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

K–12



Dr. Susana Córdova
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Dr. Eduardo Padrón
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Miami Dade College

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Dr. Yele Aluko
Chief Medical Officer
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Patricia Pacheco de Baez
Managing Director
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Wahleah Johns
Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy
U.S. Department of Energy

SPACE & AEROSPACE



Joseph Acaba
Chief of the Astronaut Office
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Walton Stinson
Founder and Chair, ListenUp
Consumer Technology Hall of Fame

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Congressional Medal of Honor Society

MONDAY, JUNE 16 • RECEPTION 5:00–7:00 • DINNER 7:00–9:00

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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*
Dani Bedoni, *Master Coach*




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

Chawtana Edwards, *VP Programs, GlobalMindED; Program Manager, FACES for the Future*
Brian Ysasaga, *Systems Intergration & Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin*
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***

Dani Bedoni, *Master Coach*



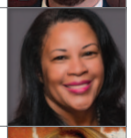
10:00-10:30 **From Poverty to Prosperity: *How Entrepreneurship Saved My Life***

Travis Luther, *First Gen grad, serial entrepreneur, servant leader*



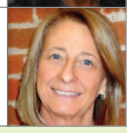
10:30-11:00 **From First Gen to C-Suite to Board Leader**

Dr. Paula Hopkins, *Board VP, GlobalMindED; EVP Strategic Partnerships, Miami-Dade Beacon Council*



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

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



11:45-12:30 **Lunch** *Join people you don't know to grow your network and make new friends!*

12:15-1:00 **Making Your Dreams Happen: *Your Struggles are your Strength***

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



1:00-2:15 **How Failure Strengthens Leadership**

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



2:15-2:30 **Break**

2:30-3:15 **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*



3:15-4:00 **Speed Networking and Wrap-Up: *Making the Most Out of Growing Your Leadership***

Dr. Paula Hopkins, *EVP Strategic Partnerships, Miami-Dade Beacon Council*
Rocío Pérez, *Founder, Inventiva Consulting, GlobalMindED Master Leader*




5:00-7:00 **Opening Reception** — WINDOWS FOYER

7:00-9:00 **First Gen Leadership and Exceptional Leaders Awards Dinner** — GRAND BALLROOM



SAVE THE DATE • MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1:00–4:00PM

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Trustees Leading in Turbulent Times

Join Dr. Mary Papazian in a conversation with speakers serving on corporate and college boards.



Dr. Mary Papazian
Exec. Vice President
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges



Dr. Landon Mascareñaz
State Board Chair
Colorado Community College System



Dr. L'Tanya Spinelli
Trustee
Metropolitan College of New York



Candace Matthews
Corporate Board Member
Former College Trustee



Cliff Boyd
Trustee
Dallas County Community College District



Victoria Vasques
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Board Trustee, UC Irvine

Option to attend the GlobalMindED Opening Reception from 5:00–7:00 pm and the Leader Awards Dinner at 7:00 pm and/or join GlobalMindED 2025 on Tuesday & Wednesday, June 17–18.

GlobalMindED: Closing the Opportunity Gap by Connecting Students to Role Models, Mentors, Internships, and Jobs

2025 Plenary Sessions, Day 1
GLOBALMINDED CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JUNE 17 • GRAND BALLROOM

From Learning to Earning

GlobalMindED Graduates On How Education, Experience, and Economic Mobility Launch Careers and Livelihoods

OPENING PLENARY • 9:00–10:00



Phuong Teresa Dinh
Senior Consultant, Colorado Access
Cofounder, GlobalMindED Emerging Leaders



Brian Ysasaga
Systems Intergration and Test Engineer
Lockheed Martin



Mistie Trefry
Communications and Outreach
Project Self-Sufficiency



Chawtana Edwards
Program Manager
FACES for the Future Coalition



Alondra Solis Ayala
Student President, Associated Students' Government
CSU Pueblo

Planning for a Prosperous Future

Multigenerational Economic Mobility

LUNCH SESSION • 12:30–1:20



Samuel Lalane
Managing Director
Morgan Stanley



Abby Axelrod-Wunderman
Philanthropic Director
Fiduciary Trust International



Rodney Bolden
Head of Industry Engagement
Morgan Stanley



Marcus Shaw
President & CEO
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Michelle Armstrong
Managing Director and President
Ares Charitable Foundation

Lightning Rod Spark Talks

Ten-Minute Topics

AFTERNOON SESSION • 3:30–4:30



Dr. David Bruton, Jr.
Former NFL Broncos, Redskins
Founder, Bruton's Books Foundation
Perform Higher



Dr. Aprille Ericsson
formerly Dept. of Defense and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Reach for the Stars



Travis Luther
First Gen Grad
serial entrepreneur, servant leader
Make. Believe.



Isabelle Hau
Executive Director
Stanford Accelerator for Learning
Love to Learn

2025 Plenary Sessions, Day 2
GLOBALMINDED CONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18 • GRAND BALLROOM

From Workforce to Mindforce

AI and the Next Evolution of Human Productivity

OPENING PLENARY • 9:00–10:00



Tom Vander Ark
CEO & Partner
Getting Smart



Dave Toole
Chairman
Outhink AI



Vivienne Ming
Cofounder, Chair, and Chief Scientist
The Human Trust



Jorge Costa
Asst. Professor, Studio Recording and Engineering
Arizona State University



Isabelle Hau
Executive Director
Stanford Accelerator for Learning

Reimagining the Future of Talent Development

Pre-K, K-12, Higher Ed, and Workforce Learning and Earning

LUNCH SESSION • 12:30–1:20



introduction by
Javier Alberto Soto
President and CEO
The Denver Foundation



Jared Polis
Governor, State of Colorado
Chair, National Governors Association



Karen Chong
Vice President of Audience Strategy
AARP



Greg Robinson
Webb Space Telescope Program Director
NASA



Dr. Philomena Mantella
President
Grand Valley State University

What Unites Us

Sports, Entertainment, Music, the Arts, the Great Outdoors, and Service to Others

CLOSING PLENARY • 3:30–4:30



Andy "Rok" Guerrero
Platinum-selling producer, songwriter, musician and educator
Flobots



Dr. Angie Paccione
Executive Director
Colorado Department of Higher Education



Jerome "JYD" Williams
Author, "Business & Sports: Shooting for Peace"
former NBA player for the New York Knicks

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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?*

DEEPER DIVES








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*
Dr. Kara H. Ahmed, *President, Educare Network*
Dr. Pamela Harris, *President & CEO, Mile High Early Learning*
Portia Kennel, *Consultant, Thriving Families Thriving Children*

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*
Steffanie Clothier, *Director, School Readiness, Gary Community Ventures*
Jonathan Hui, *Senior Program Officer, Detroit, Kresge Foundation*
Laura Carlson, *Vice President of Programs, Buell Foundation*

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

Aaizib Siddique, *CSU Global, 2024, Help Desk Analyst 2, SRK Consulting*
Abbygail Brewster, *Univ. of Mo. St. Louis, 2020, Elem. Teacher, KIPP Endeavor Acad.*
Abigail Jimenez, *Metro State Univ., 2019, Registered Nurse, HCA Healthcare*
Abigail Shugert, *Bentley Univ., 2025, Digital Marketing Intern, Spare Rooms BA*
Aidan Boyer, *Metro State Univ., 2016, New York Life Agent*
Aileen Alvarado Marquez, *MSU Denver, 2020, GIVE Donations Program Admin.*
Alberto Castro, *Loyola Marymount Univ., 2023, Engineer in Training, Bohannan Huston*
Alexa Molinar-Almeida, *Adams State Univ., 2024, Prog. Coord., High Valley Comm. Ctr.*
Alicia Fulton, *Northwest Indian College, 2022, Board Director, Noo-Kayet Investments*
Alicia Sepulveda, PhD, *U. of N. Co., 2020, Asst. Dir. Research, Dept. of Psych., CU Boulder*
Allana Allen Johnson, *Wales Univ., 2015, Partner Services Manager, Visit Albuquerque*
Amelia Mawlawi, *Univ. of N. Colorado, 2016, Head of Customer Advocacy, Arcteria.io*
Ana Castro, *CU Denver, 2022, Medical Asst., The Steadman Clinic*
Andrea Rosas, *CU Denver, 2024, Admin. Asst., Borwick Wealth Tax Service*
Angela Acuna, *Univ. of Arizona, 2022, RN, Tohono O'Odham Nation Healthcare Center*
Angelina Duran, *CSU Global, 2024, Paralegal, Leonard Berenato, Attorney at Law*
Angela Martinez, *Metro State Univ., 2021, Thrive, Program Coord.*
Angela Vetaw-Brinkly, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2024, Freelance Graphic Design Artist*

