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*Chief Executive Officer*  
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Education of Young Children  
(NAEYC)

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**Jean-Claude Brizard**  
*President and CEO*  
Digital Promise  
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*former President*  
University of Maryland,  
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*Chief Executive Officer*  
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**Mike Lettig**  
*Sr. Managing Director,  
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American Financial Svcs.*  
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General Motors

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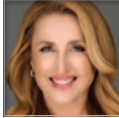














# 2026 First Gen Leadership Program GLOBALMINDED CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN

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

Windows

*For approved students to attend. Business attire, please.*

8:15-8:45	<b>Registration</b> <i>3rd floor</i>	
9:00-9:10	<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Goals of the Day</b> Dr. Paula Hopkins, <i>EVP Strategic Partnerships, Miami-Dade Beacon Council</i> Dani Bedoni, <i>Master Coach</i>	 
9:10-9:30	<b>Leveraging the GlobalMindED Success Network: Voice and Impact</b> Dr. Lori Marie Huertas, <i>Assistant Director, Industry Partnerships, MSU Denver</i> Brian Ysasaga, <i>Systems Intergration &amp; Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin</i> Angela Martinez, <i>Community Partnership and Marketing Manager, Thrive; President, GMED Emerging Leaders</i>	  
9:30-10:00	<b>Activating Your GlobalMindED Potential: Building Your Professional Pathway</b> Dr. Angie Paccione, <i>Chief Impact Officer, Verus Global Training and Management</i>	
10:00-10:30	<b>From Poverty to Prosperity: How Entrepreneurship Saved My Life</b> Travis Luther, <i>First Gen grad, serial entrepreneur, servant leader</i>	
10:30-11:00	<b>From Student to Grad to C-Suite to Board Leader to Philanthropist</b> Richard Lewis, <i>Air Force veteran, Founder and CEO, RTL Networks and RTL Foundation</i>	
11:00-11:45	<b>Global Leadership, Local Impact</b> Dr. Melinda Cain, <i>Managing Director, Real World Solutions</i>	
11:45-12:30	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Join people you don't know to grow your network and make new friends!</i> Chawtana Edwards, MPH, <i>Program Director, AGAPE Strategic Solutions of Maryland; VP Emerging Leaders, GlobalMindED</i>	
12:15-1:00	<b>Shooting for Peace: Your Struggles are your Strength</b> Jerome "JYD" Williams, <i>Author, producer, businessman, former NBA player for the New York Knicks</i>	
1:00-2:15	<b>How Failure Strengthens Leadership</b> Dr. Tony Hansberry II, <i>Psychiatry Resident, Tripler Army Medical Center</i>	
2:15-2:30	<b>Break</b>	
2:30-3:15	<b>Networking and Next Steps for Your Voice, Impact, Path, and Service: Leveraging Your Super Powers of Grit, Courage, Faith, Fearlessness</b> Patricia Barela Rivera, <i>Executive Director, U.S. Small Business Administration</i>	
3:15-4:00	<b>Speed Networking and Wrap-Up: Making the Most Out of Growing Your Leadership</b> Dr. Paula Hopkins, <i>EVP Strategic Partnerships, Miami-Dade Beacon Council</i> Rocío Pérez, MBA, <i>International Speaker, Bestselling Author, Creator of The MindShift Experience</i> Rimshah Jawad, <i>Strategic Initiatives and Data Consultant, InPerson+</i>	  
5:00-7:00	<b>Opening Reception</b>	SOUTH LOBBY
7:00-9:00	<b>First Gen Leadership and Exceptional Leaders Awards Dinner</b>	GRAND BALLROOM

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PRE-CONFERENCE  
 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION

# Math Learning in the Age of AI

Wed., June 10, 12:00–3:00 • University of Colorado Denver • Lunch included

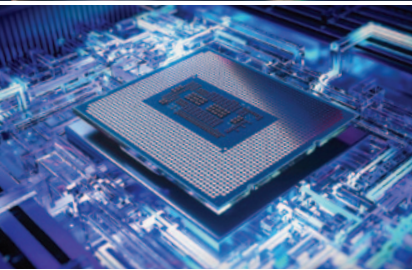


Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming how we teach, learn, and do mathematics leaving us with the question: *What is math's mission in an AI driven world?* Join us to debate, collaborate, and generate new ideas about our future and how AI tools can enhance critical thinking, personalize learning, foster conceptual understanding, and advance career paths involving mathematics.

## Introduction to AI in Our World Today and Predictions for Its Future

**QUESTION:** *Will AI be good for our world or bad?*

- What are current uses for AI?
- What are future predictions for AI usage and implementation?
- What will innovations in the future “look like” with AI?



## State of Mathematics in Education Today and the Push for AI Tools

**QUESTION:** *What is mathematical proficiency going to be in our future world with AI, and how will we learn it?*

- What is the state of achievement and student learning today?
- What are challenges in fostering student mathematics reasoning with technology?
- How might AI hinder or foster future learning in mathematics?



## Mathematics Understanding and Knowledge and Career Pathways

**QUESTION:** *What is our future career pathway going to look like with AI and human reasoning of mathematics?*

- How is math currently, deeply connected to careers?
- How is math relevant and why is proficiency important beyond school?
- How are AI's abilities to do math evolving in our world now?
- How does AI and human math-knowledge have the potential to overlap in the future?

*This event is made possible by GlobalMindED, Digital Promise, and the University of Colorado Denver.*

GlobalMindED welcomes



Dr. Karen Marrongelle  
 Provost, University of Colorado Denver

Jean-Claude Brizard  
 President and CEO, Digital Promise



Dr. Nicola Hodkowski  
 Dir., Mathematics Ed. Research, Digital Promise



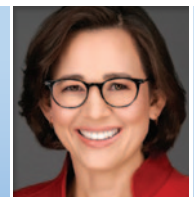
Dr. Po-Shen Loh  
 Professor of Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University



Debra Wilcox  
 Chair, Colorado Space Business Roundtable



Nithin Singh Mohan  
 AI & Supercomputing Leader, Hewlett Packard Enterprise



Erika Twani  
 Founder, Learning One to One



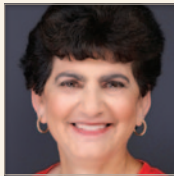
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GLOBALMINDED 2026 PRE-CONFERENCE FOR COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND TRUSTEES

# The Transformational College Leader

DESIGNING INSTITUTIONS THAT THRIVE IN AN AI-DRIVEN WORLD

*Presented by AGB and GlobalMindED College Leaders*



**Dr. Mary Papazian**  
*Global Fellow,*  
*University Design Institute*  
Arizona State University



**Barbara Gellman-Danley**  
*President*  
*Higher Learning*  
*Commission*



**Russell Noles**  
*Past Chair,*  
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University of Denver



**Dr. Justin Lonon**  
*Chancellor*  
Dallas College



**Dr. Yolanda Watson Spiva**  
*President and CEO*  
Complete College  
America



**Dr. Michael Gavin**  
*President and CEO*  
Alliance for  
Higher Education

This session is for presidents ready to move from incremental change to institutional reinvention. AI is redefining what students need, how faculty teach, what employers expect and what communities demand. This pre-conference focuses on how presidents can harness the power of AI to expand access, personalize learning, strengthen financial resilience, and build inclusive pathways to economic mobility. Leaders will walk away with new perspectives, actionable frameworks, strategic tools and renewed sense of purpose for the era ahead.

Options are available to attend the GlobalMindED Opening Reception from 5:00–7:00 pm, the Exceptional Leader Awards Dinner at 7:00 pm, and/or join the GlobalMindED 2026 Annual Conference on June 11 and 12.



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

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**2025 PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT** *(Fee waived with conference registration.)*

Tower Court A (Main)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 9:00AM – 3:00PM *(With paired coaching time during lunch. Meal not included.)*



**Dr. Jennifer McCrickard**

*LifeBound Lead  
Coaching Educator  
Professor of Philosophy,  
Drake University*

## Coaching Students for Personal and Professional Success in Challenging Times

*Building Academic, Personal, Practical, and Professional Skills*

**Learn effective coaching tools and practices that help students overcome setbacks, navigate challenges, and thrive.**

Students are navigating a time of extreme uncertainty in the job market while striving to cope with the aftermath of the pandemic, all while managing a challenging array of formats in their college coursework. Coaching strategies can support students' functioning and accountability as they face financial, social/emotional, and academic issues in this time.

This one-day, interactive session of LifeBound coaching training will give you coaching tools to help you meet students where they are right now and help them grow to their full potential.



**Sarah Kravits**

*LifeBound Certified  
Master Trainer  
Academic Coach,  
Rutgers University*

### Coaching strategies can help students in the age of AI:

- build academic, personal, practical, and professional skills,
- transition more effectively to college and the world of work,
- connect more deeply with faculty, staff, and resources,
- build accountability, self management, and skills of personal agency,
- navigate the myriad of uncertainties during this time,
- find fulfillment in school, work, and personal life,
- and gain the confidence to pursue the career they choose.



**Sarah Zeren**

*LifeBound Certified  
Master Trainer  
Manager, WGU Coach,  
Western Governors University*

### Creating a campus wide culture of coaching™

LifeBound trains and certifies individuals and institutions worldwide in coaching for personal, academic, and professional success. Our educators help students gain the practical, transferable skills they need to complete college, secure gainful employment, and achieve financial security.

