

# GLOBALMINDED 2025



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## Employment Engines for Economic Mobility

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**JUNE 16, 2025**

PRE-CONFERENCES AND INCLUSIVE LEADER AWARDS

**JUNE 17-18, 2025**

GLOBALMINDED ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Unifying, Uplifting, and Uniting*



*Join us for our 11th-year  
Celebration, Reunion,  
and Acknowledgement  
of our students and graduates;  
and those who teach them,  
work with them, and hire them*

# GlobalMindED 2025

## EXCEPTIONAL LEADER AWARDS

EARLY CHILDHOOD



**Dr. Meera Mani**  
*Vice President, Families  
and Communities*  
David and Lucile Packard  
Foundation

K-12



**Dr. Susana Cordova**  
*Commissioner  
for Education*  
Colorado Department  
of Education

HIGHER ED



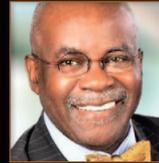
**Dr. Eduardo Padrón**  
*President Emeritus*  
Miami Dade College

GOVERNMENT



**Victoria Vasques**  
*Owner and Chairwoman*  
Tribal Tech, LLC

HEALTH & WELLNESS



**Dr. Yele Aluko**  
*Chief Medical Officer*  
EY Americas

BANKING & FINANCE



**Patricia Pacheco De Baez**  
*Managing Director*  
Bank of America

ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY



**Wahleah Johns**  
*Director, Office of  
Indian Energy Policy*  
U.S. Department of Energy

SPACE & AEROSPACE



**Joseph Acaba**  
*Chief of the  
Astronaut Office*  
NASA

TECHNOLOGY



**Catherine Nichols**  
*Sr. Director,  
Office of Accessibility*  
Salesforce

ENTREPRENEURSHIP



**Dr. Rebecca Corbin**  
*President & CEO*  
National Assoc. for Comm.  
College Entrepreneurship

MEDIA & ARTS



**Edward Lewis**  
*Chairman*  
Essence  
Communications Inc.

FOUNDATIONS & FUNDERS



**Kyle Hybl**  
*President & CEO*  
El Pomar Foundation

NON-PROFIT



**Adam Popp**  
*Board Member  
and Peer Mentor*  
EOD Warrior Foundation

LEADERSHIP & EQUITY



**Dr. Shirley Collado**  
*President and CEO*  
College Track

GLOBAL IMPACT



**Britt Slabinski**  
*Cmd. Master Chief, USN (ret)*  
President  
Congressional Medal  
of Honor Society



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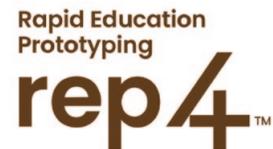
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**FIRST GEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Windows

*Creating Your Powerful Voice, Impact, Path, and Service*

MONDAY, JUNE 16

8:15-8:45 **Registration** 3rd floor

9:00-9:10 **Welcome, Introductions, and Goals of the Day**

Carol Carter, *Founder and CEO, GlobalMindED*  
 Dr. Paula Hopkins, *President & CEO, Second and Sixth Management; VP, GlobalMindED*



9:10-9:30 **Leveraging the GlobalMindED Inclusive Success Network: Voice and Impact**

Chawtana Edwards, *VP Programs, GlobalMindED; Program Manager, FACES for the Future*  
 Brian Ysasaga, *Systems Intergration & Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin (invited)*  
 Angela Martinez, *Program Coordinator, Thrive; President, GlobalMindED Emerging Leaders*



9:30-10:00 **Arc of Time Impact of GlobalMindED in the Decade Ahead: Your Professional Path**

Amelia Mawlawi, *Head of Customer Advocacy, Arctera.io (invited)*  
 Hana Mawlawi, *Senior Automation Engineer, Eli Lilly and Company (invited)*



10:00-10:30 **From Poverty to Prosperity: How Entrepreneurship Saved My Life**

Travis Luther, *First Gen grad, serial entrepreneur, servant leader (invited)*



10:30-11:00 **From First Gen to C-Suite to Board Leader**

Russell Noles, *Past Chair, Board of Trustees, Metropolitan State University of Denver*



11:00-11:45 **Global Leadership, Local Impact**

Dr. Melinda Cain, *Managing Director, Real World Solutions*



12:00-12:45 **Lunch** Join people you don't know to grow your network and make new friends!

1:00-1:45 **Making Your Dreams Happen: Your Struggles are your Strength**

Candace Matthews, *Former C-suite Executive and Board Member of three companies*



1:45-2:45 **How Failure Strengthens Leadership**

Dr. Rashad Anderson, *Director, Call Me Mister; Assoc. Professor, Teacher Education, MSU Denver*



2:45-3:15 **Creating Success for First Gen Leaders**

Amanda Tovar, *Chief Operating Officer, Prospanica; Board Member, GlobalMindED (invited)*



3:15-3:45 **Networking and Next Steps for Your Voice, Impact, Path, and Service: Leveraging Your Super Powers of Grit, Courage, Faith, Fearlessness**

Patricia Barela Rivera, *Executive Director, U.S. Small Business Administration (invited)*



3:45-4:30 **Speed Networking: Making the Most Out of Growing Your Leadership**

Dr. Paula Hopkins, *President & CEO, Second and Sixth Management; VP, GlobalMindED*  
 Rocío Pérez, *Founder, Inventiva Consulting, GlobalMindED Master Leader*  
 Dr. Ryan Ross, *Chief Executive Officer, Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado (invited)*



5:00-7:00 **Opening Reception**

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7:00-9:00 **First Gen Leadership and Inclusive Leaders Awards Dinner**

GRAND BALLROOM



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**IDEA CAFE (DAY I & II)**

**South Lobby**

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17-18

7:30-8:45 AM (during breakfast)

**How Do Social Issues Interfere With Academics?**



**Dennis Perry**  
*Researcher  
 Student Teacher Achievement  
 and Recognition Program*

**Healing Generational Trauma:  
 Transforming the Past for Opportunities Now**



**Alyssa Noguchi (invited)**  
*Office Manager  
 Pacific Mercantile Co.*

**Empowering Black Single Moms**



**Kiera O'Shea Vargas, JD**  
*Doctoral Candidate  
 University of South Carolina*

**Closing the Opportunity Gap in Education Through Confidence Building**



**Joshua Faden**  
*President/Founder  
 Community of Teachers*

**Intersectional Leadership Strategies**



**Dr. Luisa Montoya**  
*Chief Executive Officer  
 Diversity Matters*

**Interview Cliffnotes:  
 Inside Secrets on the Candidate/  
 Employer Perspective**



**Greer Campbell**  
*Director of Marketing & Community Relations  
 Diverse Talent*

**The Power of Art to Unify Community**



**Felisha Bustos**  
*Artist, Teacher, Life Coach  
 Be-Art-iffull*

**From Rural America to Global Leader**



**Keelan Bailey**  
*Assistant Director of Development  
 American Association of Colleges  
 and Universities*

**The Power of Sharing Your Story**



**Ana Temu Otting**  
*President & CEO  
 Corazón Printing*

**Don't Give Up! GET UP!  
 From Prison to Pardon to Career Success—  
 How to Beat the Odds**



**Roddick Marshall**  
*Board Member, SOAR Elementary; Custodian,  
 Denver Public Schools; Public Speaker*

**Breaking Bounds**



**Patty Williams-Downs**  
*Founder and CEO  
 BreakingBounds Enterprises*



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## EARLY LEARNING (DAY I)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

SESSION I 10:10–12:00  
SILVER (Mezzanine)

### **Bold Thinking for the Early Years: *What Will We Advance and How?***



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- Dr. Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*  
 Dr. Meera Mani, *Vice President, Families & Communities, David and Lucile Packard Foundation*  
 Swati Adarkar, *Early Learning Advocate*  
 Isabelle Hau, *Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning*  
 Dr. Kara H. Ahmed, *President, Educare Network*  
 Dr. Pamela Harris, *President & CEO, Mile High Early Learning*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20  
COLORADO (Mezzanine)