EARLY LEARNING (DAY II)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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 Codirector, TMW Center for Early Learning*
Michelle Kang, *Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)*
Jessica Sager, *Cofounder & 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*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20
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*
Elizabeth Groginsky, *Secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Dept., State of New Mexico*
Nick Terrones, *Director of Community Relations, University of Washington*
Tracye Fortin, *Director, Educare Central Maine*
Mike Browne, *Senior Director of Community Engagement, Cultivate Learning*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20
TOWER COURT A

Apprenticeships for Childcare Workers: *Increasing Retention and Recruitment*







K–12

Vail Shoultz 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*
Dr. Kathleen Sparrow, *Apprenticeship Program Supervisor, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*
Amiee West, *Early Childhood Workforce Specialist, Child Care Innovations, Red Rocks Community College*

K–12 (DAY I) — Tower Court A (Main)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Work-Based Learning and Experiences That Augment Dual Enrollment and RIgorous Curriculum







Dr. Rachel Endo, *Dean of Education, University of Washington Tacoma*
Dr. Alex Magaña, *Executive Director, Beacon Schools*
Jason Dropik, *Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)*
Dr. April Menzies, *Assoc. Vice President, K-12 Partnerships, Front Range Community College*
Bill Summers, *Principal, Cañon City High School*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

A Statewide Approach to AI in K–12 Schools






Dr. Susana Córdova, *Commissioner for Education, Colorado Dept. of Education*
Keith Bisaillon, *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*
Zach Kennelly, *AI Lead, DSST Public Schools*
Dr. Kenneth Bowen, *Program Coordinator, Master of School Admin. Program, Dept. of Leadership Studies, NCA&T*
Dr. Shawn Joseph, *Codirector 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*

K–12 (DAY II) — Tower Court A (Main)

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 (The Community Advancing Digital Learning)*
Barbara Bibas Montero, *Serial Entrepreneur, Cofounder, SafetyPay*
Stan Hickory, *Director, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado Boulder*
Juan Manuel Garcia, *Director of Channel Partner Strategy, Pearson*

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HIGHER ED (DAY I) — Tower Court B (Main)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Trustees Leading in Times of Change Across All Institutions






Dr. Mary Papazian, *Exec. Vice President, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges*
Victoria Vasques, *Owner & Chairwoman, Tribal Tech LLC; Board 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, American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)*
Frederick Lawrence, *Chief Executive Officer, Phi Beta Kappa Society; former president, Brandeis University*
Dr. Dolores Duran-Cerda, *Vice Chancellor for Student Excellence & Community Engagement, 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







Lisa Foss, *Executive Director, Council on Higher Education as a Stategic Asset for Our Nation*
Dr. Mary Papazian, *Exec. Vice President, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges*
Derrick Anderson, *VP for Enterprise Design and Policy, University of Utah; National Leader, American Council on Education (ACE)*
Dr. Rob Anderson, *President, State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO)*
Kristen Fox, *Chief Executive Officer, Business-Higher Education Forum*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

What Higher Education Leaders Can Learn From Tribal College Presidents:
Relationships, Places, Culture, Family, Community, and Belonging







Derrick Watchman, *President, Sagebrush Hill Group*
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*

HIGHER ED (DAY II) — Tower Court B (Main)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Business School and Corporate Collaborations to Make Grads Workforce Ready: *Creating Emerging Leaders*







Alfonzo Alexander, *President and CEO, The PhD Project*
Kristen Fox, *Chief Executive Officer, Business-Higher Education Forum*
Dr. Michael Clement, *Former Department Chair, Accounting, University of Texas at Austin*
Dr. Tracy Gonzalez-Padron, *Director, Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, Professor of Marketing and International Business, UCCS*
Dr. Jason Bennett Thatcher, *Professor, Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado-Boulder*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

College Presidents in the Making: *Purpose, Power, and Passion*







Dr. Terrence Cheng, *Chancellor, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities*
Dr. John Maduko, *President, CT State Community College*
Jesse Bernal, *President, Western 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 Alliance Reinvents Education: *Students at the Center*





Dr. LuWanna Williams, *Executive Director, REP4*
Dr. Philomena Mantella, *President, Grand Valley State University*
Elizabeth Doyle, *Executive Associate for Presidential Initiatives, Grand Valley State University*

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

Aniceto Chavez, *E. New Mexico Univ., 2023, Metrology Engr., Los Alamos Nat'l. Lab.*
Aniyah Ware, *Xavier Univ. of Louisiana, 2023, Researcher, Univ. of Mo. St Louis*
Anyx Burd, *Dillard Univ., 2024, Educator & Prog. Coord., Long Vue House and Gardens*
Ariana Vargas, *Red Rocks College, 2015, Land Mgmt. Tech., Nature Conservancy*
Arimus Wells, *Univ. of Denver, 2016, Realtor, MPA Cand., USC School of Public Policy*
Arlin Diaz-Torres, *Univ. of N.M., 2023, Graduate Teaching Asst., Univ. of N.M.*
Arnold Bhebhe, *Alabama State Univ., 2024, Software Engineer, Microsoft*
Ashle Tate, *Colorado State Univ., 2018, Generation Teach, Cohort Director*
Ashley Delgado, *N.E. Illinois Univ., 2020, Curriculum Designer, Chicago Publc Schools*
Autumn Coonrod, *Clark Atlanta Univ., 2024, Hotel Spec., Marriott Hotels*
Autumn Perez Diaz, *CSU Global, 2025, Contract Spec., U.S. Air Force*
Benice Atufunwa, *Univ. of S.F., 2018, UX/CX Content Strategy, Robinhood*
Betelhem Tewodros, *Metro State Univ., 2020, Customer Service Ambassador, CLEAR*
Betlhame Hailu, *George Washington Univ., 2020, Internat'l. Tax Trade & Customs, KPMG*
Brandon Williams, *Univ. of North Texas, 2025, Camera Operator, Texas Legends*
Brenna Martinez, *Williams College, 2018, Clin. Research Asst., Children's Hosp., Boston*
Brenda Marinez-Perez, *CU Denver, 2022, Field/Office Engineer, Kiewit Corp.*
Brenda Santoyo, *Univ. of Utah, 2020, Manager, Salt Lake Comm. College*
Brian Barrera, *Bentley Univ., 2025, Corp. Finance Intern, PWC*
Brian Kabbash, *MSU Denver, 2023, Events and Marketing Producer, Discosapien*
Brian Ysasaga-Christan, *Metro State Univ., 2023, Sys. Int. & Test Engr., Lockheed Martin*
Brionna Badoni, *Univ. of Oklahoma, 2025, Academic Advisor, Tulsa Public Schools*
Britteny Godar, *CSU Global, 2024, Client Svc. Super., Boulder Cty. Area Agency on Aging*
Brock Morris, *Miami Univ., 2023, Implementation Analyst, DHL Supply Chain*

STEAM (DAY I) — Spruce (Mezz)

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*
Jackie Bouvier, *President, Denver Chapter Board, Prospanica*
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 L. Peeples, *Harold and Inge Marcus Dean of Engineering, Penn State University*
Dr. Gregory Triplett, *Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, Saint Louis University*

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*
Brian Ysasaga, *Systems Intergration & Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin*
Cynda Collins Arsenault, *Cofounder and President, Secure World Foundation; Cofounder and Board Member, One Earth Future*

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*
Sharon Liang, *Computer Science student, California Polytechnic State University*

STEAM (DAY II) — Spruce (Mezz)