*For more coaching training, sign up for the 3-Day Virtual Class via Zoom, or you can take the Asynchronous Guided Class on your own time and work with a private coach. More information can be found at [www.lifebound.com](http://www.lifebound.com).*



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## PRIVATE LEADERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

# UNLOCKING HUMAN CAPACITY AT SCALE

You are invited to a pre-conference roundtable with a select group of foundation leaders and legacy stewards to examine **the next highest-leverage investment frontier** in the United States: unlocking suppressed human talent at scale. This is an opportunity to engage not just as institutions and donors but as human beings.

Technology is no longer the defining ROI lever, *human capacity is.*

Yet the **systems** that cultivate leadership, belonging, and the next-generation talent *remain under-examined and under-coordinated.*



**HOLLY RUXIN**  
Founder & CEO  
Montcalm



**RAHIM RAJAN**  
Chief Executive  
Officer, AQL Labs

This private, candid dialogue will bring together peers operating at the highest levels of responsibility to explore:

- Where capital can most effectively **unlock talent**
- What **structural shifts** are required
- How collaboration at the leadership level can **accelerate impact**

The conversation serves as a strategic portal into the GlobalMindED Conference, shaping how participants engage the issues, the talent, and one another.

Two focused hours and lunch with **senior peers**, field-shaping perspective and making us all better human beings and stewards.

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

**South Convention Lobby (Main)**

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, JUNE 11 & 12

7:30–8:45 AM (during breakfast)

**Using AI to 10X Nonprofit Outcomes:  
Better ROI for Funders and Nonprofit Leaders**



**Dr. Solomon Abiola**  
*Biomedical, Mechanical, and Aerospace  
Engineering, Computer Science (AI)*

**From Insight to Impact:  
Leveraging Learning in a Business Internship**



**Dr. Susan Yturraspe**  
*Researcher, Speaker, and Consultant  
Yturraspe & Co.*

**How Can You Plan to Thrive—No Matter What?**



**Deena Larsen**  
*Organizational Development Strategist,  
Clearly Consistent  
formerly Bureau of Reclamation*

**LEADERSHIP—Leading With Balance:  
“Weighing It All”**



**Roddrick Marshall**  
*Board Member, SOAR Elementary  
CEO, FreshStart of Denver Consultant Group  
Public Speaker*

**Start Where You Are:  
Designing a Life of Purpose, Energy, and Impact**



**Scott Talvin**  
*Award-winning Radio Host  
and Motivational Speaker  
Magic 94.9 at Cox Media*

**Creating Worldwide Peacemakers**



**Richard Jordan**  
*United Nations Non-governmental  
Organizations*

**What Does Inclusive Leadership Look Like  
for First-Gen Talent in Practice?**



**Sherica Hymes**  
*Associate Dean, Memphis Academy  
of Civic Engagement  
Founder and CEO, Polished Consulting*

**First Gen Breakthrough:  
Rewiring the Mental Script**



**Quynh Anh Do**  
*Founder and Coach  
Self Management for Success*

**Who Should Care About STEAM Education?  
Considerations for Families and Communities**

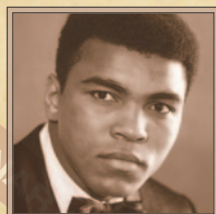


**Dr. Christian Anderson**  
*Assoc. Professor of Mathematics Education,  
Morgan State University*

**Africa-America Higher Education Partnerships**



**Dr. Pius Kamau**  
*President, AAHEP*



America is a place where the impossible becomes possible.

*Muhammad Ali*

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## GLOBALMINDED

# EMERGING LEADERS



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We're building a vibrant pipeline of talent through innovative programs, strategic partnerships, and real-world opportunities. Our community empowers emerging leaders to develop skills, expand their networks, and drive meaningful change. Join us for monthly meetings, networking opportunities, community service projects, and opportunities for professional and personal development. Grow your network locally, nationally, and globally!



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To learn more: contact Angela Martinez, President, Emerging Leaders at [angela.martinez@globalminded.org](mailto:angela.martinez@globalminded.org) or go to

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## EARLY LEARNING (DAY I)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

SILVER 10:10–12:00  
(Mezzanine)

### **Early Learning: Creating the Fabric of Our Democratic Future One Young Learner at a Time With Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Families**

#### DEEPER DIVES



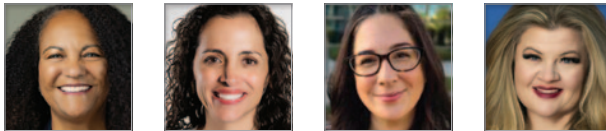
*Introduction & Overview*

Michelle Kang, *Chief Executive Officer, National Assoc. for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)*  
Chris Preston, *Chief Strategic Partnerships Officer, BlueSKY Collaborative Partners*  
Dr. Pamela Harris, *President and CEO, Mile High Early Learning*  
Blythe Keeler Robinson, *President and CEO, Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers*  
William Browning, *President and CEO, Clayton Early Learning*  
Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*

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

### **Policy, Programs, and Partners for Preschool and Early Education**

#### POLICY



Dr. Lisa Roy, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*  
Patricia Lozano, *Executive Director, Early Edge California*  
Mirel Herrera, *Senior Policy Analyst, Early Edge California*  
Theresa Christensen, *Founder and CEO, Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Development Center*

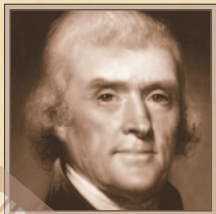
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### **Little Learners, Big Democracy: Why and How Funding 0-3rd Grade Will Secure Our Economic Future**

#### FOUNDATIONS



Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*  
Christine Benero, *President and CEO, Mile High United Way*  
Lucille Echohawk, *Tribal Advisory Council member, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

*Thomas Jefferson*, DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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## EARLY LEARNING (DAY II)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00  
TOWER COURT A

K–12

### Personal and Professional Self Care for Educators: *Surviving In Times of Extreme Challenge*



Dr. Rosemarie Allen, *Dean, School of Education, Metropolitan State University of Denver*  
Sharyn Pirtle, *Director of Education, Sing for Hope; Founder and Artistic Director, Young at Arts*  
Dani Bedoni, *Master Coach, President, Learning One-to-One; GlobalMindED Emerging Leaders*  
Kim LeClaire, *ISTE Faculty Consultancy, International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)*  
Palmira Tolotti, *Educational Public Policy Analyst, Palmira Tolotti Talks, Brazil*

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

K–12

### Inclusive Educator Talent Pipeline: *K-12 Leaders of Color Unifying and Empowering the Future*



Jason Dropik, *Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)*  
M. Ann Levett, Ed.D., *Senior Vice President, Leadership Network, AASA, The School Superintendents Association*  
Dr. Alex Marrero, *President, Assoc. of Latino Administrators & Superintendents (ALAS), Superintendent, Denver Public Schools*  
Dr. Jasmine Kullar, *Chief School Leadership Officer, Cobb County School District*  
Dr. Andraé Townsel, *Superintendent and CEO, Hartford Public Schools; President Elect, AASA (invited)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20  
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GLOBAL WORK SKILLS

### Caregiving, Supporting Employees for Our Economic Future: *Workforce Competitiveness Across Industries*



Wendi Safstrom, *President, SHRM Foundation*  
Nicole Riehl, *President and CEO, Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC)*  
Steve Schwab, *Chief Executive Officer, Elizabeth Dole Foundation*  
Dr. Tatiana Bailey, *Executive Director, Data Driven Economic Strategies*  
Don Vetal, *Cofounder and CEO, ChorUS; Founder and former CEO, LyfLynks*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20  
DENVER (Mezzanine)

WORKSHOP

### Early Learning—Where We Go From Here Between Now and Next June: *Blueprint for a Democratic Early Learner Success Pipeline*



Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*  
William Browning, *President and CEO, Clayton Early Learning*  
Dr. Lisa Roy, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*  
Jason Dropik, *Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)*  
Lucille Echohawk, *Founder, Native Americans in Philanthropy; Interim Exec. Director, Denver Indian Family Resource Center (invited)*  
Elsa Holguin, *President and CEO, Denver Preschool Program*



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**K-12 (DAY I)**

**Tower Court A (Main)**

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00** **The Future of Teacher Education Preparation:  
Bolstering Education as a Pillar of Democracy**



Dr. Cheryl Holcomb-McCoy, *President and CEO, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)*  
 Dr. Marvin Lynn, *Dean, School of Education, University of Colorado Denver*  
 Jeanie Lee, *Chief Executive Officer, PDK International/Educators Rising*  
 Dr. Cassandra Herring, *President and CEO, Branch Alliance for Educator Diversity (BranchED)*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00** **The Civic Fabric of Our Democracy: AI’s Rapid Integration Into K-12  
and How Teachers and Students Can Be Helped Not Harmed**



Erika Twani, *Founder, Learning One to One*  
 Jean-Claude Brizard, *President and CEO, Digital Promise*  
 Dr. Nicola Hodkowski, *Senior Researcher, Mathematics Education, Digital Promise*  
 Dr. Po-Shen Loh, *Professor of Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University*  
 Chris Gdowski, *Superintendent, Adams 12 Five Star Schools*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20** **Human-Centered AI Literacy: Teaching Strong Critical Thinking Skills  
to Evaluate AI Outputs, Algorithmic Bias, and Ethical Engagement**



Tom Vander Ark, *Advisor, Partner, and former CEO, Getting Smart*  
 Dr. Joseph South, *Chief Innovation Officer, ISTE+ASCD*  
 Zarek Drozda, *Director, Data Science 4 Everyone, University of Chicago*  
 Antonio Vigil, *Director of Innovative Classroom Technology, Aurora Public Schools*  
 Nithin Singh Mohan, *AI & Supercomputing Leader, Hewlett Packard Enterprise*

**BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20** **Where Opportunity Begins:  
Employment Launchpads for High School Talent and Postsecondary Leaders**



Lisa Dughi, *Chief Executive Officer, NAF*  
 Milanka Muecke, *Executive Director of Global Solutions and Services, Lenovo*  
 Amy Loyd, *Chief Executive Officer, All4Ed; former Asst. Secretary, Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Ed., U.S. Dept. of Education*  
 Lauryn Fisher, *former educator, former Lenovo intern & NAF graduate; Forensics Services Technician, Winston-Salem Police Dept.*

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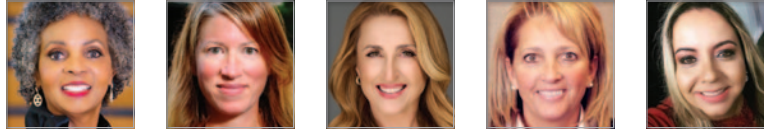
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K-12 (DAY II)

Tower Court A (Main)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Personal and Professional Self Care for Educators:**  
*Surviving In Times of Extreme Challenge*



Dr. Rosemarie Allen, *Dean, School of Education, Metropolitan State University of Denver*  
Sharyn Pirtle, *Director of Education, Sing for Hope; Founder and Artistic Director, Young at Arts*  
Dani Bedoni, *Master Coach, President, Learning One-to-One; GlobalMindED Emerging Leaders*  
Kim LeClaire, *ISTE Faculty Consultancy, International Society for Technology in Education*  
Palmira Tolotti, *Educational Public Policy Analyst, Palmira Tolotti Talks, Brazil*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Inclusive Educator Talent Pipeline:**  
*K-12 Leaders of Color Unifying and Empowering the Future*



Jason Dropik, *Executive Director, National Indian Education Association (NIEA)*  
M. Ann Levett, Ed.D., *Senior Vice President, Leadership Network, AASA, The School Superintendents Association*  
Dr. Alex Marrero, *President, Assoc. of Latino Administrators & Superintendents (ALAS), Superintendent, Denver Public Schools*  
Dr. Jasmine Kullar, *Chief School Leadership Officer, Cobb County School District*  
Dr. Andraé Townsel, *Superintendent and CEO, Hartford Public Schools; President Elect, AASA (invited)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Promoting Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Employment-Ready Skills**  
*With CTE Strategies: Career Success From Classroom to Workforce Impact*



Allison Doe, *Founder, Classroom to Leadership; CTE Business and Technology Instructor, Stride, Inv.*  
Laura Burke, *Chief of Innovative Systems and Empowerment, Venture Academy of Leadership and Entrepreneurship (VALE)*  
Neil Morris, *Vice President of Global IT, Redaptive, Inc.*  
Lee-Ann Hayen, *Chief Learner and Disruptor, Venture Academy of Leadership & Entrepreneurship (VALE)*  
Dennis Sierra, *Administration Leader, K-12 Education*



You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom. *Malcolm X*



Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

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HIGHER ED (DAY I)

Tower Court B (Main)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Leadership, Skills-Based Learning, and Employment-Ready Graduates in the Age of AI**



Susan Adams, *Founder, Women in AI Colorado; Assoc. Director of Teaching & Learning, Achieving the Dream*  
 Dr. Angie Paccione, *Chief Impact Officer, Verus Global Training and Management*  
 Dr. Melissa Vito, *Vice Provost for Academic Innovation, University of Texas at San Antonio*  
 Dr. Christine Looser, *Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, Minerva Project; Assoc. Professor of Business, Minerva University*  
 Rev. Lamont Wells, *Executive Director, Network of ELCA (Lutheran) Colleges and Universities (NECU)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Solutions to Top Challenges Facing College Presidents: Political Pressures, Institutional Autonomy, Enrollment Declines, Affordability, Student Debt, Mental Health and Student Well-Being, and Free Speech on Campus**



Barbara Gellman-Danley, *President, Higher Learning Commission*  
 Dr. Freeman Hrabowski III, *President Emeritus, University of Maryland, Baltimore County*  
 Brad Baca, *President, Western Colorado University*  
 Dr. Monte Randall, *President, College of the Muscogee Nation*  
 Dr. Marielena DeSanctis, *Chancellor, Colorado Community College System*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Developing a Strong Outward Mindset: Strategic Planning for the Future of Community College Innovation**



Dr. Colleen Simpson, *President, Front Range Community College (invited)*  
 Dr. Mordecai Brownlee, *President, Community College of Aurora*  
 Dr. Stephanie J. Fujii, *President, Arapahoe Community College (invited)*  
 TBA, *Title, Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) (invited)*  
 TBA, *Title, The League (for Innovation in the Community College) (invited)*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Leaders of Collegiate Leaders: Advancing Affordability, Belonging, and Employment-Ready Outcomes**



Dr. Mary Papazian, *Global Fellow, University Design Institute, Arizona State University*  
 Dr. Yolanda Watson Spiva, *President & CEO, Complete College America*  
 Dr. Justin Lonon, *Chancellor, Dallas College*  
 Dr. Meg Lota Brown, *Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, University of Arizona*  
 Nuno Fernandes, *President, American Public University System (APUS)*

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Tower Court B (Main)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

### Democracy Campus 2036:

*Building Morally Democratic Leaders in the Higher Education HIVE*



Dr. Michael Gavin, *President and CEO, Alliance for Higher Education*

Skye Perryman, *President and CEO, Democracy Forward*

Jonathon Feingold, *Professor of Law, Boston University*

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BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

### Articulation and Transfer AI Network (ATAIN):

*Making Students First in the College Transfer Process to Maximize Belonging, Completion, and Employment*



Dr. Karen Vignare, *VP, Digital Transformation for Student Success, Assoc. of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU)*

Dr. Zachary Pardos, *Associate Professor, School of Education, University of California Berkeley (invited)*

Dr. Angel M. Royal, *Senior Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) (invited)*

Angela Martinez, *Community Partnership and Marketing Manager, Thrive; President, GMED Emerging Leaders*

TBA, *Title, Affiliation*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

### Listening, Implementing, and Leveraging AI With Faculty and Students:

*Involving Key Stakeholders in Successful Outcomes*



Dave Toole, *Chairman, Outthink AI*

Zak Zieleski, *Chief Executive Officer, GLX Studio, MediaMobz Inc.*

Dr. Ron Gerhardt, *Chancellor, Chabot-Las Positas Community College District*

Lucinda Bliss, *Dean, College of Arts & Media, University of Colorado, Denver (invited)*

TBA, *Student, Columbia University*



This nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—  
and that government of the people, by the people, for the people,  
shall not perish from the earth. *Abraham Lincoln*

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**STEAM (DAY I)**

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## Cybersecurity Careers and Frontiers:

*Charting the Future of Safety, Strength, and Sovereign Systems*



Julia Costin, *Cofounder and COO, Cyber Qubits*

Danny Magallanes, *Board of Advisors, Impact Driven Comms; former FBI Cyber Threat Program Manager*

Lynn Dohm, *Executive Director, Women in CyberSecurity (WiCyS)*

Safa Edwards, *Director, Cyber Statecraft Initiative, Atlantic Council*

Shawwna Hoffman, *Chief Executive Officer, Armored Quantum, Inc.*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## Rocketing to Resilience: Aerospace Visionaries Protecting Freedom's Frontier



Debra Wilcox, *Founder, Creating Manufacturing; Chair, Colorado Space Business Roundtable*

Ron Lopez, *Managing Director, Astroscale U.S.*

Rich Kolberg, *Vice President of Business Development, Special Aerospace Services*

Rita Peterson, *Chief Executive Officer, Caribou Thunder*

Brian Ysasaga, *Systems Intergration & Test Engineer, Lockheed Martin (invited)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## Engineers Managing and Leading Innovation for the Future:

*Managing Change and Innovation for a Thriving Democracy*



Dr. Gilda Barabino, *Former President, Olin College of Engineering*

Lori Reynolds, *Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps (ret.); Member, Board of Trustees, American Public University System (APUS)*

Dr. Gregory Triplett, *Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, Saint Louis University*

Dr. Eden Mamut, *Professor, Engineering Thermodynamics, Ovidius Univ. of Constanta; Fellow, World Acad. of Art and Science*

Aidan Sens, *Engineering/Industrial Management student, Miami University*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## The Business and Technology of Aviation: Career Opportunities



Marlene Price, *Faculty, Aviation and Aerospace Sciences, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Boeing (retired)*

Anthony Clark, *Research Strategist, Center of Equity and Excellence of Aviation, Denver International Airport*

Michelle McMahon, *Director of Education, Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum*

Dawn Massop Love, *Chief Operating Officer, Advanced Space*

Alex Strickland, *Airline Safety Engagement Specialist, Boeing; Former Boeing 787 Captain, United Airlines*

Vanessa Blacknall-Jamison, *Executive Director, Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP)*

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Innovative Approaches for STEM Education: *The Metrics of Trust In the Age of AI***



Dustin DeBrum, *Operations Director, Innovation Programs, Noyce School of Applied Computing, Cal Poly*  
 Grace Crain-Wright, *Director of Programs and Education, Colorado Space Institute at Arapahoe Community College*  
 Jamaal Smith, *Vice President, Kajeet*  
 Dr. Chris Lupo, *Professor, Chair of the Computer Science and Software Engineering Dept., California Polytechnic State University*  
 Kristen Fox, *Chief Executive Officer, Business-Higher Education Forum (BHEF)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Elevating Math’s Global Purpose in the 21st Century: *Financial Markets, AI Math Literacy, Business Success***