### **Advancing Agendas for 0 to 10 Years: *Families and Programs in the New Administration***



POLICY

- Dr. Lisa Roy, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*  
 William Browning, *President and CEO, Clayton Early Learning*  
 Christine Benero, *President & CEO, Mile High United Way*  
 Nicole Riehl, *President & CEO, Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC)*  
 Dr. Rosemarie Allen, *Assoc. Professor, School of Education, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

BREAKOUT IV 1:30–2:20  
TOWER COURT D

### **Which Funders Will Support Advancing the Early Learning Workforce and How Will They Support?**



FOUNDATIONS

- Aaron Merchen, *Executive Director, Policy and Programs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation*  
 Laura Carlson, *Vice President of Programs, Buell Foundation (invited)*  
 Miriam Calderon, *Vice President for Impact, W.K. Kellogg Foundation*  
 Steffanie Clothier, *Director, School Readiness, Gary Community Ventures*  
 Panelist Name, *Title, Affiliation*



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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00  
GRAND BALLROOM

### The Transformative Power of Care and Connection in Early Education



PRESENTATIONS

Isabelle Hau, *Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning*  
 Dr. Dana Suskind, *Founder and Co-Director, TMW Center for Early Learning*  
 Michelle Kang, *Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)*  
 Jessica Sager, *Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, All Our Kin*  
 Elsa Holguin, *President and CEO, Denver Preschool Program*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00  
TOWER COURT A

### Swimming in a Childcare Desert: *Affordable, Quality, Useful, Accessible ELE*



K-12

Pam Marsh, *President, Expanding Early Care and Learning (EECL)*  
 Brenda Dolan Hobgood, *Early Childhood Credential Specialist, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*  
 Jessica Tribett, *Data Specialist, Colorado Department of Education*  
 Carla Pokrywka Cole, *Managing Principal, Space Inc.*  
 Lisa Duran, *Project Manager, Triad Bright Futures*

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TOWER COURT A

### Healing Rural Communities With Early Childhood Leaders: *Brain Work, Heart Work, and Future Work*



K-12

Erica Reid, *Senior Director of Chapter Success, Friends of the Children*  
 Nick Terrones, *Director of Community Relations, University of Washington*  
 Tracye Fortin, *Director, Educare Central Maine*  
 Mike Browne, *Senior Director of Community Engagement, Cultivate Learning*  
 Jason Dropik, *Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20  
TOWER COURT A

### Apprenticeships for Childcare Workers: *Increasing Retention and Recruitment*



K-12

Vail Shultz McCole, *EDEC Faculty, Colorado Mesa University/CMU Tech*  
 Dr. Lissanna Follari, *Associate Professor of Teaching and Learning, University Colorado–Colorado Springs*  
 Shannon Hall, *Director of Direct Services–TEACH, Early Childhood Council Leadership Alliance*  
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## **Work-Based Learning and Experiences That Augment Dual Enrollment and Rigorous Curriculum**



Dr. April Menzies, *Assoc. Vice President, K-12 Partnerships and Dual Enrollment, Front Range Community College*

Jason Dropik, *Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)*

Dr. LaTonya Goffney, *Superintendent, Aldine Independent Schools; President, National Assoc. of State Boards of Education (NASBE)*

Bill Summers, *Principal, Cañon City High School*

Marta Perez Drake, *Chief Operating Officer, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## **A Statewide Approach to AI in K-12 Schools**



Dr. Susana Cordova, *Commissioner for Education, Colorado Dept. of Education*

Keith Bisailon, *Assistant Principal, Sierra High School, Harrison School District 2*

Mai Vu, *AI Program Manager, St. Vrain Valley School District*

Meredith McCann, *Assistant Principal, Harrison High School, Harrison School District 2*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## **Student Agency, Identity, Purpose, Direction, and Authentic Belonging**



Tom Vander Ark, *CEO & Partner, Getting Smart*

Michelle Culver, *Founder, The Rhythm Project AI (formerly Teach for America)*

Dr. Kenneth Bowen, *Program Coordinator, Master of School Admin. Program, Dept. of Leadership Studies, NCA&T*

Dr. Shawn Joseph, *Co-Director of AASA (The School Superintendents Association)/Howard Urban Superintendent Academy*

Haley Valdez, *Deans List Graduate (Narrative Studies—English Dept.), University of Southern California*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## **Propelling K-12 Outcomes: Harnessing Higher Education and Industry**



Brandon Shaffer, *Exec. Director, Legal & Governmental Affairs, Community Outreach, and P-TECH; St. Vrain Valley School District*

Anthony Barela, *Principal, St. Vrain Valley School District, Skyline High School*

Louise March, *P-TECH Coordinator, St. Vrain Valley School District*

Ashley Aguilar Espiritu, *11th Grade Student, Skyline High School*

Maritza Recendiz, *Skyline High School Graduate, Class of 2021; BA in Political Science from CU, 2024*



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**K-12 (DAY II)**

**Tower Court A**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00** **Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset in K-12 Leaders, Teachers, Counselors, and Students**



Dr. Rebecca Corbin, *President & CEO, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE)*  
 John Watson, *Founder, DLAC (Digital Learning Annual Conference)*  
 Barbara Bibas Montero, *Serial Entrepreneur, Cofounder, SafetyPay (invited)*  
 Stan Hickory, *Director, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado Boulder (invited)*  
 Erika Twani, *Cofounder and CEO, Learning One to One Foundation*

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 Elizabeth Groginski, *Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Dept., State of New Mexico*

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Trustees Leading in Times of Change Across All Institutions**



Dr. Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, *President and CEO, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)*  
 Dr. Shauna Diggs, *Dir., Board of Directors, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Health Affairs Chair, Univ. of Michigan Board of Regents*  
 Victoria Vasques, *Owner & Chairwoman, Tribal Tech LLC; Ex Officio Trustee, University of California Irvine; Forbes 50 Over 50*  
 Candace Matthews, *Corporate Board Member, former College Trustee*  
 Cliff Boyd, *Trustee, Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Liberal Arts and the Strength of Our Democracy:  
*Anchoring in our Past to Secure a Bright Future***



Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, *President, AAC&U (American Association of Colleges and Universities)*  
 Frederick Lawrence, *Chief Executive Officer, Phi Beta Kappa Society; former president, Brandeis University*  
 Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda, *Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Pima Community College*  
 Rev. Lamont Wells, *Executive Director, Network of ELCA (Lutheran) Colleges and Universities (NECU)*  
 Dr. Jeremy Haefner, *Chancellor, University of Denver*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Higher Education as a Strategic Asset (HESA):  
*Strengthening America’s Global Competitive Economy***



Dr. Mary Papazian, *Exec. Vice President, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges*  
 Lisa Foss, *Executive Director, Council on Higher Education as a Strategic Asset for Our Nation*  
 Derrick Anderson, *Senior Vice President, Education Futures*  
 Dr. Rob Anderson, *President, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)*  
 Sharon Davies, *President and CEO, Kettering Foundation (invited)*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **What Higher Education Leaders Can Learn From Tribal College Presidents:  
*Relationships, Places, Culture, Family, Community, and Belonging***



Ahniwake Rose, *President & CEO, American Indian Higher Education Consortium*  
 Dr. Dawn Frank, *President, Oglala Lakota College*  
 Dr. Monte Randall, *President, College of the Muscogee Nation*  
 Eva Flying, *President, Chief Dull Knife College*  
 Dr. Elmer Guy, *President, Navajo Technical College (invited)*



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**HIGHER ED (DAY II)**

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Business School and Corporate Collaborations  
to Make Grads Workforce Ready:  
Creating Emerging Leaders**



Dr. Michael Clement, *Department Chair, Accounting, University of Texas at Austin (invited)*  
 Dr. Maura Scott, *Professor of Marketing, Arizona State University (invited)*  
 Alfonzo Alexander, *President and CEO, The PhD Project*  
 Dr. Craig Cisneros, *Asst. Professor of Accounting, Oklahoma State University (invited)*  
 Panelist Name, Title, Affiliation