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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; Founder and Chairman, ListenUp, USA*
Rita Peterson, *Chief Executive Officer, Caribou Thunder*
Zak Zielezinski, *Chief Executive Officer, GLX Studio, MediaMobz Inc.*
Barbara Pennell Jaynes, *Board Member, NRL Colorado; Women In Manufacturing*
Kennon Harrison, Jr., *Head of Corporate Workforce Partnerships, ETS*

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*

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

Bustaman Kartabrata, *Metro State Univ., 2017,Transportation/Trucking/Rail Pro.*
Camryn Roberts, *Shenandaoh Univ., 2023, Clinical Spec., Oak Street Health*
Carli Rodriguez, *Arapahoe C.C., 2021, Appr. Program Spec., Ind. Electrical Contractors*
Cassandra Ortega, *MSU Denver, 2019, Accounts Payable Spec., Nat'l. Corp. Housing*
CeCe Rodgers, *Tougaloo Univeristy, 2020, 5th Grade Teacher, KIPP Academy*
Chanelle Ahmed, *CU Denver, 2026, Youth Adv., Partners for Children's Mental Health*
Charlee Riggio, *Regis Univ., 2017, Collaborative Gain, Member Experience*
Chelsea Situmeang, *CU Denver, 2020, Educator & Youth Cncl., Young Aspiring Americans*
Chloe Dechiro, *Arapahoe C.C., 2021, Internship Advisor, CU Denver*
Christian Thornton, *Univ. of North Texas, 2023, Asst. Designer, Perry Ellis Internat'l.*
Christina Souknarong, *Univ. of Utah, 2020, Student Success Manager, Salt Lake C.C.*
Christopher Baz, *Univ. of Denver, 2020, CSC Super., Dept. of Veterans Affairs*
Christopher Jimenez, *Pikes Peak Comm. College, 2020, Office Manager, Future Matters*
Connor Sturgeon, *Southern Indiana Univ., 2020, Mental Health Spec., Indiana Univ.*
Cristina Gonzales Diaz, *CSU Pueblo, 2022, Membership Coord., Latino C. of C. Pueblo*
Cynthia Rojo-Chavez, *CU Denver, 2020, 5th Grade E/S Lit. Teacher, College View Elem.*
Damowa Biah, *CSU Global, 2024, Admin. Asst., Altruistic Transition Agency*
Daniel Thomas, *Virgina Union Univ., 2022, Adjunct Professor, Baltimore Comm. College*
Daniella Duran, *Univ. of Denver, 2020, Victim Advocate, Lakewood Police Dept.*
Danielle Edwards, *Carnegie Mellon, 2022, Software Engr./Product Owner, Carnegie Mellon*
David Garcia, *Co. Mesa Univeristy, 2020, Project Manager, My Future Pathways*
David Merlano, *Arapahoe C.C., 2023, Industry Ambassador, College Rennaisance Corps*

TECH (DAY I) — Century (Mezz)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Digital, Functional, and AI Literacy: *Accessibility for All Learners*







Dr. Jessica Rothenberg Aalami, *Founder and CEO, Cell-ED*
Jorge Costa, *Asst. Professor, Studio Recording and Engineering, School of Music, Dance and Theater, Arizona State University*
Erika Twani, *Cofounder and CEO, Learning One to One Foundation*
John Watson, *Founder, DLAC (The Community Advancing Digital Learning)*
Zach Kennelly, *AI Lead, DSST Public Schools*

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*
Amanda Camilotti, *Legal Expert and Artificial Intelligence Trainer, Outlier*
Dr. Kenya Radoli, *Principle Business Innovation Consultant, Carnegie Mellon University*
Dr. Linda Van Doren, *Vice President of Education, Emily Griffith Technical College*
Andres Quintanar, *Neuroscience and Data Science graduate, University of Southern California*

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, *Founder, Essence magazine, former Chariman, 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, *Master Coach*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

Advancing Innovation: *TECH Ingenuity Improving Economic and Social Mobility*






Rahim Rajan, *Chief Executive Officer, AQL Labs*
John Pasmore, *Founder, CEO, Latimer.AI*
Jonathan Petts, *Cofounder, CEO, Upsolve*
Dominique Levin, *Senior Advisor, Climb Together*

TECH (DAY II) — Century (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Women in Technology: *Solving the World's Greatest Digital Needs*







Erika Twani, *Cofounder and CEO, Learning One to One Foundation*
Dr. Ivory Dean, *Scientist and Founder, Dr. Dean the Science Queen*
Brianne Chittenden, *Education Technology Manager, Eagle County School Disrict*
Summer Beach, *Education Exec. Leadership Consultant, T-Mobile; Chief Executive Officer, Mosaic Minds Consulting*
Dr. Norma Scagnoli, *Chief Learning and Information Officer, Illinois Institute of Technology*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

How AI Is Reshaping Learning and Work: *Equipping All for Success*







Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outhink AI*
Solomon Abiola, *Chief Executive Officer, Guidance Technologies*
Jason Palmer, *Cofounder & Interim President, Socrait*
Zach Kennelly, *AI Lead, DSST Public Schools*
Dr. Kenya Radoli, *Principle Business Innovation Consultant, Carnegie Mellon University*

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*

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

David Trinh, *CU Denver, 2024, Facilitator, NVIDIA*
Deandre Lee, *NC State Univ., 2022, Therapist, Family Ties Counseling Center*
Dena Sarraji, *Comm. College of Denver, 2020, Biomedical Engineering PhD Candidate*
Derek Garcia, *MSU Denver, 2021, Peer Professional, Comm. College of Denver*
Destinee Wells, *Clark Atlanta Univ., 2023, Therapist, Tranquil Life Counseling Center*
Destiny Calderon-Ruiz, *Trinadad State College, 2020, Consult., Security Svc. Fed. Credit*
Destiny Mares, *Co. Mesa Univ., 2022, Engineering Aide, Lockheed Martin*
Diamond Wilson, *St. John's Univ., 2022, Special Asst., Equity Comm. Real Estate Sol.*
Diana Roman, *CSU Global, 2024, Client Engagement Quality Assurance Mgr., Cerebral*
Dillon Teska, *Front Range Comm. College, 2024, Operations Spec., UDR*
Donovan Bethea, *NC A&T Univ., 2025, HR Intern, JP Morgan*
Elijah Ortegon, *CU Denver, 2022, Freelance Residential Architect (Self-Employed)*
Elise Tran, *School of Mines, 2018, Project Controller, Nat'l. Renewable Energy Lab.*
Elsa Yehdego, *Univ. of N. Colorado, 2020, Claims Spec., Social Security Admin.*
Emily Balentine, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2026, Behavioral Health Tech., KVC Health Systems*
Emily Hernandez, *Shenandaoh Univ., 2023, Scheduling Mgr., Annandale Millwork Corp.*
Emmanual Walker, *Comm. College of Denver, 2020, Lead Intelligence Analyst, U.S Army*
Erica Estrella, *Bentley Univ., 2026, Program Mgr., Friends of Waltham Family School*
Erik Nevarez, *CSU Pueblo, 2021, Amazon Logistics Specialist*
Erin Washington, *Shenandaoh Univ., 2023, Analyst, Deloitte*
Estefani Peña Figueroa, *Metro State, 2020, Prog. Dir., Latinx Student Svc., CU Denver*
Fartun Faray, *MSU Denver, 2024, Team Lead, Resettlement Agency*

HEALTH (DAY I) — Windows (Main)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

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, *(Healthcare SVP) panel speaker*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

Workforce Resilience Across All Fields of Health: *Executives, Clinicians, and Frontline Staff*






Nkanta (Nick) Hines, Sr., *(GM board member, CEO Capital Strategy Group, and Healthcare COO) panel speaker*
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*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

Workforce Talent Pipeline: *Healthcare 2050*







David Mafe, *Vice President, Human Resources, UCHealth*
Michelle Barnes, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Human Services*
Kenya Manning, *(Healthcare CAO) panel speaker*
Blair Fogoros, *Division Director, Talent Acquisition, CommonSpirit Health*
Kelli Metivier, *Director of Operations, College of Health Care Professions Fort Worth*