Dr. Po-Shen Loh, *Professor of Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University*  
 Lena Taylor, *Vice President, Chief Information Security Officer, Cross*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Creating a STEM Ecosystem: *Cultivating Connection, Cross-Section Partnerships, and Community***



Dr. Janelle Johnson, *Director, Colorado STEM Ecosystem; Professor of STEM Education, Metropolitan State Univ. of Denver*  
 Jenny Frank, *Director, STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice, Teaching Institute for Excellence in STEM*  
 Dr. Eden Mamut, *Professor, Engineering Thermodynamics, Ovidius Univ. of Constanta; Fellow, World Academy of Art and Science*  
 Dr. Stephanie Rodriguez, *Director, STEMM Opportunity Alliance, American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science*  
 Barry Burch Jr., *Manager of External Affairs, Denver International Airport*



America. It is the only place where miracles not only happen, but where they happen all the time. *Thomas Wolfe*



The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do. *Steve Jobs*

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**TECH (DAY I)**

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## **No Tech Company Can Solve It: How Tech Companies Can Lead the Sea Change Needed**



Valerie Singer, *General Manager, Global Education, Amazon Web Services*

Tekla Moquin, *Skills to Jobs Leader—Americas, Asia-Pacific, Japan, Australia; Amazon Web Services*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## **Empowering Leaders Through Safety, Security, and Thoughtful Technology: Strengthening Democracies Worldwide**



Grant Schreiber, *Global Campaign Manager, WAAS Human Security for All Campaign*

Kinsey Fabrizio, *President, Consumer Technology Association*

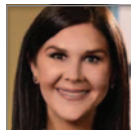
Dr. Ralph Wolff, *President, World University Consortium*

Amanda Ellis, *Sr. Director, Global Partnerships, Julie Ann Wrigley Global Futures Laboratory, Arizona State University*

Lawrence Ford, *Founder and CEO, Conscious Capital*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## **AI Innovators: From Startup to Scale**



Brittany Saunders, *President and CEO, Colorado Technology Association*

Musa Hakim Jr., *Cofounder and CEO, Lazy Moose Co.; Board Member, Breakthrough Public Schools (BPS)*

Casey Bleeker, *Cofounder and CEO, SurePath AI*

Susan Adams, *Founder, Women in AI Colorado; Assoc. Director of Teaching & Learning, Achieving the Dream*

Dr. Solomon Abiola, *Biomedical, Mechanical, and Aerospace Engineering, Computer Science (AI)*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## **Is AI Making Us Dumber or Smarter? Cognitive Guardrails for Tech Developers, Faculty, Education Leaders, and Managers**



Musa Hakim Jr., *Cofounder and CEO, Lazy Moose Co.; Board Member, Breakthrough Public Schools (BPS)*

Kennon Harrison, Jr., *Head of Workforce Partnerships, ETS*

Jasmine Motupalli, *Founder and CEO, The Data Love Company*

Lawrence Ford, *Founder and CEO, Conscious Capital*

Torian Richardson, *Chief Executive Officer, DBR77*

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## **Agricultural and Rural Tech:**

*Reinventing One of Our Oldest and Most Important Industries*



Daniel Ryley, *Vice President of Economic Development, Metro Denver EDC*

Troy Pegg, *Director of the Office of the CIO, CoBank*

Tiago Doracha, *Chief Operating Officer, Ardent Mills*

Dr. Lisa Jones, *President, Colorado Northwestern Community College (invited)*

Dr. Curt Freed, *President, Morgan Community College (invited)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## **Improving Public Safety Responsiveness: AI, Enhanced Tech, and Increased Human Effectiveness in Challenging Situations**



Chandy Ghosh, *Chief Operating Officer and General Manager, Emergency Services, Sinch*

Charles Gifford, *Vice President, Chief Information Security Officer, Intrado*

Eric Hagerson, *Public Safety and Security Government Affairs Director, T-Mobile*

Mag'e Hernandez, *Software Enterprise, Motorola Solutions*

Jason L'odense, *Chief Information Technology Officer, Global Medical Response*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## **Women Breaking Barriers in Tech and AI: From Entry Level to C-Suite**



Kathleen Lockhart, *Senior Vice President, Deal Management, Zayo Group*

Dr. Kiesha King, *U.S. Head of Strategic Engagement and Market Development, K-12 Education, Apple*

Shawwna Hoffman, *Chief Executive Officer, Armored Quantum, Inc.*

Katherine Kirchner, *Sr. Vice President of Service Assurance, Zayo*

Kate Carney Landow, *IEEE Women in Engineering Region 5 Coordinator, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers*

Crystal Black, *Fractional Marketing Leader, Sonet.io*



The essence of America, which really unites us, is not ethnicity, nationality or religion. It is an idea, and what an idea it is—that you can come from humble circumstances and do great things. *Condoleezza Rice*

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## Social Determinants of Health: Education, Housing, Climate, Food, Mental Health, and Digital Health Equity



Dr. Tony Hansberry II, *Psychiatry Resident, Tripler Army Medical Center*

Dr. Katie Bakes, *Emergency Physician, Rocky Mountain Regional Veterans Hospital*

Robin Bruce FN, BSN, RN, *Chairman, CCBN Inc. Aerospace (invited)*

Chawtana Edwards, MPH, *Program Director, AGAPE Strategic Solutions of Maryland; VP Emerging Leaders, GlobalMindED*

Dr. Mya O. Price, *Executive Vice President and Chief Social Impact Officer, Creating Healthier Communities*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## Population Health as a Basic Right: The Economic Need for Population Health Equity in Rural, Urban, and Global Locations



Dr. Georges Benjamin, *Executive Director, American Public Health Association*

Dr. Frances Ilozue, *Director, Rapha Family Wellness Centers*

Zaynab ("Lina") Shaheed, *MSc Candidate, Duke University School of Medicine*

Dr. Bob Belknap, *Executive Director, Public Health Institute, Denver Health*

Dr. Pierre Theodore, *Executive Director, Health Equity and Patient Inclusion, Roche-Genentech*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## Identifying Talent, Supporting Talent, Growing Talent, and Inspiring Talent: Creating a Thriving Healthcare Talent Pipeline



David Mafe, *Vice President, Human Resources, UHealth*

Blair Fogoros, *Region Director, Talent Acquisition, CommonSpirit Health (invited)*

Dr. Jandel Allen-Davis, *President and CEO, Craig Hospital (invited)*

Robyn Korkus, *Vice President, Enterprise Strategy, Terumo Blood and Cell Technologies*

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

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## Mindset and Emotional Awareness: Cognitive Sovereignty in the Age of AI



Dr. Lalit Bajaj, *Senior Vice President, Children's Hospital Colorado System*

Dr. Sampson Davis, *Founder and President, ER Doc*

Susan Adams, *Founder, Women in AI Colorado; Assoc. Director of Teaching & Learning, Achieving the Dream*

Dr. Fernando Branch, *Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Men of Color Collaborative*

Dr. Katherine Albert, *DNP, AOCNP, Medical Science Liason, Novartis*

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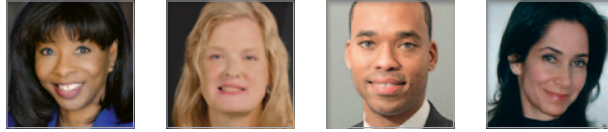
HEALTH (DAY II)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## AI Driven Solutions: Impacting and Improving Health Equity, Maternal Healthcare, and Social Determinants in Rural and Urban Communities



Dr. Indira Lanig, *Spinal Cord Injury Medical Director, Paradigm*  
 Dr. Vivienne Ming, *Cofounder, Chair, and Chief Scientist, The Human Trust*  
 Dr. Mikhail Higgins, *Founder and Medical Director, The Bahamas Fibroid and Interventional Clinic*  
 Dr. Saralyn Mark, *Founder and CEO, iGIANT and SolaMed Solutions, LLC*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## Aging in Place and Aging in Tech: Promoting Longevity and Health Equity Across Populations



Karen Chong, *Vice President of Audience Strategy, AARP*  
 Dr. Scott Brandt, *Founder and Medical Director, ThriveMD Longevity Medicine (invited)*  
 Dr. Erwin Tan, *Director of Health, AARP Thought Leadership, AARP*  
 Sydney Byer, *Director, Advocacy & Strategic Initiatives, Next50*  
 Dr. Maria Milagros Kneusel Rivera, *PhD, RN, System Director for DEI and Belonging, CommonSpirit Health (invited)*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## Apprenticeships and Internships Growing the Healthcare Talent Pipeline: Paperless Reporting, Measurement, and Learner/Employer Success Outcomes



Dr. Bridgett Willey, *Director, Allied Health Education and Career Pathways Department, University of Wisconsin Health*  
 Dr. Annette Cannon, *PhD, MA, RN, MSN, D-ABMDI, DF-AFN, Coroner, Jefferson County Colorado*  
 Ken Epps, *Adjunct Business Professor, Wake Forest University; Board President, GlobalMindED*  
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BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## Mitigating and Healing Trauma Through Human-Animal Connection, and Alternative Methods: Widening and Improving Options for Mental Health Treatments



Dr. Kevin Morris, *Executive Director, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver*  
 Chawtana Edwards, *MPH, Program Director, AGAPE Strategic Solutions of Maryland; VP Emerging Leaders, GlobalMindED*  
 Carol Frank, *Managing Director, BirdsEye Advisory Group*



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**GLOBAL WORK SKILLS (DAY I)**