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **College Presidents in the Making:  
Inclusive Purpose, Power, and Passion**



Dr. Terrence Cheng, *Chancellor, Connecticut State Colleges & Universities*  
 Dr. John Maduko, *President, CT State Community College*  
 Dr. Zulma Toro, *President, Central Connecticut State University*  
 Dr. Dwayne Smith, *President, Southern Connecticut State University*  
 Dr. Karim Ismaili, *President, Eastern Connecticut State University*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Rep4 Presidents Reinvent Education:  
Students at the Center**



Dr. LuWanna Williams, *Executive Director, REP4*  
 Dr. Raj Echambadi, *President, Illinois Institute of Technology*  
 Dr. Philomena Mantella, *President, Grand Valley State University*



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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## **From Groundwork to Greatness: Careers in Construction for a Financially Free Future**



Amber Williams, *Founder & CEO, Circa81 Design—a Native-American-owned Design, Engineering & Construction Management firm*  
Stanford Lake, *President, Owner and Project Manager, Hooghan LLC; Native American STEM Leader*  
Jane Oates, *Senior Policy Advisor, Past President, Working Nation*  
Jesse Carrillo, *Technology Leader, Carrillo Advisors, LLC*  
Alejandra “Ale” Spray, *President and CEO, Hispanic Contractors of Colorado*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## **Engineers Managing and Leading Innovation for the Future**



Dr. Raheem Beyah, *Dean of the College of Engineering, Georgia Tech*  
Dr. Stephanie Adams, *Dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas*  
Dr. Tonya Peebles, *Dean of the College of Engineering, Pennsylvania State University*  
Dr. Gregory Triplett, *Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, Saint Louis University*  
Panelist Name, Title, Affiliation

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## **Mining Data Analytics From Space: Interpreting and Managing What Works**



Greg Robinson, *Webb Space Telescope Program Director, NASA*  
Dr. Aprille Ericsson, *formerly U.S. Department of Defense, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center*  
Kelly McCready, *Senior Director, Portfolio Execution, Maxar Technologies*  
Cynda Collins Arsenault, *Cofounder and President, Secure World Foundation; Cofounder and Board Member, One Earth Future*  
Brian Ysasaga, *Systems Intergration & Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## **A Learning, Earning, Workforce-Experience Readiness Strategy: College-Plus Business Model**



Dr. Dustin DeBrum, *Operations Director, California Cybersecurity Institute (CCI) and Digital Transformation Hub (DxHub), Cal Poly*  
Dr. Ryan Matteson, *Director, Technology and Training, Digital Transformation Hub (DxHub), California Polytechnic State University*  
Dr. Chris Lupo, *Professor, Chair of the Computer Science and Software Engineering Dept., California Polytechnic State University*  
Nicholas Osterbur, *Digital Innovation Lead, Worldwide Public Sector, Amazon Web Services*  
TBA, *Student, California Polytechnic State University*



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**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 The Space Institute: Skilled Talent for the Aerospace Industry**



Debra Wilcox, *Founder, Creating Manufacturing; Chair, Colorado Space Business Roundtable*  
 Dr. Tom Coakley, *Academic Dean and Executive Director of Colorado Space Institute, Arapahoe Community College*  
 Marlene Price, *Faculty, Aviation and Aerospace Sciences, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Boeing (retired)*  
 Dr. Rex Corr, *Director, Douglas County School District Legacy Campus*  
 Paul Clinton, *Aerospace Manufacturing Pathway Lead, Cherry Creek Innovation Campus*  
 Dan Steepleton, *Aerospace Instructor, Littleton Public Schools EPIC Campus (Explore Pathways for Innovative Careers)*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 Ensuring STEM Workplace Works for All in Tech and Applied Tech: Accuracy, Integrity, and Reliability**



Walton Stinson, *Managing Director, WAAS Human Security for All Campaign; Chief Executive Officer, ListenUp, USA*  
 Rita Peterson, *Chief Executive Officer, Caribou Thunder*  
 Melissa Uribes, *Vice President, Talent and DEI, Trimble Inc. (invited)*  
 Terrill Glass, *Director of Engineering, Global Service Operations, PlayStation; SONY Interactive Entertainment (invited)*  
 Barbara Pennell Jaynes, *Board Member, NRL Colorado; Women In Manufacturing*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 The Science of Safety: Climate, Communities, and Schools**



Dr. Kelly Keena, *Senior Director, Office of Research Experiences and Education, UL Research Institutes*  
 Dr. Christa Wright, *Research Director, Center for Toxicology and Human Health, UL Research Institutes*  
 Valara Davis, *International Standards Manager, UL Standards and Engagement*  
 Brenda Salguero, *Student Engagement Manager, Office of Research Experience and Education, UL Research Institutes*



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**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 The Landscape of Digital Threats: *Becoming a Skilled Cyber Security Professional***



Dr. Roberto Mejias, *Director, Center for Cyber Security Education, Colorado State University–Pueblo*  
 Gretchen Bliss, *Director of Cybersecurity Programs, University of Colorado Colorado Springs (invited)*  
 Rocky DeStefano, *Cybersecurity Executive and Founder, RiskOne (invited)*  
 Julia Costin, *Cofounder and COO, Cyber Qubits (invited)*  
 Dr. Shouhuai Xu, *Gallogly Chair in Cybersecurity, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Colorado Colorado Springs (invited)*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 Emerging Technology Through Student-Led Innovation: *Anticipating Cutting Edge Challenges***



Dan Munnerley, *Executive Director, Next Lab, Arizona State University*  
 Tara Mandrekar, *Associate Director, Ourmedia*  
 Anthony Newton, *Microsoft Alumni Network*  
 John Watson, *Founder, DLAC (Digital Learning Annual Conference)*  
 Amanda Camilotti, *Legal Expert and Artificial Intelligence Trainer, Outlier*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 Media, Sports, Music, and Entertainment: *Scaling Through Cutting-Edge Technology***



Tatiana Arguello, *President and General Manager, Telemundo Colorado and Telemundo Utah, NBC-Universal Local Division*  
 Edward Lewis, *Chairman, Essence Communications Inc.*  
 Dr. Leah Hanes, *Chief Executive Officer, Two Bit Circus Foundation, and Trash to Technology*  
 Brian Joyce, *Vice President and General Manager, Denver7 ABC*  
 Dani Bedoni, *Mentor Life Coach / Musician / Business Administrator, Líderes Latinos*

**BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 Advancing Inclusive Innovation: *TECH Ingenuity Improving Economic and Social Mobility***



Rahim Rajan, *Chief Executive Officer, AQL Labs*  
 John Pasmore, *Founder, CEO, Latimer.AI*  
 Jonathan Petts, *Co-Founder, CEO, Upsolve*  
 Nitzan Pelman, *Founder, CEO, Climb Together*



**TECH (DAY II)**

Century (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 Women in Technology: Connecting the World’s Greatest Organizations to the World’s Greatest Digital Needs**



Erika Twani, *Cofounder and CEO, Learning One to One Foundation*  
 Dr. Elaine Allen, *Assoc. Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, College of Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University*  
 Rita Peterson, *Chief Executive Officer, Caribou Thunder*  
 Laura Smith, *Principal, ILO Group*  
 Amelia Mawlawi, *Head of Customer Advocacy, Arctera.io*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 How AI Is Reshaping Learning and Work: Equipping All for Success**



Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outthink AI*  
 Solomon Abiola, *Chief Executive Officer, Guidance Technologies*  
 Amanda Camilotti, *Legal Expert and Artificial Intelligence Trainer, Outlier*  
 Dr. Leah Austin, *President & CEO, National Black Child Development Institute*  
 Jason Palmer, *Co-Founder & Interim President, Socrait*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 How Can Digital Literacy Prepare College Students and Grads for Lifelong Success?**