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*
Michelle McDaniel, *Program Manager, Trinidad High School, Hummingbird Health Pathways Initiative*
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) — Windows (Main)

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 Foundation 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, DNP, MSHCE, MSN Ed, RN, *System Director for DEI and Belonging, CommonSpirit Health*
Yolanda Webb, *Executive Director, The Arc of Adams County*
Jenni Gasbarro, *Senior Product Director, Diverse Donors and Youth Engagement, Biomedical Services, American Red Cross*
Karen Brown, *Chief Executive Officer, iAging*
Sara Schueneman, *State Director, AARP Colorado*

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*

GLOBAL WORK SKILLS (DAY I) — Tower Court C (Main)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Latino Leaders Opening Job Opportunities for All Students and Grads







Thomas Savino, *Chief Executve Officer, Prospanica*
Patricia Pacheco de Baez, *Managing Director, Bank of America*
Erika Cramer, *Chair, Prospanica National; Cofounder and General Partner, How Women Invest*
Patricia Barela Rivera, *Executive Director, U.S. Small Business Administration*
Mike Ferrufino, *President & CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

From First Gen to College to Global Corporate Board Leadership







Dr. L'Tanya Spinelli, *Head of T-Mobile K-12 Education NE/ISA; President and CEO, The ED-Group, Inc.*
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*
Jesse Bernal, *President, Western Connecticut State University*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

Who Needs College Anymore? *Bright Futures Without College*







Kathleen deLaski, *Founder and CEO, Education Design Lab*
Justin Wellum, *Senior Manager of College Initiatives, DSST Public Schools*
David Lopez, *Associate Underwriter, Pinnacol 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







Amanda Tovar, *Chief Operating Officer, Prospanica*
Xan Pearson, *Executive Director, CareerWise Colorado*
Dr. Fernando Branch, *Principal, Robert F. Smith STEAM Academy*
Dr. Tonya Drake, *Chancellor and Regional Vice President, Western Governors University*
D.J. Whetter, *Chief Executive Officer, CiviCO*

GLOBAL WORK SKILLS (DAY II) — Tower Court C (Main)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Creating the Workforce of the Future: *How Data Unlocks Opportunity*








Marina Leight, *Director of Strategic Partnerships, Innovate + Educate*
Jonathan Wang, *Head of Growth, Craft Education, Western Governors University*
Jamai Blivin, *Founder and CEO, Innovate+Educate*
Dr. Shannon Block, *Chief Strategy Officer, Pairin*
Barry Burch Jr., *Manager of External Affairs, Denver International Airport*
Lee Wheeler-Berliner, *Managing Director, Colorado Workforce Development Council*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

Intergenerational Work Skills and Employment Solutions: *Expanding Careers, Mentoring, and Engagement*





Karen Chong, *Vice President of Audience Strategy, Age Inclusion, 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

Expanding Opportunity: *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*
Ruth Bauer, *President, Inside Track*
Christine Carpenter, *Chief of Staff, CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning)*
Tim Hogan, *Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, Roadtrip Nation*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

Conditions for Economic Mobility: *Five Pillars of Success That Create Opportunity for All*






Cindy Williams, *Executive Director, WorkLife Partnership*
Shadron Noonan, *Human Resources Manager, MM Solutions*
Tobey Miller, *Production Leader, MM Solutions*
Brittany Robinson, *Program Director, WorkLife Partnership*

FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDERS (DAY I) — Tower Court D (Main)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Thoughtfully Funding High Impact Areas: *Leadership for Lasting Impact*







Samuel Lalane, *Managing Director, Morgan Stanley*
Wendi Safstrom, *President, SHRM Foundation*
Richard Lewis, *Founder and CEO, RTL Networks and RTL Foundation*
Marcus Shaw, *President and CEO, AltFinance*
Holly Ruxin, *Founder and CEO, Montcalm*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

Endowment Creation, Management, and Growth in Challenging Times:




Patricia Pacheco de Baez, *Managing Director, Bank of America*
Anna Pruitt, *Senior Vice President and Philanthropic Strategist, Bank of America Private Bank*

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*
Steffanie Clothier, *Director, School Readiness, Gary Community Ventures*
Jonathan Hui, *Senior Program Officer, Detroit, Kresge Foundation*
Laura Carlson, *Vice President of Programs, Buell Foundation*

FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDERS (DAY II) — Tower Court D (Main)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Powering the Future With Family Offices and Multigenerational Wealth Strategies








Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outhink AI*
Erika Cramer, *Chair, Prospanica National; Cofounder and General Partner, How Women Invest*
Maria Dayton, *Senior Director of Capital Partnerships, LG*
Jim Hayden, *Trustee, Family Office*
Nicole Johnny, *Investment Associate, Raven Indigenous Capital Partners*
Nicole BreakofDay Wabaunsee, *Owner & Founder, Total Tribal*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

Philanthropy and Business Building America's Workforce






Kristen Fox, *Chief Executive Officer, Business-Higher Education Forum*
Michelle Armstrong *Managing Director and President, Ares Charitable Foundation*
Kristin Boyer, *President and CEO, Trellis Foundation, Trellis Foundation*
Dr. Jasmine Haywood, *Strategy Director, Lumina Foundation*

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 Support of the UN*
Kevin Faulcon, *Product Specialist, Western Asset Management*
Ann Hynek, *Director of Marketing, Flat Rock Global*
Derrick Watchman, *President, Sagebrush Hill Group*
Dr. Praful Shah, *Board of Directors, PharmaJet, Inc.; GlobalMindED Foundation/Funders Equity Team*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

How to Appropriately Friend-Raise and Cultivate Major Donors








Jim Hayden, *Founder, Board Developer*
Yolanda Webb, *Executive Director, The Arc of Adams County*
Holly Ruxin, *Founder and CEO, Montcalm*
Tiffany Oestreicher, *Independent REal Estate Professional, Private Donor*
Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outhink AI*
JC Whorton, *Consultant, Lecturer, Author, Adjunct Faculty, University of Colorado Boulder*

POLICY (DAY I) — Colorado (Mezz)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Careers in City, State, and National Government







Beth McCann, *District Attorney, City of Denver*
Stephanie Garnica, *Director Global Business Development, Denver Economic Development and Opportunity*
Kiersten Kullenberg, *Outreach Director, Texas–Colorado–New Mexico, U.S. Global Leadership Coalition*
Antonio Huerta, *Southern Colorado Regional Director, Office of U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper*
Max Haynes, *Denver Metro Regional Director, Office of U.S. Senator Michael Bennet*

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*
Garin Vorthmann, *Co-Owner, Lobbyist, Colorado Legislative Strategies*
Aimee Edwards, *Executive Director, BioHive*
Taylor Szilagyi, *President & CEO, Colorado Farm Bureau*
Jenifer Waller, *Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Bankers Association*

POLICY (DAY II) — Colorado (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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

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 T-Mobile K-12 Education NE/ISA; President and CEO, The ED-Group, Inc.*
Dr. Michael Torrence, *President, Motlow State Community College*
Jesse Bernal, *President, Western Connecticut State University*
Alfonzo Alexander, *President and CEO, The PhD Project*
Russell Noles, *Past Chair, Board of Trustees, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

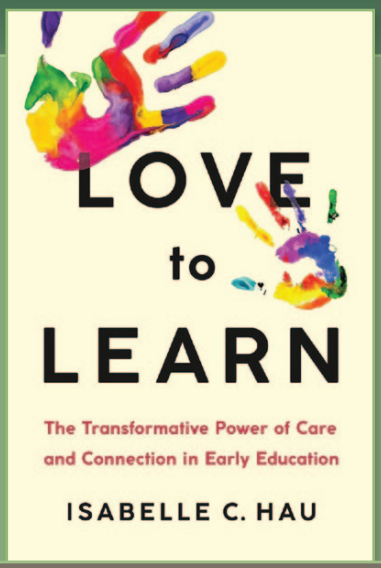
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How can each and every child (and person) learn and thrive?

Global philanthropist and Early Learning expert Isabelle Hau, executive director of the Stanford Accelerator for Learning, will share her insights at the speaker networking reception.