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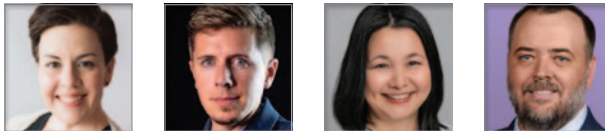
## **Financial Planning for Small Business: From Survival to Sustainability to Success for Underestimated Talent**



Karen Ashworth-Macfarlane, *Cofounder and CEO, Doña Loca; GlobalMindED Board Treasurer; former Wall Street executive*  
 Frank Robinson, *VP, Sr. Business Consultant, Chase Business Coaching for Impact, JPMorgan Chase & Co.*  
 Kristina Haskell, *Senior Accountant and CEO, Avalon Accounting*  
 Jason Janz, *Chief Executive Officer, Cross Purpose*  
 Kristopher Kerr, *Commercial Real Estate Broker, Cushman & Wakefield*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## **How Can Skills-First Learning Redefine the American Promise of Education?**



Kacey Thorne, *Senior Director of Skills Architecture, Western Governors University*  
 Tyson Heath, *Director of Credential Integrity, Western Governors University*  
 Dr. Tonya Drake, *Regional Vice President for the Northwest, Western Governors University*  
 Taylor Hansen, *Achievement Wallet Strategy and Ecosystem Principal, Western Governors University*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## **From First-Gen Grad to Professional Success to Corporate Leadership**



Dr. Kiesha King, *U.S. Head of Strategic Engagement and Market Development, K-12 Education, Apple*  
 Maria Gonzalez, *Founder and CEO, Adelante Community Development*  
 Barbara Bickham, *Founder and Managing Partner, Trilyn VC*  
 Torian Richardson, *Chief Executive Officer, DBR77; formerly with NVIDIA*  
 Jeaneen Kappell, *JD, Attorney, formerly of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

## **Impact of Relational Trust on People, Organizations, and Communities: Democracy and Gainful Employment Around the World**



Catherine Carlton, *Managing Trustee, San Mateo County Vector Control District*  
 Rodney Bolden, *Executive Director, Head of Workplace Benefits Insights, Morgan Stanley at Work*  
 Shirlayne Quayle, *Founder and CEO, PowerLane Studio; Cofounder, Women's Influence Network*  
 Derrick Watchman, *President, Sagebrush Hill Group*  
 Maria Dayton, *Senior Director of Capital Partnerships, LG*

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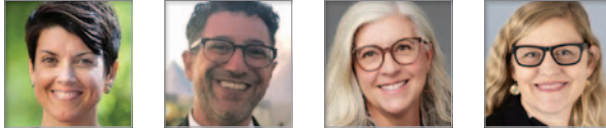
GLOBAL WORK SKILLS (DAY II)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## State-by-State Alignment of Workforce Skills With Public Purpose: Higher Education Driving Democracy and Economic Thriving



Ashley Finley, *Vice President for Research, Senior Advisor to the President, American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U)*

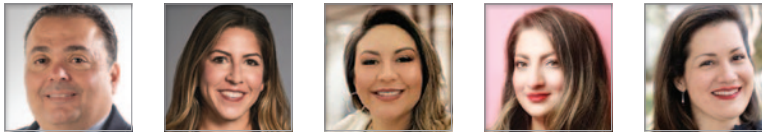
Noah Geisel, *Micro-Credentials Program Manager, University of Colorado Boulder*

Dr. Melanie Booth, *Principal, Nectary Solutions*

Dr. Niesha Taylor, *Director of Career Readiness, National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE)*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## Latino Leaders Growing Talent in Times of Great Challenge



Thomas Savino, *Chief Executive Officer, Prospanica*

Elyse Estrada, *Vice President Client Experience and Performance, Yahoo*

Amanda Tovar, *Chief Operating Officer, Prospanica (invited)*

Jackie Bouvier, *President, Denver Chapter Board, Prospanica (invited)*

Rocio Pérez, *MBA, International Speaker, Bestselling Author, Creator of The MindShift Experience*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

## Caregiving, Supporting Employees for Our Economic Future: Workforce Competitiveness Across Industries



Wendi Safstrom, *President, SHRM Foundation*

Nicole Riehl, *President and CEO, Executives Partnering to Invest in Children (EPIC)*

Steve Schwab, *Chief Executive Officer, Elizabeth Dole Foundation*

Dr. Tatiana Bailey, *Executive Director, Data Driven Economic Strategies*

Don Vetal, *Cofounder and CEO, ChorUS; Founder and former CEO, LyfLynks*



People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel. *Maya Angelou*



Men and women are like right and left hands: it doesn't make sense  
not to use both. *Jeannette Rankin*

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## FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDERS (DAY I)

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### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Democracy in Action: Creating Financial Empowerment for Generations**



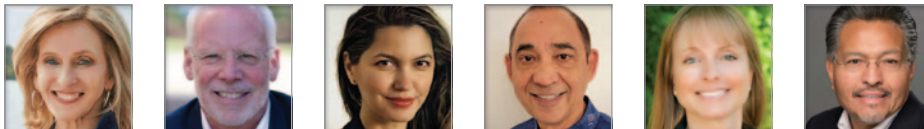
Milton Chen, *Formerly of Edutopia—The George Lucas Educational Foundation*  
 La June Montgomery Tabron, *President and CEO, W.K. Kellogg Foundation*  
 Santhosh Ramdoss, *President and CEO, Chief Investment Officer, Gary Community Ventures*  
 Mike Lettig, *Native American Financial Services, Huntington National Bank*  
 Barbara Bickham, *Founder and Managing Partner, Trilyn VC*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Courageous Funding in Times of Change With the Next Gen and Seasoned Gen: Connecting Across Differences to Fuel the Future With Individual Donors**



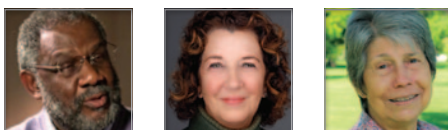
Anna Pruitt, *Senior Vice President and Philanthropic Strategist, Bank of America Private Bank*  
 Rodney Bolden, *Executive Director, Head of Workplace Benefits Insights, Morgan Stanley at Work*  
 Letizia Pileggi, *Cofounder, Lumina Investment Group; Lead Instructor, Climb Your Everest (invited)*  
 Kyle Hybl, *President and CEO, El Pomar Foundation*  
 Maria Dayton, *Senior Director of Capital Partnerships, LG*

### BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Funding Sources for New and Existing Initiatives: Social Impact and Philanthropy Are Central to National and Global Economic Security**



Wendy Lea, *Board Member, Elevate Quantum; Cofounder and Chair, Energize Colorado*  
 JB Holston, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Higher Education (invited)*  
 Indrani Pal-Chaudhuri, *Founder and Chief Vision Officer, Open Origin*  
 Dr. Praful Shah, *Board of Directors, PharmaJet, Inc.; GlobalMindED Foundation/Funders Equity Team (invited)*  
 Catherine Carlton, *Managing Trustee, San Mateo County Vector Control District*  
 Derrick Watchman, *President, Sagebrush Hill Group; Chair of the Board, RES*

### BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Little Learners, Big Democracy: Why/How Funding 0-3rd Grade Will Secure Our Economic Future**



Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*  
 Christine Benero, *President and CEO, Mile High United Way*  
 Lucille Echohawk, *Tribal Advisory Council member, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*

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JUNE 10, 11, 12 SHERATON DENVER DOWNTOWN

## FOUNDATIONS AND FUNDERS (DAY II)

Tower Court D (Main)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Risk, Return, and Resilience: A New Framework for Philanthropy**



Christopher Coritsidis, *Founder, Opus I Foundation*

Nisaa Jetha, *Founder and Curator, Impact for SDGs*

Andrew Lee, *Direct Liason to the Board, Office of the CEO, Management Leadership for Tomorrow*

Ali Motroni, *Founder, Field Guide*

Christiaan van Driel, *Director, Family Office Solutions, UBS*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **What Differentiates America? Social Mobility, Advancement, and Opportunity**



Rahim Rajan, *Chief Executive Officer, AQL Labs*

Greg Ratliff, *Senior Vice President of Advisory Services, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors*

Elizabeth González, *Chief Program and Strategy Officer, College Futures Foundation*

Dr. Zoe-Stemm-Calderon, *Executive Director, Raikes Foundation*

### BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Pathways to Possibilities: Philanthropies Powering Post-Secondary Attainment and Career Success**



Tina Gridiron, *Chief Impact and Learning Officer, ACT Center for Impact and Learning*

Jenny Achilles, *Senior Program Officer, Trellis Foundation*

Desiree Vazquez Barlatt, *Program Director, The Carroll and Milton Petrie Foundation*

Dr. Susan Johnson, *Director of Grants Administration, Lumina Foundation*



The American Dream is something that every immigrant brought to this country, as my parents did, and that is the ability to go as far as you can in life, limited only by your own dreams, and willingness to work hard. *Colin Powell*



Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. *Emma Lazarus*

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**POLICY (DAY I)**

Colorado (Mezz)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 Careers in City, State, and National Government**



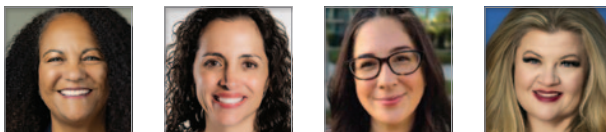
Stephanie Garnica, *Director Global Business Development, Denver Economic Development and Opportunity*  
Beth McCann, *District Attorney, City of Denver*  
Antonio Huerta, *Legislative Liason and Public Information Officer, Colorado Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs (invited)*  
Alyssa Nilemo, *Executive Director, Asian Chamber Foundation of Colorado (invited)*  
Max Haynes, *Political Director, Bennet for Governor*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 Making a Difference with Law School and Professions in Legal Careers**

