and a speaker who can be heard on Apple Podcasts at *Roar with Lakecia Gunter*.

**Racquel Royer**

*Public Relations Specialist, SCORE Mentors*

A DC-based publicist, writer, and positive energy advocate, Racquel oversees media, and PR efforts at SCORE, the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors, where she also leads internal meditations and "mindfulness moments" to promote the importance of mental health and unity in the workplace. Prior, Racquel held marketing positions at DXC Technology and Quality Education for Minorities STEM Nonprofit.

## PANEL LEADER

**Lisa Neal-Graves, Esq**

*Chief Change Maker, GlobalMindED*

An accomplished executive experienced in corporate law, technology, and business, Lisa had success within key Fortune 100, startup, and nonprofit organizations. She has expertise within IT, IS, software, financial services, telecommunications, and wireless, working for corporations such as Intel, Unisys, Chase, Deloitte, Lucent, and technology startups. Lisa served as Chief Innovation Officer for the Colorado Attorney General, where she learned what public service could be and how her skills could be put to use for the people of Colorado.

**Dr. K. Renee Horton**

*Founder, Unapologetically Being, Inc*

A lifelong lover of science and the space program, Dr. K. Renee Horton currently serves as the Space Launch System Quality Engineer at NASA's Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans. Elected President of the National Society of Black Physicists, she serves on several advisory boards dedicated to a more diverse inclusion in physics. Renee has spoken all over the world including S. Africa, Brazil, S. Korea, Canada, Mexico, and the Virgin Islands. She is the author of *Dr. H Explores the Universe*, *Dr. H and her Friends*, and *Dr. H Explores the ABCs*.

**Brooklyn Terry**

*Computer Science student, Bennett College*

In the fifth grade, Girls Lead the Way Robotics Camp gave Brooklyn a passion for STEM. She joined in VEX Robotics competitions, creating and programming robots, which led to learning multiple coding languages. She is now working on a BS in Computer Science at Bennett College. She believes that quality education is the key to a bright future and is a proud supporter of iUrban Teen, Black Women in STEM 2.0, and the United Negro College Fund.

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