Tuesday Networking Reception • 4:30–6:00 • South Convention Lobby (Main)

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WORKSHOPS (DAY I) — Denver (Mezz)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

How to Build Sustainable Purposive Programs for Minority and First Gen Students







Introduction by Dr. Paula Hopkins, *Board VP, GlobalMindED; EVP Strategic Partnerships, 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, *Sociology Professor, 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

Listening to the Voices That Can Inform Us: *Health, Wellness, and Happiness*

In a world flooded with data, the most powerful insights often come from stories—especially those that've been overlooked or gone unheard.



Luis Duarte,
Chief Executive Officer,
A Moment of You" (Amoofy)

Bringing together technologists, educators, and community leaders, we'll explore how AI and storytelling can bridge divides, surface hidden wisdom, and drive meaningful change.

Participants can share their own reflections through guided storytelling powered by Amoofy.

AI helps identify themes, emotions, and values in the stories—revealing what matters most.

We'll unpack the insights together, asking: What can these voices teach us? And how do we act on what we hear?

Whether you're an educator, policymaker, or changemaker, this session will challenge your assumptions and inspire you to become a better listener, and a better leader, in the age of AI.

Come curious. Leave transformed.

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

Gabrielle (Gabby) Brosk, *Fairmonth State Univ., 2023, Emergency Dept. Scribe, WVU Med.*
Gemechu Gishu, *Comm. College of Denver, 2020, Accounting Clerk, Denver Mgmt. Svc.*
Graciela Guillen, *Regis Univ., 2017, Bilingual Resource Advocate, Rose Andom Center*
Hala Ashmaig, *Co. School of Public Health, 2024, Infection Prevention, Sky Ridge Med.*
Hana Mawlawi, *School of Mines, 2020, Sr. Automation Engineer, Eli Lilly*
Hanushya Pasupuleti-Tiwari, *Seneca Polytechnic, 2022, Program Officer, Health PEI*
Hector Ramos Diaz, *Univ. of Portland, 2021, Enrichment Teacher, The Saklan School*
Heidi Familia, *Miami Dade College, 2023, Entrepren. Spec., Start-Up Venture, MDC*
Humberto Pallares, *MSU Denver, 2023, Student Outreach Coord., Classroom to Carrier*
Ignacio Pardo, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2021, Sales Representive, RTS Financial*
Irina Amouzou, *CU Colorado Springs, 2023, Student Coord., Colorado College*
Isaiah Hardin, *Comm. College of Denver, 2021, PQ Marketing Manager, Vivax Pros*
Ivan Grachev, *CSU Global, 2024, Project Coord., Catchafire*
Jacari Gill, *Georgia Highlands College, 2022, Leadership Intern, Kohls*
Jacob Gordon, *Thomas More Univ., Prog. Coord., Accessibility Res., Univ. of Cincinnati*
Jakoby Mckinney, *NC A&T State Univ., 2027, U.S. Army, Greensboro–Winston Salem*
Janet Asante, *Scripps College, 2021, Communications Mgr., Dignity and Power Now*
Javier Figueroa, *Univ. of Alabama, 2020, Registered Nurse, UAB Medicine*
Javis Quach, *CU Denver, 2020, System Integration and Test Engineer, Ball Aerospace*
Jazmin Barahona, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2024, Dental Asst., Pacific Dental Services*

WORKSHOPS (DAY II) — Denver (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Best Practices for Internships That Launch Careers





Jorja Whyte, *Psychology Student, Colorado State University; Co-President, End Overdose @ CSU*
Jamie Van Leeuwen, *Managing Director, BuildStrong Foundation; Principle, Bucephalus Partners*
Tricia Edwards, *Interim Director, SITES | Smithsonian Affiliations*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

Supporting Students in Their First Two Years of College: *First-Gen College and Career Success*






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*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

REACHing Toward the Future: *Education to Elevate*






Michelle Campbell, *Executive Director, REACH (Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage)*
Elianne Van Slyke, *Program Coordinator, REACH*
Jovita Schiffer, *Extended Learning and Community Programs Manager, Boulder Valley School District*
Christina Vela, *Director of Diversity and Kinship, 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 VP, GlobalMindED; EVP Strategic Partnerships, 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*

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

Jemima Safi, *CU Denver, 2024, Peer Network Leader, Ambassador Foundation*
Jessica Cedillo, *Regis Univ., 2022, Financial Aid Advisor, Arapahoe C.C.*
Jesus Banuelos-Rivera, *CU Boulder, 2020, Project Manager, Milender White*
Jonathan Catch The Bear, *Sitting Bull College, 2023, Dir., North Dakota Native Vote*
Jordon Means, *West Virginia Univ., 2023, Clinical Assoc., WVU Medicine*
Jordon Taylor, *NC A&T State Univ., Brand Ambassador, Carharrt*
Joseph Mueller, *Va. Wesleyan Univ., 2022, Lighting and Sound Super., Va. Stage Co.*
Jose Perez, *Front Range Comm. College, 2018, Business Owner, Pixelhaven Gaming*
Jose Ramos Aguina, *Colorado State Univ., 2019, Sr. Analyst, Global IT SOX Compliance*
Josh Sekutera, *CU Colorado Springs, 2024, Cyber Security Engineer, Lockheed Martin*

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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 and 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






Kennon Harrison, Jr., *Head of Corporate Workforce Partnerships, ETS*
Mike Hess, *Founder & Executive Director, Blind Institute of Technology*
Rebecca Ledder, *Salesforce Project Lead, Blind Institute of Technology*
Bryan Forrest, *North America Area Vice President, Salesforce*

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Joshua Shelton, *Univ. of North Texas, 2023, Director, Services and Projects, UCEP*
Joyce Balajond, *Metro State Univ., 2020, Healthcare professional/Future RN*
Juan Gonzales, *CU Denver, 2024, Intake Specialist, Lisinski Law Firm*
Juana Rodriguez Tarango, *Adams State, 2023, Sr. Mentor at CAMP, Adams State*
Julio Valdez, *Sam Houston State Univ., 2021, Trading Rep., Fidelity Investments*
Julisha Wilkins, *Univ. of Missouri, 2022, Assoc. Consultant, IBM*
Kaitey Davis, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2024, Foster Care Case Mgmt. Spec., Cornerstones of Care*
Karely Hernandez, *UC Denver, 2021, Sr. Prof. Research Asst., Ctr. for Health, Work, Environ.*
Karina Hernandez, *Univ. of Denver, 2020, MPH Intern, Juntos Comm.*
Katie Cillessen, *Metro State Univ., 2015, Behav. Health Tech, Autism Learning Partners*
Kayla Cooper, *Univ. of Arizona, 2022, Registered Nurse, St. Joseph's Hospital*
Kayla Zimmerman, *CU Denver, 2019, 3rd Grade Teacher, Sabin World Elementary*

PRESENTATIONS (DAY II) — Grand Ballroom (Main)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

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 Codirector, TMW Center for Early Learning*
Michelle Kang, *Chief Executive Officer, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)*
Jessica Sager, *Cofounder & 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*





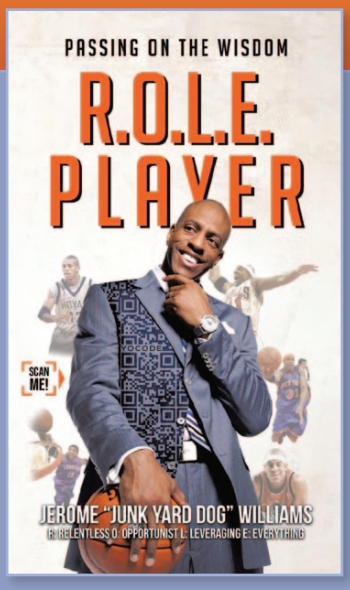

Lloyd Lewis, *President and CEO, arc Thrift Stores*
Elizabeth Moran, JD, *Advocate for Disability Rights, Executive Director, The Arc of Colorado*
Stephanie Engels, *Cofounder and Executive Director, Revel*
Janet Foos, *Director Arc Ambassador Programs, arc Thrift*

MEET THE AUTHOR: JEROME WILLIAMS

NBA Ambassador



R.O.L.E. Player is an inspirational autobiography that chronicles the life of NBA legend Jerome "Junkyard Dog" Williams. Known for his grit, hustle, and unrelenting spirit, JYD transcended the typical NBA story. Through his "Three Ms"—*mission, method, and measurables*—Williams reveals the blueprint for success, not just in professional basketball but in life. The book highlights his journey from a young boy navigating elementary school to becoming an NBA star, all while mastering the art of being an exceptional role player.