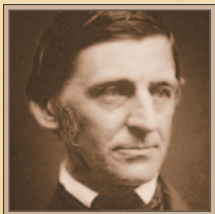


*Introduction & Overview* Jeaneen Kappell, JD, *Attorney, formerly of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*  
Dr. Kimberle Jackson-Butler, *Executive Director, Law School—Yes We Can!*  
Brandon Gonzalez, *J.D. Candidate, Rosenberg College of Law, University of Kentucky*  
Kimberly Luna, *Attorney, Appellate Law Clerk, Colorado Court of Appeals*  
Katie Wynn Lorne, *Attorney, Ralph L. Carr Appellate Fellow, Colorado Attorney General's Office*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 Policy, Programs, and Partners for Preschool and Early Education**



Dr. Lisa Roy, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*  
Patricia Lozano, *Executive Director Stay, Early Edge California*  
Mirel Herrera, *Senior Policy Analyst, Early Edge California*  
Theresa Christensen, *Founder and CEO, Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Development Center*



America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of divine providence on behalf of the human race.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson.*



Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity. *Herbert Hoover*



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**POLICY (DAY II)**

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



Richard “Lennon” Audrain, *Head of Innovation and Policy Initiatives, Next Education Workforce Initiative, Arizona State Univ.*  
 Julie Ferin, *Executive Director, National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP)*  
 Dr. Marvin Lynn, *Dean, School of Education & Human Development, University of Colorado Denver*  
 Jaci King, *Consultant for Federal Advocacy and State Affiliates, American Assoc. of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) (invited)*  
 Jack Elsey, *Founding Partner & CEO, Michigan Educator Workforce Initiative (invited)*

**BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 Democracy, Tribal Nation Building, Sovereignty, and Land Restoration:  
Advancing Native American Political Leadership**

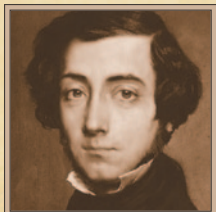


Larry Wright, Jr., *Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians*  
 Buu Nygren, *President, Navajo Nation*  
 Shannon Holsey, *President, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians*  
 Stephen Roe Lewis, *Governor, Gila River Indian Community*

**BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 Amplifying and Activating Alumni Civic Engagement:  
Reinvesting In Leadership and Policy Change for Home-Grown Talent**



Richard Maez, *Executive Director, Ednium*  
 Elijah Huff, *Research & Action Manager, Ednium: The Alumni Collective*  
 Synique Cortez, *Elementary Educator, Denver Public Schools*  
 Angelica Granados, *Policy Advisor, Division of Youth Services, Colorado Department of Human Services*  
 Ousman Ba, *Programs Director, African Leadership Group*



The greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.

*Alexis de Tocqueville*



For while we have our eyes on the future, history has its eyes on us. There is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it.

*Amanda Gorman*

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## GLOBAL CLASSROOMS (DAY I)

North Convention Lobby (Main)

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

### Preparing for Global Leadership: *GlobalMindED, Global Livingston Institute, and Colorado Leaders for 150 More Years of Impact*



*Introduction & Overview*

Huda Almaghour, *Program Assistant, The World Bank*  
 Dr. Henrika McCoy, *Dean, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver*  
 Jamie Van Leeuwen, *Managing Director, BuildStrong Foundation*  
 Sofia Rodriguez, *Master of Social Work candidate, University of Denver*  
 Bernadetta Owusu, *Master's candidate, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, University of Colorado Denver*  
 Joshua Best, *Master's candidate, Advanced Energy Systems, Colorado School of Mines*  
*plus 15 GlobalMindED/Global Livingston Institute Fellows*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

### Orchestrating Impact: *Music-Inspired Teamwork, Leadership, and Global Citizenship for Young Adults*



Diego Carniero, *Founder and Director, AmazonArt Foundation; Cofounder, Orchestrating Peace*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

### How High School Students Help Humanity to Thrive in the Age of AI



Dr. Po-Shen Loh, *Professor of Mathematics, Carnegie Mellon University*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

### Beacons of Peace: *Building International Bridges of Impact, Understanding, and Collaboration*



Sarmad Khan, *Founder and CEO, Telos Futures*  
 Indrani Pal-Chaudhuri, *Founder and Chief Vision Officer, Open Origin*  
 Sharina Gutierrez, *Cofounder, Rise and Redemption Foundation*  
 Shawwna Hoffman, *Chief Executive Officer, Armored Quantum, Inc.*  
 Richard Jordan, *United Nations Non-governmental Organizations*

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### BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Equity, Economics, Politics, International Leadership, and Cultural Identity**



*Introduction & Overview* Ken Epps, *Adjunct Business Professor, Wake Forest University; Board President, GlobalMindED*  
 Dr. Ryan Ross, *Chief Executive Officer, Urban Leadership Foundation of Colorado*  
 Nicole Jones, *Chief Executive Officer, Elite Workforce Consulting*  
 Jeffrey Kass, *Speaker and Consultant, Jeffrey Kass Global; Professor of Law, University of Denver*  
 Wafa Saeed, *Founder and Principal Consultant, ProjectEDGE*

### BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Denver Kids and Rotary Celebrate 80 Years: Building a Strong Employment Pipeline With the Emerging Leaders Who Are Our Future**



*Introduction & Overview* Huda Almaghour, *Program Assistant, The World Bank*  
 Jay Grimm, *Chief Executive Officer, Denver Kids; Rotary Club of Denver*  
 Jim Goddard, *Trustee and Owner, Goddard Commercial Trust; Past President, Rotary Club of Denver*  
 Tamara Otero, *Business Owner, Alfabet Soup, LLC; Rotary Club of Denver*  
 Vicki Barkate Brentin, *Colorado Chair, Helping a Hero; Chair for Community Service, Rotary Club of Denver*  
 Jeaneen Kappell, *JD, Attorney, formerly of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission*  
 Diane Knight, *Principal, Kessel Performance Consulting; LifeBound Coach; Rotary Club of Fort Collins*

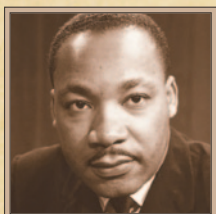
### BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Collaborative Impact, Community, and Connection: Through Creativity, Science, and the Arts**



Andrea Albo, *Executive Director, Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)*  
 Christin Crampton Day, *Executive Director, Colorado Business Community for the Arts (CBCA)*  
 Jannett Matusiak, *Executive Director, Collaborative of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)*  
 Libby Barbee, *Sr. Program Manager, Colorado Creative Industries, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade*



This world of ours . . . must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect. *Dwight D. Eisenhower*



Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred. *Martin Luther King Jr.*

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## WORKSHOPS (DAY I)

Denver (Mezz)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Why Good People Do Rascist Things: How to Be an Effective, Inclusive Leader**



Jefferey Kass, *Speaker and Consultant, Jeffrey Kass Global; Professor of Law, University of Denver*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Sports, Inspiration, Transformation: Becoming an Impactful Change Agent, Generous Leader, and Global Citizen**



Gwen K. Young, *Chief Executive Officer, Women Business Collaborative (invited)*

Joann Moreira López, *Manager Community Relations and Supporter Services, Denver Summit FC*

Landon Jordan, *President and Founder, RunKind; Psychology Student, Union College of Union County, NJ*

Guiselle Torres JD, *General Counsel, Denver Summit FC (invited)*

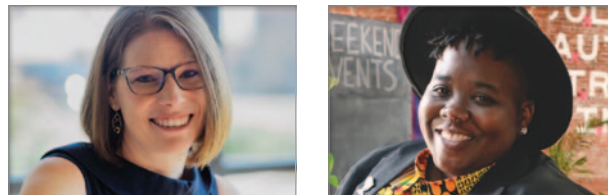
Patrick Jones, *Founder and CEO, Vocatio*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Navigating AI Implementation: Thoughtful Inclusion, Governance Principles, and Equity Outcomes With Employees, Faculty, Staff, and Students**



Ahrash Bissell, *President and Chief Academic Officer, The NROC Project*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **How Do We Move in Harmony? Building Collective Wellness Through Voice, Movement, and Community**



Kim Schultz, *Cofounder and Codirector, Unity Project Colorado Springs*

Victoria Lipscomb, *Cofounder and Codirector, Unity Project Colorado Springs Colorado Springs*



America is a place where you can reinvent yourself, no matter how many times you've failed.