Dr. Kiesha King, *Head of U.S. Education Strategy, T-Mobile*  
 Michael Kubit, *Higher Education Advisor, T-Mobile; Principal, Michael Kubit Coaching and Consulting LLC*  
 Dr. Jeff Carlson, *Head of National Education Partnerships, Clever Inc.*  
 Dr. Calvin Mackie, *Founder and CEO, STEM NOLA*  
 Hayley Spira-Bauer, *Chief Operating Officer and Chief Academic Officer, Fullmind*

**BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 Digital, Functional, and AI Literacy: Accessibility for All Learners**



Dr. Jessica Rothenberg Alami, *Founder and CEO, Cell-ED*  
 Jay Veal, *Chief Executive Officer, INC Education*  
 Erika Twani, *Cofounder and CEO, Learning One to One Foundation*  
 Dr. Arlen Meyers, *President and CEO, Society of Physician Entrepreneurs*  
 John Watson, *Founder, DLAC (Digital Learning Annual Conference)*



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**HEALTH (DAY I)**

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**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 Activating a Health-Opportunity Mindset Within the Health Professions**



Dr. Yele Aluko, *Chief Medical Officer, EY Americas*  
 Gaye Woods, *System Vice President Equity & Inclusion, CommonSpirit Health*  
 Dr. Arlen Meyers, *President and CEO, Society of Physician Entrepreneurs*  
 Dr. Oswaldo Grenardo, *Board Member, American Heart Association and The Colorado Health Foundation*  
 Joseph Mendel, *Senior Vice President, Head of Strategy and Innovation, The Wound Pros*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 Workforce Resilience Across All Fields of Health: Executives, Clinicians, and Frontline Staff**



Nkanta (Nick) Hines, Sr., *President and CEO, Capital Strategy Group, The Wound Pros*  
 Dr. Indira Lanig, *Spinal Cord Injury Medical Director, Paradigm*  
 Dr. Pierre Theodore, *Executive Director, Health Equity, Genentech*  
 Dr. Sandy Ho, *Chief Access Officer, Colorado Department of Human Services*  
 Dr. Gerald Onuoha II, *Internal Medicine Hospitalist, HCA Healthcare/Envision (invited)*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 Workforce Talent Pipeline: Healthcare 2050**



David Mafe, *Chief Diversity Officer, Vice President, Human Resources, UCHealth*  
 Michelle Barnes, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services*  
 Eric Bing, *Chancellor and CEO, College of Health Care Professions*  
 Kenya Manning, *Chief Administrative Officer, The Wound Pros*  
 Blair Fogoros, *Division Director, Talent Acquisition, CommonSpirit Health*

**BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 Dealing With Workplace Personnel Challenges Within the Health Setting: Hospitals, Clinics, and Community Programs**



Dr. Lalit Bajaj, *Senior Vice President, Children's Hospital Colorado System*  
 Dr. Katie Bakes, *Emergency Physician, Rocky Mountain Regional Veterans Hospital*  
 Bobby King, *Vice President, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Colorado Access*  
 Jim Hayden, *former Chair and Board Member, Dignity Health*  
 Chawtana Edwards, *Program Manager, FACES for the Future Coalition*



**HEALTH (DAY II)**

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

**How Inclusive Are We?**

*Measuring Hospital Team Culture With a Workplace Climate Survey*



Dr. Michele Loi, *Assoc. Professor/ Director of Quality Improvement, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
 Kathryn Kalata, *Pediatric Critical Care Fellow, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical School*  
 Katie Ganser, *Advanced Practice Provider, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
 Zachary Raphael, *Clinical Assistant, Children's Hospital Colorado*  
 Calli Riley, *Nurse Leader, Children's Hospital Colorado*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

**Addressing Violence, Mental Health, and Addiction:**

*Models of Hope, Healing and Transformation*



Kathryn Goetzke, *Chief Executive Officer, The Shine Hope Company, International Fdn. for Research and Education on Hope*  
 Avery Peel, *Community Hope Specialist, The Shine Hope Company*  
 Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, *President, Community College of Aurora*  
 Laura (Beau) Green, *Director of Student Advocacy Services, Community College of Aurora*  
 Darius Kendrick, *Social Work Student, Office of Student Advocacy, Community College of Aurora*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

**Addressing Aging and Complex Chronic Diseases: *Prevention and Proactive Care***



Dr. Maria Milagros Kneusel Rivera, *Phd, RN, System Director for DEI and Belonging, CommonSpirit Health*  
 Yolanda Webb, *Director, Office of Adult, Aging and Disability Services, Colorado Department of Human Services*  
 Michelle McDaniel, *Program Manager, Trinidad High School, Hummingbird Health Pathways Initiative*  
 Jenni Gasbarro, *Senior Director, Product Development, American Red Cross*  
 Karen Brown, *Chief Executive Officer, iAging*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

**Aerospace and the Future of Everyday Nursing Care:**

*Military, Flight for Life, and Interstellar Travel*



Robin Bruce FN, *BSN, RN, Chairman, CCBN Inc. Aerospace*  
 Dr. Darci Martinez, *DNP, RN, FNP-C, Director, Public Health Nursing Division, Adams County Government*  
 Dr. Annette Cannon, *PhD, MA, RN, MSN, D-ABMDI, DF-AFN, Coroner, Jefferson County, Colorado*  
 Dr. Joseph Charleman, *CST/CSFA/FAST, Executive Dean of Allied Health Sciences Division, Pikes Peak State College*  
 Dr. Katie Boston-Leary, *PHD, MBA, MHA, RN, NEA-BC, FADLN, Senior VP of Equity and Engagement, American Nurses Enterprise*



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**GLOBAL WORK SKILLS (DAY I)**

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TUESDAY, JUNE 17

**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 Latino Leaders Opening Job Opportunities for All Students and Grads**



- Thomas Savino, *Chief Executive Officer, Prospanica*
- Patricia Pacheco De Baez, *Managing Director, Bank of America*
- Miriam Calderon, *Vice President for Impact, W.K. Kellogg Foundation*
- Patricia Barela Rivera, *Executive Director, U.S. Small Business Administration*
- Erika Cramer, *Chair, Prospanica National; Cofounder and General Partner, How Women Invest (invited)*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 From First Gen to College to Global Corporate Board Leadership**



- Dr. Ryan Ross, *Chief Executive Officer, Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado (invited)*
- Candace Matthews, *Corporate Board Member, former College Trustee*
- Russell Noles, *Past Chair, Board of Trustees, Metropolitan State University of Denver*
- Dr. Theresa Szczurek, *Chief Executive Officer, Technology and Management Solutions, LLC*
- Victoria Vasques, *Owner & Chairwoman, Tribal Tech LLC; Ex Officio Trustee, University of California Irvine; Forbes 50 Over 50*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 Who Needs College Anymore? Bright Futures Without College**



- Kathleen deLaski, *Founder and CEO, Education Design Lab*
- Annalise Gonzalez-Fine, *Director of College Initiatives, DSST Charter School Network*
- David Lopez, *Associate Underwriter, Pinnacle Assurance*
- Jim Hayden, *Trustee, Family Office*
- Helen Young Hayes, *Founder & CEO, Activate Workforce Solutions*

**BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 New Ways to Learn With Work-Relevant Opportunities, Leadership, and Apprenticeships**



- Jane Oates, *Workforce/Labor Strategist, formerly President, WorkingNation*
- Xan Pearson, *Executive Director, CareerWise Colorado*
- Dr. Tonya Drake, *Chancellor and Regional Vice President, Western Governors University*
- John Patton, *Vice President of Growth, BuildWithin*
- D.J. Whetter, *Chief Executive Officer, CiviCO*



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## GLOBAL WORK SKILLS (DAY II)

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### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Expanding the Frontiers of Aerospace and Travel**



Phillip Washington, *Chief Executive Officer, Denver International Airport (invited)*  
Barry Burch Jr., *Manager of External Affairs, Denver International Airport (invited)*  
Andrea Albo, *Deputy Chief of Staff, Denver International Airport*  
Greg Robinson, *Webb Space Telescope Program Director, NASA*  
Dr. Aprille Ericsson, *formerly U.S. Department of Defense, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Intergenerational Work Skills and Employment Solutions: *Expanding Careers, Mentoring, and Engagement for 50 and Better***