See Jerome at the Closing Session • Wednesday, 3:30–4:30 • Grand Ballroom

GLOBAL CLASSROOMS (DAY I) — North Convention Lobby (Main)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

Uplifting and Empowering Students' Global Voice: *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*
Kandace Wilkins, *Denver Kids Youth Pathways Advisor*
Oumou Cisse, *Denver Kids YP3 participant, Colorado State University Fort Collins*
Canaan Girma-Gibre, *Denver Kids YP3 participant, University of Colorado Colorado Springs*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

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







Diana Fetter, *Executive Director, Beyond the Black Screen Consulting*
Andi Almond, *Global Communications Leader, Author of "The Everywhere Classroom"*
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, *Chief Executive Officert, WorldDenver*
Catherine Ebert-Gray, *U.S. Ambassador (ret.) to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu; Senior Advisor, U.S. Dept. of State*
Barbara Coloroso, *Bestselling Author, Kids Are Worth It! Inc.*
Patricia Barela Rivera, *District Director, Colorado U.S. Small Business Administration (ret.)*
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 Convention Lobby (Main)

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*
Mario Casas Macias, *Student, Community College of Denver*
Stephanie "Tess" Devillier, *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*








JoAnna Cordell, *Art History graduate, University of Colorado Denver*
Alondra Solis Ayala, *Student President, Associated Students' Government, Colorado State University Pueblo*
Andres Quintanar, *Artificial Intelligence senior, University of Southern California*
Maya Ploi Blasi, *Recording Arts Technology and International Studioes student, University of Colorado Denver*
Ulises Heredia Trinidad, *Graduate Assistant, Metropolitan State University – Denver*
Dr. Victoria Obregon, *Director of Intercultural Initiatives and Belonging, Colorado State University Pueblo*

Where Are They Now? *GlobalMindED graduates in prosperous professions . . .*

Kaylenn Pulluaim, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2026, Team Member, Local Investment Comm.*
Kelvin Agyemang, *Colorado State Univ. 2024, Cloud Computing Engineer, Pfizer*
Kendrick Agyapong, *Bentley Univ., 2024, Private Bank Analyst, JP Morgan*
Kevin Argueta, *Colby College, 2021, Project Manager, Harris County*
Kevin Sajous, *Georgia Highlands College, 2024, Owner, Visuelkc Photography*
Kevin Tran, *Co. School of Mines, 2024, Assoc. Software Engineer, Northrop Grumman*
Ki'Andre Thomas, *Clark Atlanta Univ., 2023, Audit & Consulting Analyst, Dell Technologies*
Kiara Picharo, *Bentley Univ., 2024, Mentor Program Coord., Bentley Univ.*
Kimera Peterson, *Morgan State Univ., 2021, Structural Engineer, FHA*
Kyra Afolabi, *Univ. of Mo. KC, 2025, Intern Manager, IAM4THIRTEEN*
Laila Alfakih, *Middle Tenn. State Univ., 2024, Procurement Officer, State of Tenn.*
Laisa Gallegos, *CU Denver, 2020, 5th Grade Teacher, Marie Greenwood School*
Lakshmi Abraham, *Metro State Univ., 2020, Behav. Health Couns., Eating Recovery Ctr.*
Leah Porter, *CU Denver, 2019, Denver Program Manager, College Rennaisance Corps*
Leyla Abdi, *Metro State Univ., 2024, Mentor, LifeSpacial*
Louis Butler, *Sam Houston State Univ., 2020, Southern Univ. JD Candidate*
Luis Trejo, *Univ. of Utah, 2021, Comm. Health Worker, Salt Lake County*
Malvin Bonwa, *Univ. of Buea, Graphic Designer, Unity Cooperative Society (UNICS PLC)*

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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 Foundation*

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

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00



Protecting and Uplifting Child Rights WIth UNICEF

Lyric Vigil

Community Engagement Associate, UNICEF USA

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20



The Resilient Leader: *Making Critical Decisions in High Stress Situations*

Dr. Theresa Szczurek

Chief Executive Officer, Technology and Management Solutions, LLC

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20



Relit: *Innovation Leadership Reimagined— How to Rekindle Yourself in the Darkness of Compassion Fatigue*

Dr. Kenya Radoli

Principle Business Innovation Consultant, Carnegie Mellon University

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Maria Marin Garcia, *Co. Mesa Univ., 2022, Reading Intervention, Orchard Mesa School*
Maria Martinez, *CU Boulder, 2022, Undergraduate Program Coord.*
Mariah Thomas, *Univ. of North Texas, 2023, Design Asst., APNY Apparel*
Marie Gomez, *CSU Pueblo, 2022, Medical Asst., CU Dermatology*
Marie Grace Shayamba, *C.C. of Denver, 2023, Sr. Legal Asst., Wagstaff Law Firm*
Marisa Moran, *Ogala Lakota College, 2024, Receptionist, Meiners Animal Clinic*
Marisol Flores, *Cal State Channel Islands, 2023, Data Analyst, Saalex Solutions*
Melina Chacon, *MSU Denver, 2025, Contractor, Rising Higher Staffing Solutions Inc.*
Melissa Mendes, *Regis Univ., 2016, Jefferson County Librarian*
Melody Ornelas, *CSU Pueblo, 2018, Applied Behav. Analysis Therapy, Clinical Super.*
Michael Celiberti, *Motlow College, 2019, Educator, Hillsborough County Public Schools*
Michelle Bravo, *CUNY Lehman, 2020, Med. Scribe, Columbia Univ. Irving Medical Ctr.*
Michelle Kengkart, *Penn State, 2023, Legal Extern, Office of Penn. Attorney General*
Mileati Melese, *Emory Univ., 2025, Health Data Annotator, Meta via Apex*
Natalie Martinez, *CU Colorado Springs, 2024, Sports Mktg. Intern, Tom's Watch Bar*
Nazaree Diaz, *CSU Global, 2024, Epic ClinDoc Systems Analyst Assoc., UC Health*
Nico Sanchez, *School of Mines, 2020, Barry-Wehmiller Group, (Masters, Chem Engr.)*
Nicolas Soto Juarez, *S.F. State Univ., 2019, Ext. Care Asst. Dir., St. James Catholic School*
Nima Shahab Shahmir, *Maryland Inst. College of Art, 2024, Graphic Designer, HealthNet*
Oscar Fraire, *CU Denver, 2022, Residential Revenue Financial Analyst, Comcast*
Paul Park, *Emory Univ., 2019, Assoc., Veronique Oro Corp.*
Perla Bustillos, *Metro State Univ., 2018, Co-founder and Event Manager, Ednium*
RaeAnn Gutierrez, *CSU Pueblo, 2015, Director of Recuitment, Pueblo Comm. College*
Rhiannon Armbruster, *MSU Denver, 2023, Guest Relations, Athletics Dept., CU Boulder*
Richard Maez, *Univ. of Denver, 2015, Executive Director, Ednium*
Robert De Mata, *Univ. of Denver, 2019, Project Manager, MSU Denver*

ROUNDTABLES (DAY II) — Aspen (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

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 Rodrequez, *Superintendent, Grandview C-4 School District*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

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 Denver*

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GlobalMindED students and graduates welcome!