*Walt Disney*



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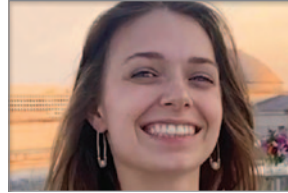
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## WORKSHOPS (DAY II)

Denver (Mezz)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Cultivating Curiosity: Powerful Questions for Deep, Meaningful Conversations**



Tim O'Shei, *Chief Learning Strategist, Ode Ventures; Founder, "Live! Starring . . . You!"*

Emily Matthew, *Contributing Writer, The New York Times; Founder, Senior Communications Associate, Ode Ventures*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Corporate Fractional Leadership:  
Powering and Empowering the Talent Pipeline**



, *Director, Commercial Readiness, Uber Freight; President, Polished Consulting*

Sherica Hymes, *Associate Dean, Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement; Founder and CEO, Polished Consulting*

TaJuan Stout Mitchell, *Dean, Memphis Academy of Civic Engagement*

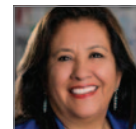
BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20 **Student-Centered Approach to Data:  
Transforming Teaching and Learning Through Evidence-Informed Practices**



H. Ray Keith, *Associate Director of Teaching and Learning, Achieving the Dream*

Ayse Durmus, *Curriculum Specialist and Instructional Coach, HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-op*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20 **Early Learning—Where We Go From Here Between Now and Next June:  
Blueprint for a Democratic Early Learner Success Pipeline**



Ralph Smith, *Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading*

William Browning, *President and CEO, Clayton Early Learning*

Dr. Lisa Roy, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*

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

Lucille Echohawk, *Tribal Advisory Council member, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*

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



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## PRESENTATIONS (DAY I)

Grand Ballroom (Main)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

### You Can Make It Happen:

*Leveraging Your Authentic Identity as Your Passport to Success*



Stedman Graham, American educator, author, businessman, and public speaker

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

### Leaders, Strategies, and Systems of Belonging:

*Building a Fortified Talent Pipeline*



Dr. Dedrick Sims, Chief Executive Officer, Sims-Fayola Foundation; Chairman of the Board, The Hancock Foundation

Steve Atwater, Investor, former Denver Broncos, NFL Hall of Fame *(invited)*

Michael Hancock, Chief Executive Officer, Hancock Foundation; former Mayor of the City of Denver

Elias Diggins, Sheriff, City and County of Denver

Michael Giles, Jr., Superintendent, Aurora Public Schools

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

### Successful Early Career Launchpads:

*Growing Your Professional Success, Network, Abilities, and Skills*

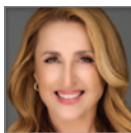


Gary Bolles, Chair for the Future of Work, Singularity University

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

### Latina Women Breaking Barriers:

*Politics, Small Business, and Civil Society*



Dani Bedoni, Master Coach, President, Learning One-to-One; GlobalMindED Emerging Leaders

Maria Gonzalez, Founder and CEO, Adelante Community Development *(invited)*

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

Ramona Martinez, Former President, Denver City Council *(invited)*

Jackie Bouvier, President, Denver Chapter Board, Prospanica *(invited)*

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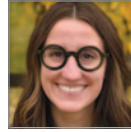
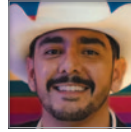
PRESENTATIONS (DAY II)

Grand Ballroom (Main)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

## **Courageous Democratic Leadership: A Statewide Model of Communities Expanding Democracy in Colorado From the Ground Up**



Dr. Landon Mascareñaz, *Chief Executive Officer, Courageous Colorado; State Board Chair, Colorado Community College System*

Beth Hendrix, *Executive Director, League of Women Voters for Colorado*

Tony Haas, *Volunteer Engagement Director, Veterans for All Voters*

Dr. Michael Cortés, *President and CEO, Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, and Research Organization (CLLARO)*

Uriel Espinoza, *Cofounder and CEO, Scholarlead*

Jamie Engel, *Founding Chief Partnership Officer, Courageous Colorado*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

## **The Next Ten Years of Education to Career Pathways: Future-Ready Apprenticeships Center and the Employer Apprenticeship Accelerator**



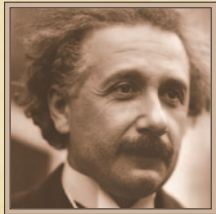
Ryan Gensler, *Executive Vice President, Director of National Partnerships, CareerWise USA*

Kiersten Barnet, *Executive Director, New York Jobs CEO Council (invited)*

Daniel Serota, *Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, Aon (invited)*

Kyla McNally, *Managing Director, Talent and Employee Experience, JPMorgan Chase (invited)*

Jojo Conlan, *Senior Global Human Resources Leader, Apple (invited)*



America is a country where men and women have the right to think and act according to their conscience. *Albert Einstein*



The life of the nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous. *Frederick Douglass*



I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom. *Bob Dylan*

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## ROUNDTABLES (DAY I)

Aspen (Mezz)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00

### **The Last Exit—Lessons from the Terminally Ill and Healing for Bereaved Parents, Siblings, Friends:** *Honoring Those We Will Lose and/or Have Lost With a Lasting Legacy*



Sarah Kravits, *LifeBound Certified Master Trainer; Academic Coach, Rutgers University; Sibling Coordinator, Bereaved Parents USA*  
Travis Luther, *Author "The Last Exit: Lessons In Life and Business From the Terminally Ill"*

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00

### **Turning Your Identity Into Your Professional Superpower:** *Building Social Capital for Career Advancement*



Sumayyah Emeh-Edu, *Chief Experience Facilitator, Embedded Consulting*

BREAKOUT III 1:30–2:20

### **Systems Supporting Access, Communication, and Opportunity**



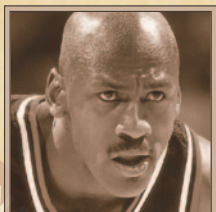
Dusty Gulleson, *Chief Executive Officer, eResources*

BREAKOUT IV 2:30–3:20

### **Downside of Digital Credentials: *Protecting Learners From Hidden Pitfalls***



Dr. Kelly Page, *Founder and CEO, Live What You Love Studio*



America: the place where dreams can come true,  
but only if you're willing to work for them.

*Michael Jordan*



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## ROUNDTABLES (DAY II)

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BREAKOUT I 10:10–11:00 **Reimagining the Freshman Year Experience for HBCU Success**

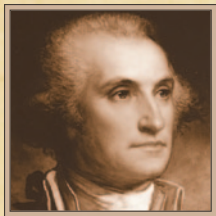


Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad, Assoc. Professor of Sociology and Criminology, Howard University

BREAKOUT II 11:10–12:00 **Transforming Workplace Culture:  
Unlocking First Gen Economic Mobility**



Arquella Hargrove, Chief Culture Officer, Alchemy Consulting Group  
Yvonne Harris, Title, Harris Consulting

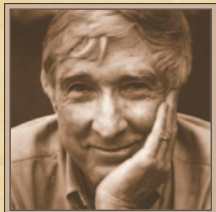


Liberty when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.

*George Washington*



Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed. *Langston Hughes*



America is a vast conspiracy to make you happy. *John Updike*

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## DEEPER DIVES (DAY I)

Silver and Gold (Mezz)

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SESSION I 10:10–12:00

### Early Learning:

*Creating the Fabric of Our Democratic Future One Young Learner at a Time With Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Families*

GOLD ROOM

MEZZANINE LEVEL



Introduction & Overview

Michelle Kang, Chief Executive Officer, National Assoc. for the Education of Ypung Children (NAEYC)

Chris Preston, Chief Strategic Partnerships Officer, BlueSKY Collaborative Partners

Dr. Pamela Harris, President and CEO, Mile High Early Learning

Blythe Keeler Robinson, President and CEO, Sheltering Arms Early Education and Family Centers

William Browning, President and CEO, Clayton Early Learning

Ralph Smith, Managing Director, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading

SESSION II 1:30–3:20

### Entrepreneurship for Economic Mobility:

*From Seed to Scale to Sale for Underestimated Talent*

SILVER ROOM

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Dr. Rebecca Corbin, President and CEO, National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE)

Chip Weismiller, Founder, Everyday Entrepreneur Venture Fund

Stuart Weismiller, Founder, Everyday Entrepreneur Venture Fund

Dave Toole, Chairman, Outthink AI

Zak Zielezinski, Chief Executive Officer, GLX Studio, MediaMobz Inc.

Rocío Pérez, MBA, International Speaker, Bestselling Author, Creator of The MindShift Experience

Dr. Solomon Abiola, Chief Executive Officer, Guidance Technologies

Laura Burke, Chief of Innovative Systems & Empowerment, Venture Academy of Leadership and Entrepreneurship (VALE)

Musa Hakim Jr., Cofounder and CEO, Lazy Moose Co.; Board Member, Breakthrough Public Schools (BPS)

Lee-Ann Hayden, Chief Learner and Disruptor, Venture Academy of Leadership and Entrepreneurship (VALE)

Karen Ashworth-Macfarlane, Cofounder and CEO, Doña Loca; GlobalMindED Board Treasurer; former Wall Street executive

Stan Hickory, Director, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Colorado Boulder (invited)

Leah Jean Shafer, Program Manager, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative, University of Colorado Boulder

Maria Gonzalez, Founder and CEO, Adelante Community Development (invited)

Henry Wright, Director of Technology, CoreLogic Inc. (invited)

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SESSION I 10:10–12:00

### New Identities from Military to Civilian Life for Effective Career Transitions: Education, Skills Development, Entrepreneurship, Community Service, and Board Leadership

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Anthony Newton, *Microsoft Alumni Network, Director of Product Management, AireSpring*  
 Jerry Shelton, *Executive Director, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation*  
 Lori Reynolds, *Lieutenant General, U.S. Marine Corps (ret.); Member, Board of Trustees, American Public University System (APUS)*  
 Steve Schwab, *Chief Executive Officer, Elizabeth Dole Foundation*  
 Brian Kibby, *former president, McGraw-Hill Higher Education Group; Board Member, Grade Potential Tutoring*  
 Richard Lewis, *Founder and CEO, RTL Networks and RTL Foundation*  
 Barbara Faulkenberry, *Major General, U.S. Air Force (ret.); Independent Corporate Director, Callon Petroleum*  
 Dr. Tony Hansberry II, *Psychiatry Resident, Tripler Army Medical Center*  
 Nina Ekholm Fry, *Director of Equine Programs, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver*  
 Gail Colvin, *Colonel, U.S. Air Force (ret.), Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force Academy (invited)*  
 Dr. Reid Jewett Smith, *Vice President, Research and Policy, Disability:IN*  
 Dr. Kevin Morris, *Executive Director, Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver*  
 Shawwna Hoffman, *Chief Executive Officer, Armored Quantum, Inc.*  
 Adam Popp, *Board Member and Peer Mentor, EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Warrior Foundation*  
 Jasmine Motupalli, *Founder and CEO, The Data Love Company*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20