Alicia Wallace, MPH, *Director, Age-Inclusive Marketing, AARP*  
Jodi Olshevski, *Director, Field Distribution, AARP Services*  
Dr. Jennifer Fairweather, SHRM-SCP, PSHRA-SCP, PHR, *Chief Human Resources Officer, Jefferson County*

### BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Opening Access for Populations Facing the Greatest Barriers: *Talent Hiding in Plain Sight—Ability Status, Hispanic Students, Formerly Incarcerated, and Veterans***



Beth Cobert, *President, Affiliates and Strategic Partnerships, Strada Collaborative; Strada Education Foundation*  
Thomas C. Dawson, *President, Strada Collaborative; Strada Education Foundation*  
Brian McAllister, *Cofounder and Chief Operating Officer, Roadtrip Nation*  
Christine Carpenter, *Chief of Staff, CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning)*  
Jamie Northrup, *Senior Vice President, Partnership, Education at Work*



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**FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDERS (DAY I)**

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Thoughtfully Funding High Impact Areas: Leadership for Lasting Impact**



- Samuel Lalane, *Managing Director, Morgan Stanley*
- Karmen Royall, *Executive Director at Morgan Stanley (invited)*
- Richard Lewis, *Founder and CEO, RTL Networks and RTL Foundation (invited)*
- Wendi Safstrom, *President, SHRM Foundation*
- Jason Wang, *Private Wealth Advisor, Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management (invited)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Endowment Creation, Management, and Growth in Challenging Times: Impact Investing for Values-Aligned Outcomes**



- Patricia Pacheco De Baez, *Managing Director, Bank of America*
- Jennifer Chandler, *Head of Philanthropic Solutions, Bank of America (invited)*
- Melvina Carrick, *Managing Director, Colorado Market Executive, Bank of America Private Bank (invited)*
- Nate Lee, *Vice President, Commercial Banking, Bank of America (invited)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Private Foundations: Supporting Opportunity, Fostering Agency, and Honoring Donor Intent**



- Noah Atencio, *Chief Executive Officer, Philanthropy Colorado*
- Carrie Tynan, *Chief Executive Officer, Adolph Coors Foundation*
- Kyle Hybl, *President & CEO, El Pomar Foundation*
- Santhosh Ramdoss, *President and CEO, Chief Investment Officer, Gary Community Ventures*

BREAKOUT IV 1:30–2:20 **Which Funders Will Support Advancing the Early Learning Workforce and How Will They Support?**



- Aaron Merchen, *Executive Director, Policy and Programs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation*
- Laura Carlson, *Vice President of Programs, Buell Foundation (invited)*
- Miriam Calderon, *Vice President for Impact, W.K. Kellogg Foundation*
- Steffanie Clothier, *Director, School Readiness, Gary Community Ventures*
- Panelist Name, *Title, Affiliation*



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## FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDERS (DAY II)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Powering the Future With Family Offices and Multigenerational Wealth Strategies**



Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outthink AI*  
Erika Cramer, *Chair, Prospanica National; Cofounder and General Partner, How Women Invest (invited)*  
Stacey L. Shigaya, *Program Director, Sakura Foundation (invited)*  
Jim Hayden, *Trustee, Family Office*  
Nicole Johnny, *Investment Associate, Raven Indigenous Capital Partners (invited)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Philanthropy and Business Building America's Workforce**



Kristen Fox, *Chief Executive Officer, Business-Higher Education Forum*  
Laura Mutis, *Vice President, Jobs and Skills, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase & Co. (invited)*  
Stephanie Khurana, *Chief Executive Officer, Axim Collaborative (invited)*  
Jacob Fraire, *President, ECMC Foundation (invited)*  
Dr. Jasmine Haywood, *Strategy Director, Lumina (invited)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **GlobalMinded Family Office Legacy Leaders:  
*The Architecture to Fund GlobalMindED's Legacy***



Janet Salazar, *Founder & CEO, ALPHAWIN Ventures; Chairman, Foundation for the the Support of the UN*  
Kevin Faulcon, *Product Specialist, Western Asset Management*  
Ann Hynek, *Director of Marketing, Flat Rock Global*  
Rodolfo (Rudy) Bustamante, *Senior Advisor, Business and Financial Solutions, One Indiana; Treasurer, Prospanica*  
Derrick Watchman, *President, Sagebrush Hill Group*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **How to Appropriately Friend-Raise and Cultivate Major Donors**



Jim Hayden, *Founder, Board Developer*  
Yolanda Webb, *Director/Principal, Colorado Department of Human Services/WEBB Advisory Group (invited)*  
Holly Ruxin, *Founder and CEO, Montcalm (invited)*  
Tiffany Oestreicher, *Independent REal Estate Professional, Private Donor*  
Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outthink AI*



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## POLICY (DAY I)

Colorado (Mezz)

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### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Policy Threats and Opportunities In the Educator Workforce**



Marta Perez Drake, *Chief Operating Officer, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) (invited)*  
 Terry Brown, *VP Academic Innovation and Transformation, American Assoc. of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) (invited)*  
 Monica Byrne-Jimenez, *Executive Director, University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) (invited)*  
 Julie Ferin, *Executive Director, National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) (invited)*  
 Mark LaCelle-Peterson, *President and Chief Executive Officer (AAQEP) (invited)*  
 Dr. Blake West, *Senior Policy Analyst, National Education Association (NEA) (invited)*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Turning State Policies Into Impact: From Rural to Urban**



Ahrash Bissell, *President and Chief Academic Officer, The NROC Project*  
 Timi Creekmore, *Director, Texas College Bridge, The Commit Partnership*  
 Dr. Ryan Schrenk, *EdReady Montana and EdReady Classroom Program Director, Montana Digital Academy*  
 Dan Morris, *Executive Director, Colorado Digital Solutions*  
 Cliff Boyd, *Trustee, Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD)*

### BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Advancing Agendas for 0 to 10 Years: Families and Programs in the New Administration**



Dr. Lisa Roy, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*  
 William Browning, *President and CEO, Clayton Early Learning*  
 Christine Benero, *President & CEO, Mile High United Way*  
 Nicole Riehl, *President & CEO, Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC)*  
 Dr. Rosemarie Allen, *Assoc. Professor, School of Education, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

### BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Executives Chart Policies and Practices for Economic Growth and Sustainable, Gainful Employment in the Age of AI and Beyond**



Jeff Wasden, *President & CEO, State Business Executives*  
 Christina Quick Henderson, *Executive Director, Montana High Technology*  
 Aimee Edwards, *Executive Director, BioHive*  
 Lorrie Trogden, *President & CEO, Arkansas Bankers Association*  
 Jenifer Waller, *Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Bankers Association (invited)*



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**POLICY (DAY II)**

Colorado (Mezz)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Legal Pathways and Policies for First-Generation and Untapped Talent:  
Advancing Personal and Professional Opportunity**



Sydney Montgomery, *Founder and Executive Director, Barrier Breakers, Inc.*

Mike Spivey, *Founding Partner, Spivey Consulting Group*

Alexi Freeman, JD, *Associate Dean of DEI, Denver University Law*

Shaun LaBarre, *Director, Institute for Public Service, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

Andres Carrera, *Political Director to Mayor Mike Johnston, City and County of Denver*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **AI for Equity in Educational Collaboratives:  
A Framework for Advising Practitioners and School Leaders**



Dr. Leah Austin, *President & CEO, National Black Child Development Institute*

Greta Byrum, *Principal for Broadband and Digital Equity, HR&A Advisors*

Dr. John Jackson, *President and CEO, Schott Foundation for Public Education*

Derrick Johnson, *President and CEO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **From First Gen to College President and/or Trustees  
Dedicated to Student Success:  
Perspectives and Policies from Business, College Governance, and Service Leadership**



Dr. L'Tanya Spinelli, *Head of K–12 Education, T-Mobile; President and CEO, The ED-Group, Inc.*