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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*
Dr. Kara H. Ahmed, *President, Educare Network*
Dr. Pamela Harris, *President & CEO, Mile High Early Learning*
Portia Kennel, *Consultant, Thriving Families Thriving Children*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20

Entrepreneurship for Economic Mobility: *From Seed to Scale to Sale for Underestimated Talent*

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Taylor McLemore, *Chief Operating Officer, Tilt; Founder, DAV Patriot Boot Camp*
Dr. Jessica Rothenberg Aalami, *Founder and CEO, Cell-ED*
Dr. Rebecca Corbin, *President & CEO, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE)*
Henry Wright, *Director of Technology, CoreLogic Inc.*
Diego Mariscal, *CEO & Chief Disabled Person, 2Gether-International*
Stan Hickory, *Director, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado Boulder*
Patty Williams-Downs, *Founder and CEO, BreakingBounds Enterprises*

Samuel Ogah, *Founder, Zoe Innovation Cloud Technology (ZICT)*
Jennifer Pacic, *Director, Mile High United Way*
Vu Tran, *Leadership Coach, Private Equity, Business Venture, Entrepreneur*
Rocío Pérez, *Founder, Inventiva Consulting, GlobalMindED Master Leader*
Lynn Wilson, *Founder, Chief Innovation Officer, SparqU*
Dr. Jamal Bowen, *Chief Development Officer, SparqU*
Maria González, *Founder and CEO, Adelante Community Development*

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Rodera Johnson, *Ft. Lewis College, 2021, After School Activities Spec., Navajo Prep.*
Roger Businge, *CSU Global, 2023, Managing Director, NAS Rentals LLC*
Rontavious Coley, *Georgia Highlands College, 2022, Owner, The Early Way 247 LLC*
Ruth Rivera, *Metro State Univ., 201, Translator, Adams 12 Five Star School District*
Saif Eldeen, *CU Denver, 2024, Project Mgr., Execs. Partnering to Invest in Children*
Sasha Shadrina, *Univ. of Denver, 2022, Law Clerk, Taft Stettinius and Hollister*
Savannah Lewis-Sweed, *Arapahoe C.C., 2020, Professional Artist, Littleton, Colorado*
Sergey Fouks, *Regis Univ., 2020, Pharmacist, Walmart*
Seth Hosfurd, *Metro State Univ., 2019, Research Assoc., James Martin Center*
Shauntel Thomas, *Ft. Lewis College, 2021, Project Coord., Fred Hutch Cancer Center*
Sheena Ortiz, *MSU Denver, 2023, Event Manager, ASM Global*
Sierra Funk, *Arapahoe C.C., 2021, Health Asst., Sierra Middle School*

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Veterans Healing, Leading, and Learning:
Times of Change

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Anthony Newton, *Microsoft Alumni Network*
Jerry Shelton, *Executive Director, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation*
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*
Vu Tran, *Leadership Coach, Private Equity, Business Venture, Entrepreneur*

Dan Roby, *Vice President, AMU Brand Expansion and Business Development, American Public University System (APUS)*
Richard Lewis, *Founder and CEO, RTL Networks and RTL Foundation, former Captain, U.S. Air Force*
Jim Hayden, *Air Force Military Brat*
Jonny Coreson, *Director of Workforce Strategy, Learning Economy Foundation*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20

Women, Power Accumulation, and Allies:
Empowering Women and Men to Succeed at Work and Leadership

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Dr. Sandy Jones *(for Simone Ross), Chief Engagement Officer, Colorado State University Global (CSU Global)*
Dawn Bookhardt, JD, *Member, Associates Review Committee, Butler Snow LLP*
Tom Brinegar, *Consultant, CFO Selections*
Maria Garcia Berry, *Founding Partner, CRL Associates; Board Member, Biennial of the Americas*
Bobby King, *Board Leader and Community Activist*



PROBLEM-SOLVING LABS (DAY I) — Silver and Gold (Mezz)

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

SESSION I 10:10–12:00

Technology to Algorithmically Scale GlobalMindED:
Student-Centered Design Thinking

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Tim Bozik, *GlobalMindED Tech Lead, former President of Higher Education and Chief Product Officer, Pearson*
Dr. LuWanna Williams, *Executive Director, REP4*
Zak Zielezinski, *Chief Executive Officer, GLX Studio, MediaMobz Inc.*
Jim Hayden, *Trustee, Family Office*
Dr. Beth Day-Hairston, *Dean, School of Education and Professional Studies, Fort Valley State University*
Elizabeth Doyle, *Executive Associate for Presidential Initiatives, Grand Valley State University*

Tova Sanders, *Presidential Associate, Fort Valley State University*
Jesse Bernal, *President, Western Connecticut State University*
Tara Mandrekar, *Associate Director, Ourmedia*
Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outhink AI*
Talon Courtney Watchman, *Undergraduate, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, Stanford University*
Lorraine Potvin, *Rising Sophomore, University of Colorado Denver*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20

Connection, Community, Collaboration:
LGBTQIA Leaders Across Every Audience

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Ethan Gutterman, *Founder, Imaginative Authentic Mapping (I AM); Deputy Director, BuildStrong Foundation*
Nadine Bridges, *Executive Director, One Colorado*
Tara Mandrekar, *Associate Director, Ourmedia*
Jim Hayden, *former Chair and Board Member, Dignity Health*
Rocío Pérez, *Founder, Inventiva Consulting, GlobalMindED Master Leader*

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Sophia Dennis, *Metro State Univ., 2018, Relationship Manager, Colorado Credit Union*
Taisha Gonzalez, *UT El Paso, 2025, Academic Mentor, GO Foundation*
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Xelene Rodriguez, *Univ. of N. Colorado, 2021, Legislative Asst., U.S. House of Reps.*
Xiomara Alfaro, *Auburn Univ., 2025, Shipping Assoc., Webster Fulfillment*
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Zaire Mattox, *Tenn. Tech Univ., 2025, Director, Tenn. Tech Univ. Foundation*

PROBLEM-SOLVING LABS (DAY II) — Silver and Gold (Mezz)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18

SESSION I 10:10–12:00

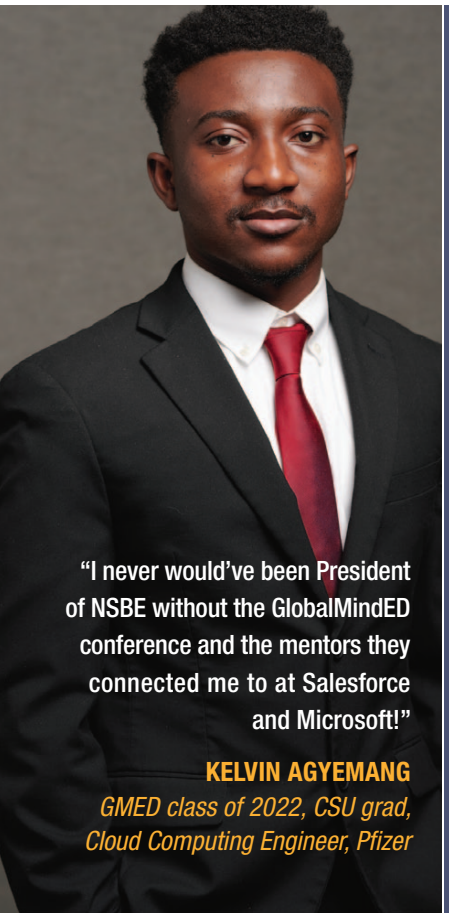
Green Innovation and Sustainable Development:
Careers and Trends in Air, Water, Wind, Solar, Energy, and Regenerative Agriculture

SILVER ROOM
MEZZANINE LEVEL



Wellington "Duke" Reiter, FAIA, *Founder and Director, Ten Across*
Dr. Kenneth Bowen, *Program Coordinator, Master of School Admin. Program, Dept. of Leadership Studies, NCA&T*
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Megan Christensen, *Climate Workforce Development Manager, Colorado Workforce Development Council & Colorado Energy Office*
Wahleah Johns, *Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy, U.S. Department of Energy*

Zach Kennelly, *AI Lead, DSST Public Schools*
Dr. Amber Rahn, *Regional Engagement Director, NSF ASCEND Engine in CO & WY*
Brian Johnston, *Workforce Development Program Manager, NSF ASCEND Engine in CO & WY*
James Marchiori, *Energy Educator, Colorado Cleantech Industries Association (CCIA)*
Demi Morishige, *Financial Analyst, Red Cedar Gathering Company*
Dr. Richard Luarkie, *Director, Native American Mining and Energy Sovereignty Initiative (NAMES), Colorado School of Mines*



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KELVIN AGYEMANG
GMED class of 2022, CSU grad, Cloud Computing Engineer, Pfizer

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IDEA CAFE (DAY I & II) — South Convention Lobby (Main)

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17–18 — 7:30–8:45 AM (*during breakfast*)

Intersectional Leadership Strategies



Dr. Luisa Montoya
Chief Executive Officer
Diversity Matters

The Power of Art to Unify Community



Felisha Bustos
Artist, Teacher, Life Coach
Be-Art-ifull

The Power of Sharing Your Story



Ana Temu Otting
President & CEO
Corazón Printing

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



Greer Campbell
Director of Marketing & Community Relations
Campbell-HR.com

Impactful Storytelling



Patty Williams-Downs
Founder and CEO
BreakingBounds Enterprises

From Rural America to Global Citizen



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

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



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

How Do Social Issues Interfere With Academics?