### Building a Workforce Pipeline for Ability Status Learners, Earners, and Leaders

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Ann Hynek, *Director of Marketing, Flat Rock Global*  
 Dr. Reid Jewett Smith, *Vice President, Research and Policy, Disability:IN*  
 Kristy Schenderlein, *Vice President of Operations, Blind Institute of Technology*  
 Karen Chong, *Vice President of Audience Strategy, AARP*  
 Dr. Amanda Kelly, *President and CEO of Firefly Autism; Cofounder, Colorado Neurodiversity Chamber of Commerce*



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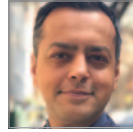
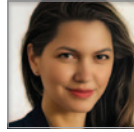
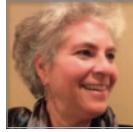
SESSION I 10:10–12:00

### Growing the Green Economy:

*Breakthroughs in Clean Energy, Climate Resilience, and Regenerative Agriculture*

SILVER ROOM

MEZZANINE LEVEL



A.J. Grant, *President, Environmental Communications*

L. Hunter Lovins, *President and Founder, Natural Capitalism Solutions*

Indrani Pal-Chaudhuri, *Founder and Chief Vision Officer, Open Origin*

Telva McGruder, *Executive Director, Global Body Manufacturing Engineering, General Motors*

Sarmad Khan, *Founder, and CEO, Telos Futures*

Lawrence Ford, *Founder and CEO, Conscious Capital*

GK Reid, *Regenerative Producer and Chief Communications Officer, Open Origin*

SESSION II 1:30–3:20

### The Next 150/250 of Women in Work:

*Architecting Work That WORKS for All*

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Simone Ross, *Chief Executive Officer, Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce*

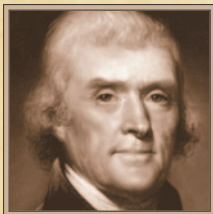
Gwen K. Young, *Chief Executive Officer, Women Business Collaborative*

Sarah Quigley, *Consul General of Canada in Denver, United States (invited)*

Christin Crampton Day, *Executive Director, Colorado Business Community for the Arts (CBCA)*

Lisa Aubert, *President, North America, Cochlear Americas (invited)*

Tom Brinegar, *Consultant, CFO Selections*



How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!

*Thomas Jefferson*



I say to you that our goal is freedom, and I believe we are going to get there because however much she strays away from it, the goal of America is freedom.

*Martin Luther King Jr.*



We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

*John F. Kennedy*

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## PROBLEM-SOLVING LABS (DAY II)

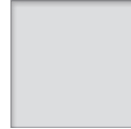
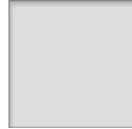
Silver and Gold (Mezz)

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

### SESSION I 10:10-12:00 **Colorado Hispanic, Latino, Indigenous Museum and Living History Movement**

SILVER ROOM

MEZZANINE LEVEL



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

Ramona Martinez, *Former President, Denver City Council (invited)*

Dr. Lori Marie Huertas, *Assistant Director, Industry Partnerships, Metropolitan State University of Denver*

Chris Martinez, *Title, Affiliation*

Grace Moreno, *Title, Affiliation*

Raymond Martinez, *Title, Affiliation*

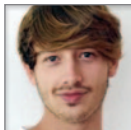
Angela Martinez, *Community Partnership and Marketing Manager, Thrive; President, GMED Emerging Leaders*

### BREAKOUT III 1:30-2:20

### **Promoting Inclusive Leaders Across Every Audience**

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Ethan Gutterman, *Founder, Imaginative Authentic Mapping (IAM); Deputy Director, BuildStrong Foundation (invited)*

Anthony Aragon, *Director, Community Outreach and Engagement, Denver District Attorney's Office (invited)*

Nadine Bridges, *Executive Director, One Colorado (invited)*

Andres Carrera, *Candidate for Senate District 34, State of Colorado (invited)*

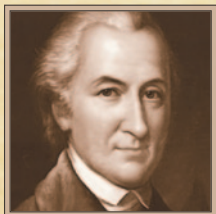
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I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us,  
I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun fresh from the burning,  
creative hand of God. I see great days ahead, great days possible to men and  
women of will and vision. *Carl Sandburg*



Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember,  
you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to  
reach for the stars to change the world. *Harriet Tubman*



Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all!  
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall. *John Dickinson*

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*What happens to GlobalMinded graduates over time?*



*They become the professionals who . . .*



*. . . give back to the next generation of students.*



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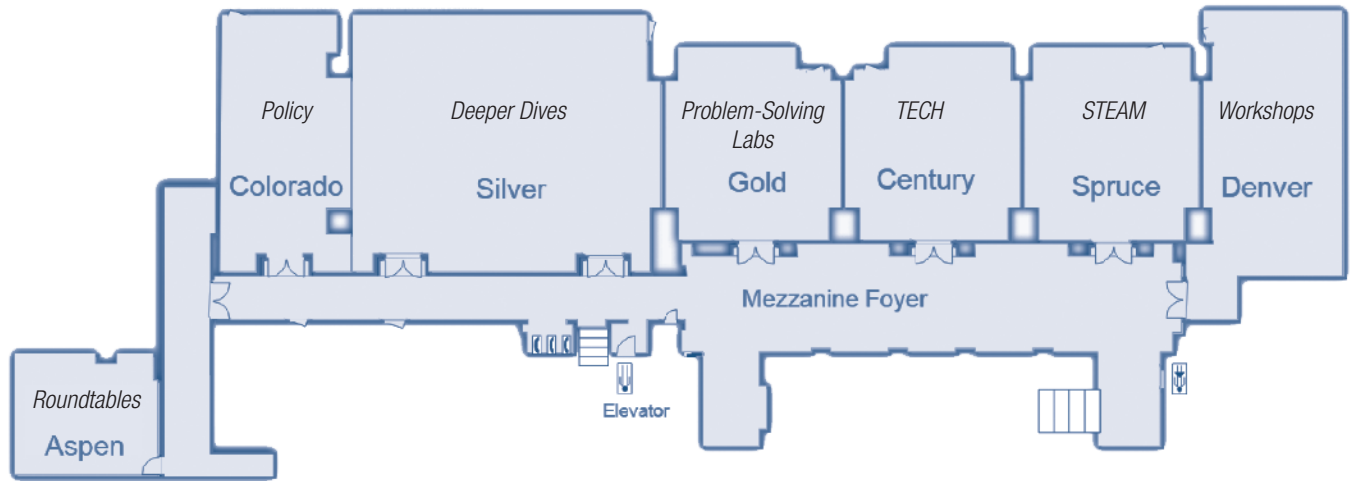
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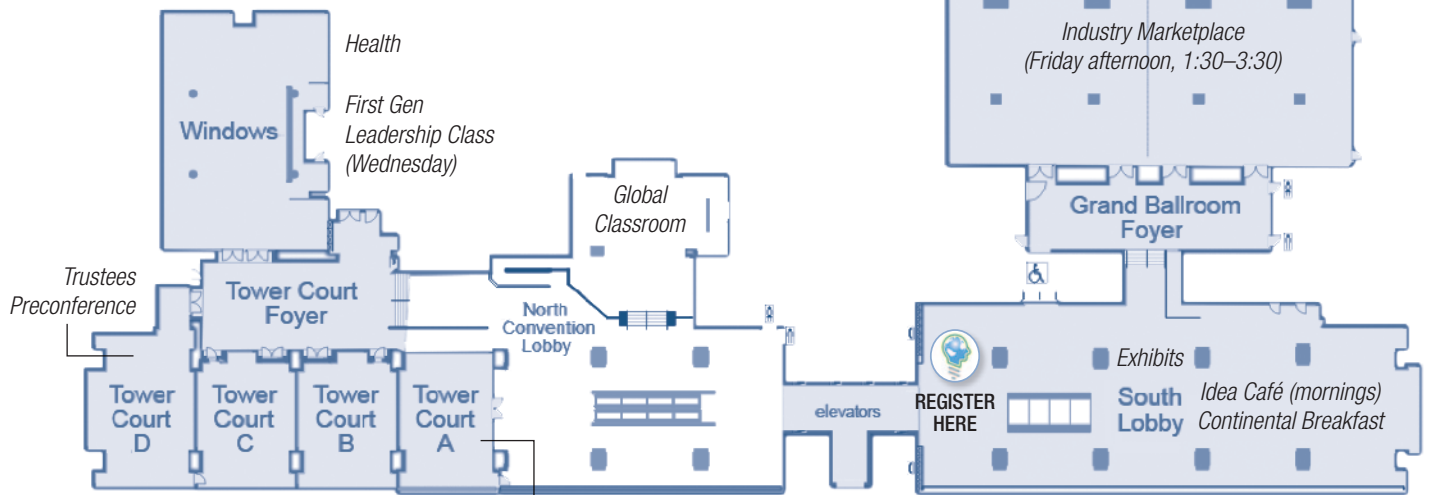


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### Tower Building Second Floor

(Main Conference Level)



Foundations & Funders  
Global Workskills  
Higher Ed  
K-12  
Coaching Preconference

Receptions (Wednesday & Thursday)

**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)

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Participants from 2025 included:


Past industry participants included:


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