Russell Noles, *Past Chair, Board of Trustees, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

Dr. Stephen Jordan, *President Emeritus, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Colorado Trustee Network*

Dr. Michael Torrence, *President, Motlow State Community College*

Alfonzo Alexander, *President and CEO, The PhD Project*



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## WORKSHOPS (DAY I)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **How to Build Sustainable Purposive Programs for Minority and First Gen Students**



*Introduction by Dr. Paula Hopkins, Board Vice President, GlobalMindED; Exec. Vice President, Miami Dade Beacon Council  
Dr. Jonathan Hershey, Project Director for Inclusion and Equity, Georgia Highlands College; Owner, Hershey Consulting LLC  
Evan Snelling, Director of Student Engagement and Leadership Development, Warren Wilson College  
Dr. Emeka Nwokike, Doctor of Internal Medicine, Hamilton Medical Center  
Victor Williams, TV news reporter and anchor, WDIV, Detroit*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Promoting Economic Opportunity in Rural America: Opportunity-Centered Design**



*Dr. Leslie Daugherty, Senior Director, Design Programs, Education Design Lab  
Matt Newlin, Senior Education Designer, Education Design Lab  
Heather Wylie, Guided Pathways Area Coordinator, Shasta College  
Jennifer Cummings-Tutmaher, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, Northern Pennsylvania Regional College*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Panel Title: *Subtitle***



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BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Navigating College and Beyond: The Multicultural Academic Excellence Program**



*Nina Soto Ramirez, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Coordinator, Penn State Harrisburg  
Michelle Weber-Colón, Assoc. Director, Student DEI and Student Engagement, Penn State Harrisburg*



**WORKSHOPS (DAY II)**

Denver (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 Best Practices for Internships That Launch Careers**



Jamie van Leeuwen, *CEO & Founder, Global Livingston Institute*  
 Tricia Edwards, *Interim Director, SITES | Smithsonian Affiliations*  
 Nicole Bryner, *Special Projects Manager–Assessment and Evaluation, Smithsonian Affiliations, Smithsonian Institution*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 Supporting Students in Their First Two Years of College:  
 First-Gen College and CareerSuccess**



Sydney Montgomery, *Founder and Executive Director, Barrier Breakers, Inc.*  
 Eastwood Yeboah, *Psychology and Africana Studies student, Union College*  
 Alexandra-Joy Kouemou, *Psychology student, Cornell University*  
 Yoni Solomon, *Computer Engineering student, Pennsylvania State University*  
 Juan Gonzalez, *University of Colorado Denver graduate, Intake Specialist, Lisinski Law Firm (invited)*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 REACHing Toward the Future:  
 Education to Elevate**



Michelle Campbell, *Executive Director, REACH (Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage)*  
 Tara Raju, *Program Manager, REACH*  
 Elianne Van Slyke, *Program Coordinator, REACH*  
 Jovita Schiffer, *Extended Learning and Community Programs Manager, Boulder Valley School District*  
 Christina Vela, *Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Spanish Teacher, Regis Jesuit High School*

**BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 Success for Black Boys:  
 Afrocentric Mentoring, Classroom Innovations**



*Introduction by* Dr. Paula Hopkins, *Board Vice President, GlobalMindED; Exec. Vice President, Miami Dade Beacon Council*  
 Dr. Dedrick Sims, *Chief Executive Officer, Sims-Fayola Foundation; Chairman of the Board, The Hancock Foundation*  
 Arvian Harper, *Chief Operating Officer, Sims-Fayola Foundation*  
 Markell Lucas, *Director of K-12 Programs and Professional Learning, Sims-Fayola Foundation*  
 Dr. Vizier Kamau LuQman, *Corporate and Community Partners Manager, Sims-Fayola Foundation*



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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **From Survival to Thrival: Building the Culture of Belonging**



H-Soul Ashemu, Founder and Chief Visionary Officer, TruNorth Institute

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Internships for Impact: Leadership for Change Case Study**



Tricia Edwards, Interim Director, SITES | Smithsonian Affiliations  
 Ashley Delgado, Curriculum Designer, Chicago Public Schools  
 Autumn Fulton, Interdisciplinary Studies student (Art History & Museum Studies), Bennett College  
 Aspen Malmberg, Environmental Studies and Sustainability student, Agnes Scott College  
 Leanne Rehme, Outreach and Training Specialist, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR)

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Scaling Peer Mentorship Programs to Serve All Students**



Dr. Linda Essig, Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs, Baruch College CUNY  
 Kaylanie Flores, Student and Peer Mentor, Baruch College CUNY  
 Dr. Robert Kunicki, Director of New Student Programs, Baruch College CUNY  
 Dr. Kathleen Gray, Assoc. Provost for Learning and Student Success, Baruch College CUNY

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Blind Institute of Technology and Salesforce Accessibility**



Mike Hess, Founder & Executive Director, Blind Institute of Technology

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## PRESENTATIONS (DAY II)

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### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **The Transformative Power of Care and Connection in Early Education**



Isabelle Hau, *Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning*

Dr. Dana Suskind, *Founder and Co-Director, TMW Center for Early Learning*

Michelle Kang, *Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)*

Jessica Sager, *Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, All Our Kin*

Elsa Holguin, *President and CEO, Denver Preschool Program*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Cultivating Talent for Those With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities: *Being Truly Inclusive With ALL Abilities***



Lloyd Lewis, *President and CEO, arc Thrift Stores*

Elizabeth Moran, JD, *Advocate for Disability Rights, Executive Director, The Arc of Colorado*

Tiffany Feingold, *Co-founder, Colorado Neurodiversity Chamber of Commerce; Co-Founder and CEO, Guiding Bright Minds*

Stephanie Engels, *Cofounder and Executive Director, Revel*

Janet Foos, *Director Arc Ambassador Programs, arc Thrift*



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GlobalMindED Leader, GlobalMindED Ambassador Dani Bedoni

## GLOBAL CLASSROOMS (DAY I)

North Lobby

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

### Students/Grads to Global Careers: *Making the Most Out of GlobalMindED for High-School Student Leaders*



Shannon Stone, *Sr. Relationship Manager, AMG National Trust Bank; Board Member, Denver Rotary Club*

Jay Grimm, *Chief Executive Officer, Denver Kids*

Phuong Phan, *VP of Programs and Inclusion, Denver Kids*

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BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

### Beyond the Classroom With the Global Livingston Institute: *Transformative Global Learning and Ethical Engagement*



Diana Fetter, *Executive Director of Denver, Project C.U.R.E.*

Andi Almond, *Global Leader of Strategic & Change Communications Practice, McKinsey & Company*

Dr. Angela Thieman Dino, *Teaching Associate Professor, Engineering Leadership Program, University of Colorado Boulder*

Tahlia Weintraub, *Graduate Student of Social Work, University of Denver, GLI Alumni*

Brock Hoover, *Science Teacher, DSST Public Schools*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

### Local to Global Resilience: *Practical Cultural Tools for a Traumatic World*



John Krieger, *Executive Director, WorldDenver*

Catherine Ebert-Gray, *U.S. Ambassador (ret.) to New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu; Senior Advisor, U.S. Dept. of State*

Barbara Colaroso, *Bestselling Author, Kids Are Worth It! Inc.*

Patricia Barela Rivera, *Executive Director, U.S. Small Business Administration*

Andres Quintanar, *Neuroscience and Data Science graduate, USC; GlobalMindED Mexico City & United Nations delegate*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

### Global Access and Exchange Systems: *COIL Model*



Kristina Robbins, *COIL Coordinator, Program Director Multimedia Graphic Design, Front Range Community College*

Miriam Carrasquel-Nagy, *COIL Advisor/Facilitator, Dept. Chair—World Languages and Humanities, Front Range Community College*

Matt Stilwell, *COIL Coach/Facilitator, English Faculty—School of Writing & Literature, Front Range Community College*

Marisa Caranza, *First Gen Student Graduate, National Certification in Phlebotomy RPT/CPT, Front Range Community College*