Dennis Perry
Researcher
Student Teacher Achievement and Recognition Program

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2025 PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS — Tower Court A (Main)

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 9:00AM – 3:00PM *(With paired coaching time during lunch. Meal not included.)*



Sarah Zeren
LifeBound Certified Master Trainer
Manager, WGU Coach, Western Governors University



Al Renshaw
Founder, Youth and Environmental Advocate
Logan's Love Foundation

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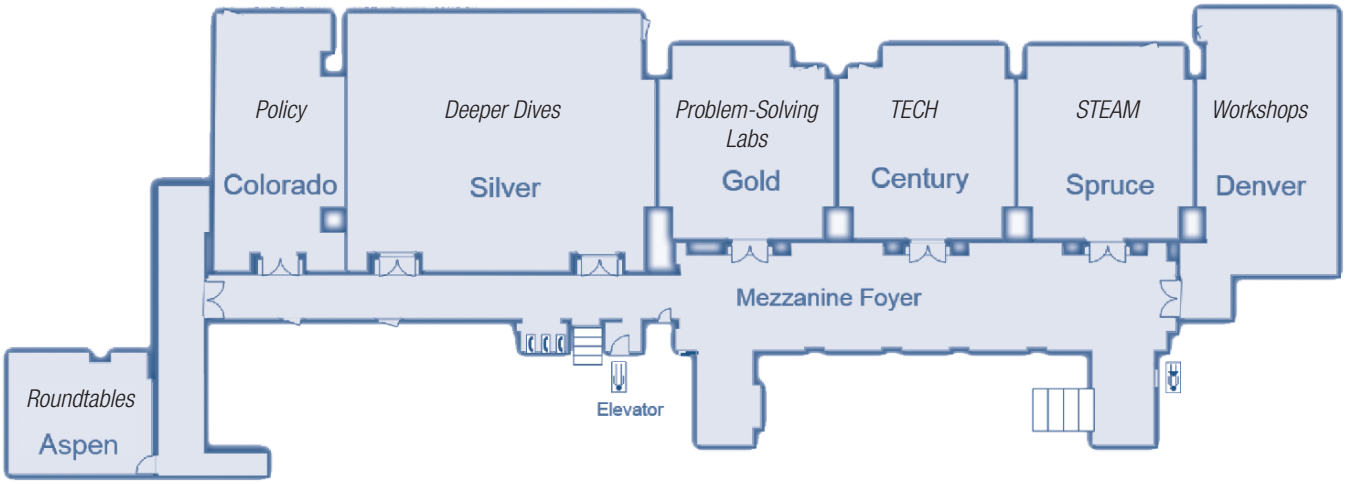


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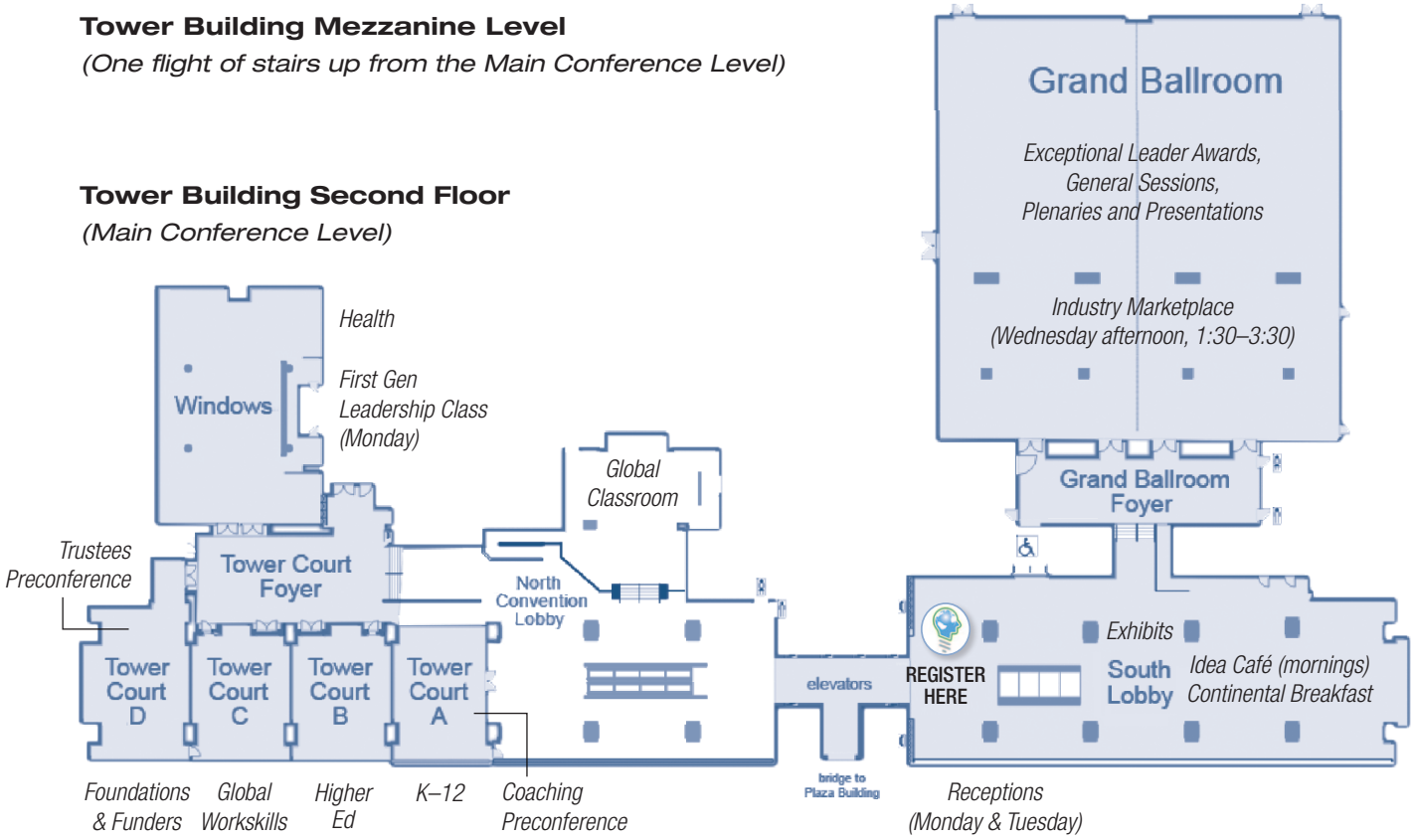


Tower Building Mezzanine Level

(One flight of stairs up from the Main Conference Level)

Tower Building Second Floor

(Main Conference Level)



Exceptional Leader Awards: Grand Ballroom
K-12 Track: Tower Court A (Main)
Higher-ED Track: Tower Court B (Main)
STEAM Track: Spruce (Mezz)
Tech Track: Century (Mezz)
Health Track: Windows (Main)
Global Work Skills Track: Tower Court C (Main)
Foundations Track: Tower Court D (Main)
Policy Track: Colorado (Mezz)

Workshops: Denver (Mezz)
Presentations: Grand Ballroom
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)
Industry Marketplace: Windows (Main)

Preliminary program. Final program publishes on June 17.

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