Kimberly Camacho, *First Gen Multimedia Graphic Design Student—Animation Pathway, Front Range Community College*

Czeslaw (Chet) Madej, *Multimedia Graphic Design Student, Front Range Community College*



**GLOBAL CLASSROOMS (DAY II)**

North Lobby

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Closing Post-Secondary Attainment Gaps  
 With Community College of Denver Options**



Peter Lindstrom, *Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs, Community College of Denver*  
 Tina Garcia, *Vice President, Student Services, Community College of Denver*  
 Dr. Sarah Heath, *Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, Colorado Community College System*  
 TBA, *Student, Community College of Denver*  
 TBA, *Student, Community College of Denver*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Global Social Justice for Young People and Emerging Leaders:  
 Implementing an International Framework**



Elizabeth Jensen, *Student, Long Island University–Brooklyn*  
 Dr. Caroline Clauss-Ehlers, *Professor, Long Island University–Brooklyn*  
 Dr. Lynn Pasquerella, *President, AAC&U (American Association of Colleges and Universities)*  
 Mengxi (Ella) Zhi, *Student, Family Institute at Northwestern University*  
 Sydney Lee, *Student, Teachers College, Columbia University*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Experiences in Mexico City, the United Nations, and Beyond:  
 Biennial of the Americas and GlobalMindED Student Ambassadors**



FloraJane DiRienzo, *Executive Director, Biennial of the Americas (invited)*  
 Alondra Solis Ayala, *Student President, Associated Students' Government, Colorado State University Pueblo*  
 Andres Quintanar, *Artificial Intelligence senior, University of Southern California*  
 Ulises Heredia Trinidad, *Graduate Assistant, Metropolitan State University–Denver (invited)*  
 Dr. Victoria Obregon, *Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Colorado State University Pueblo (invited)*



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## ROUNDTABLES (DAY I)

Aspen (Mezz)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Healing for Bereaved Parents, Siblings, and Friends:  
*Honoring Those We've Lost With a Lasting Legacy***



Al Renshaw, *Founder, Youth and Environmental Advocate, Logan's Love*  
Dr. Luisa Montoya, *Chief Executive Officer, Diversity Matters*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Building Confidence in Education, Career, and Leadership**



Joshua Faden, *President and Founder, Community of Teachers*  
Sheena Yap Chan, *Founder, The Tao of Self Confidence*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **The Resilient Leader: *Making Critical Decisions in High Stress Situations***



Michael Reinhart, *Explorer, Adventure Journalist and Podcast Host, Self Employed*  
Dr. Theresa Szczurek, *Chief Executive Officer, Technology and Management Solutions, LLC*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Protecting and Uplifting Child Rights With UNICEF**



Lyric Vigil, *Community Engagement Associate, UNICEF USA*



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### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **How to Find Your True Purpose In Life**



Arthur L. Wharton III, *Professor of Accounting and Finance, Virginia State University*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Relit: How to Rekindle Yourself in the Darkness of Compassion Fatigue**



Dr. Kenya Radoli, *Principle Business Innovation Consultant, Carnegie Mellon University*

### BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Future Ready Students: Deploying a Framework for Disrupting Poverty Through Improvement Science**



Dr. Prissy LeMay, *Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Grandview C-4 School District*  
Dr. Kenny Rodriquez, *Superintendent, Grandview C-4 School District*

### BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Empowering Women Leaders: Confidence that Drives Opportunity and Inclusion**



Heather Kelly, *Executive Director, Colorado Women's Education Foundation*  
Robyn Tsukayama, *Managing Director, Soarcrest Consulting; Board Member, Colorado Women's Education Foundation*  
Christi Jo Hahn, *Chemical Engineering student, University of Colorado Boulder*  
Kailah Netherclift, *Graduate student in Social Work, Metropolitan State University of Denver*  
Angela Rangel, *Business Administration student, University of Colorado Boulder*



**DEEPER DIVES (DAY I)**

Silver

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

SESSION I 10:10–12:00 **Bold Thinking for the Early Years:**  
*What Will We Advance and How?*



- Dr. Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*
- Dr. Meera Mani, *Vice President, Families & Communities, David and Lucile Packard Foundation*
- Swati Adarkar, *Early Learning Advocate*
- Isabelle Hau, *Executive Director, Stanford Accelerator for Learning*
- Dr. Kara H. Ahmed, *President, Educare Network*
- Dr. Pamela Harris, *President & CEO, Mile High Early Learning*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20 **Entrepreneurship for Economic Mobility:**  
*From Seed to Scale to Sale for Underestimated Talent*



- Dr. Rebecca Corbin, *President & CEO, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE)*
- Amanda Tovar, *Chief Operating Officer, Prospanica*
- Stephanie Knight, *CEO, Colorado Inclusive Economy; Chief Officer of Small Business Opportunity, Denver County*
- Diego Mariscal, *CEO & Chief Disabled Person, 2Gether-International*
- Wendy Lea, *Board Member, Elevate Quantum; Co-Founder and Chair, Energize Colorado*
- Taylor McLemore, *Chief Operating Officer, Tilt*
- Maria González, *Founder and CEO, Adelante Community Development*
- Stan Hickory, *Director, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado Boulder (invited)*
- Mark H. Cohen, *Cofounder, Zikhara*
- Jahi Rohrer, *Founder & CEO, Connect3D Studios*
- Andrea Albo, *Deputy Chief of Staff, Denver International Airport*
- Patty Williams-Downs, *Founder and CEO, BreakingBounds Enterprises*



**DEEPER DIVES (DAY II)**

Silver

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

SESSION I 10:10–12:00 **Veterans Healing, Leading, and Learning:  
*Times of Change***



- Dan Roby, *Vice President, AMU Brand Expansion and Business Development, American Public University System (APUS)*  
 Tonda Navarrete, *Vice President of Business Development & Brand Management for AMU, American Public University System (APUS)*  
 Jerry Shelton, *Executive Director, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation*  
 Britt Slabinski, *Command Master Chief, USN (ret.); President, Congressional Medal of Honor Society*  
 Adam Popp, *Board Member and Peer Mentor, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation*  
 Gail Colvin, *Colonel, U.S. Air Force (ret.), Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force Academy*  
 Richard Lewis, *Founder and CEO, RTL Networks and RTL Foundation (invited)*  
 Scott Bemis; *Advisory Board, Special Operators Transition Foundation (invited)*  
 Barbara Faulkenberry, *Major General, USAF (ret.); Independent Director, Callon Petroleum (invited)*  
 Ivan Sam, *Native American Cultural Ambassador, The Veterans Art Project*  
 Jim Hayden, *Air Force Military Brat*  
 TBA, *Gary Sinise Foundation*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20 **Women, Power Accumulation, and Allies:  
*Empowering Women and Men to Succeed at Work and Leadership***



- Tony Salazar (for Simone Ross), *Vice President for Outreach and Engagement, University of Colorado System (invited)*  
 Maria Garcia Berry, *Founding Partner, CRL Associates; Board Member, Biennial of the Americas (invited)*  
 Bruce Alexander, *President and CEO, Vectra Bank (invited)*  
 Dawn Bookhardt, JD, *Member, Associates Review Committee, Butler Snow LLP (invited)*  
 Phillip Washington, *Chief Executive Officer, Denver International Airport (invited)*



**PROBLEM-SOLVING LABS (DAY I)**

Gold

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

SESSION I 10:10–12:00 **Technology to Algorithmically Scale GlobalMindED:**  
*Student-Centered Design Thinking*



- Tim Bozik, *GlobalMindED Tech Lead, former President, Pearson North America*  
 Dr. LuWanna Williams, *Executive Director, REP4*  
 Zak Zielezinski, *Chief Executive Officer, GLX Studio, MediaMobz Inc.*  
 Dr. Alaine Allen, *Assoc. Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, College of Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University*  
 Jim Hayden, *Trustee, Family Office*
- Dr. Beth Day-Hairston, *Dean, School of Education and Professional Studies, Fort Valley State University*  
 Tova Sanders, *Presidential Associate, Fort Valley State University*  
 Jesse Bernal, *Vice President for Strategy and Chief of Staff to the President, Fort Valley State University*  
 Tara Mandrekar, *Associate Director, Ourmedia*  
 Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outthink AI*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20 **Connection, Community, Collaboration: Leaders Across Every Audience**



- Ethan Gutterman, *Purpose + Values Coach, PurposeBuilt; Admin. Assistant, Global Livingston Institute*  
 Nadine Bridges, *Executive Director, One Colorado (invited)*  
 Paul Rosenthal, *Founder, Rosenthal Community Connections (invited)*  
 Rita Simas, *Engineer (retired), Aerospace and Defense Programs, Delta Rocket Program, International Space Station*  
 Jim Hayden, *former Chair and Board Member, Dignity Health*



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**PROBLEM-SOLVING LABS (DAY II)**

Gold

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

SESSION I 10:10–12:00 **Energy, Technology, Innovations in Air, Water, Wind, and Solar**



- Wellington “Duke” Reiter, FAIA, *Founder and Director, Ten Across* *(invited)*
- Wahleah Johns, *Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy, U.S. Dept. of Energy* *(invited)*
- Taj Ahmad Edlridge, *Managing Director of Climate Innovation, Jobs for the Future:CREST* *(invited)*
- Dr. Kenneth Bowen, *Program Coordinator, Master of School Admin. Program, Dept. of Leadership Studies, NCA&T*
- Beaux Jones, *President and CEO, The Water Institute* *(invited)*
- Mary Austin, *Director of Strategic Partnerships, Colorado Cleantech Industries Association (CCIA)* *(invited)*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20 **Sports and Entertainment:**  
*Unifying, Uplifting, and Inspiring People Across All Audiences*



- Panelist Name, *Title, Affiliation*



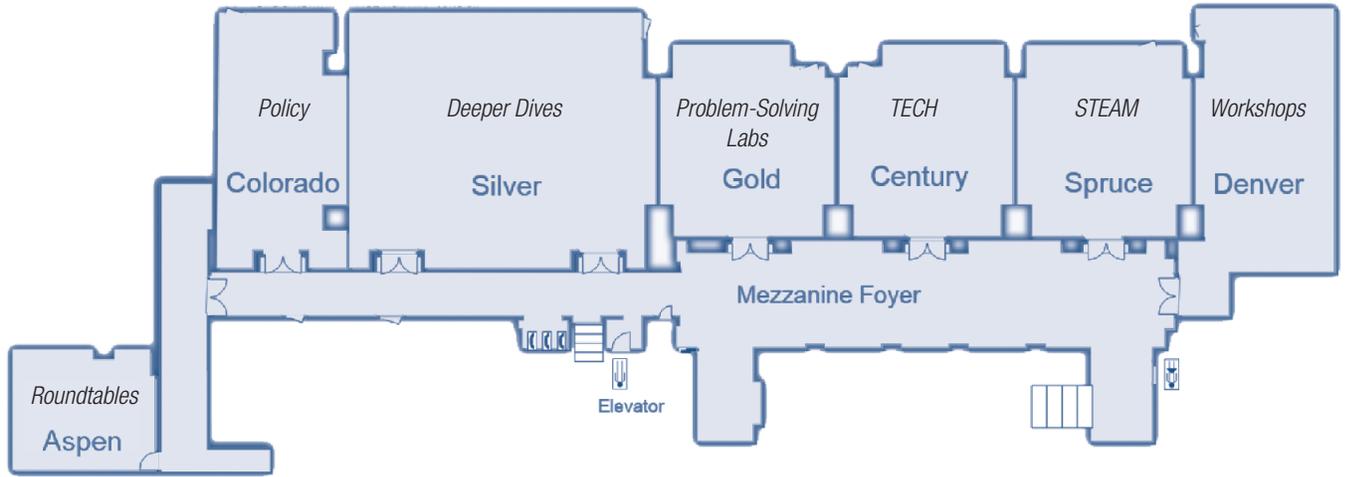
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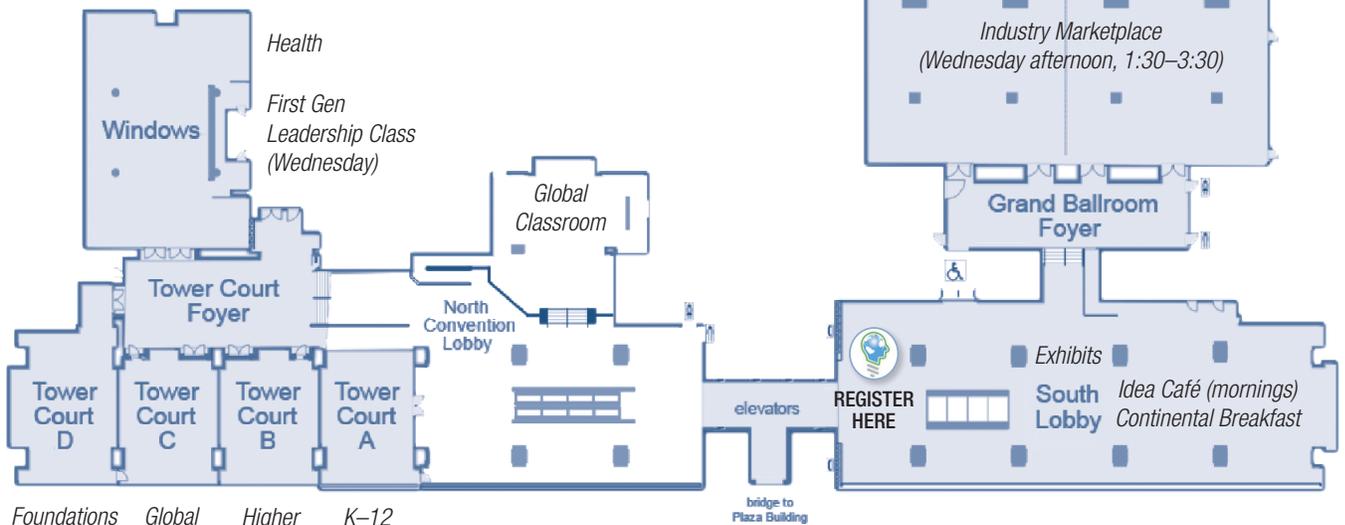
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**Higher-ED Track:** Tower Court B (Main)

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**Tech Track:** Century (Mezz)

**Health Track:** Windows (Main)

**Global Work Skills Track:** Tower Court C (Main)

**Foundations Track:** Tower Court D (Main)

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**Presentations:** Grand Ballroom (Main)

**Global Classrooms:** North Convention Lobby

**Deeper Dives:** Silver (Mezz)

**Roundtables:** Aspen (Mezz)

**Problem-Solving Labs:** Gold (Mezz)

**Idea Café:** South Convention Lobby (Main)

**Exhibitors:** South Convention Lobby (Main)

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Register to Participate in the 2025 Industry Marketplace & Job Fair!



**Who attends?** High-school students, college students, graduates, parents, counselors, college advisors, and anyone seeking employment or information on emerging careers, internships, and apprenticeships. The GlobalMinded Industry Marketplace and Job Fair is free to all!

**Cost to participate is \$350.** Includes Industry Marketplace booth on June 18, from 1:30 pm to 3:20 pm as well as a One-day Conference Pass for one on June 18.

For more information, call 303-327-5688 or email [abby.keleher@globalminded.org](mailto:abby.keleher@globalminded.org)

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Colorado Department  
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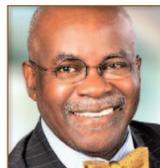
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Director, Office of  
Indian Energy Policy  
U.S. Department of Energy

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Sr. Director,  
Office of Accessibility  
Salesforce

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**Dr. Shirley Collado**  
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**Britt Slabinski**  
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## CROSS-DISCIPLINARY THREADS

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**Funding & Financing**

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