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Simone Ross [LinkedIn](#)

**CEO, Colorado Women's Chamber and Executive Director,
Colorado Women's Chamber Foundation**

Simone D. Ross is a Colorado native who grew up in Denver's Park Hill neighborhood. Simone's upbringing instilled in her a strong sense of the importance of community, family, and building through investing in the success and dreams of one another.

Simone is the CEO of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Director of the Colorado Women's Chamber Foundation. In these roles she's actively working to advance women in business, while making Colorado the #1 state for women in business. Simone is the founder Simone D. Ross, LLC, a consulting firm with the vision of catalyzing human thriving through effective and integrative change management, the CEO of SDR Events, and is also the Founder and CEO of Youth United University, an anti-oppression education program for kids grades 6 - 8.

Throughout Simone's extensive corporate career she has led expansion and operations in Denver and Minneapolis for The Riveter; worked in mergers and acquisitions as Director of Strategic Business Initiatives at SCL Health; founded and operated the SpringRock Dental oral health corporation, a subsidiary entity of Delta Dental of Colorado; and pioneered Kaiser Permanente's business development and market expansion efforts. Simone holds a Master of Arts, and Master of Business Administration degree from Colorado State University. She has been recognized by the Denver Business Journal as a "Outstanding Women in Business" honoree, and a "40 Under 40" business leader; the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women; COBIZ Magazine GEN XYZ Top 5 Most Influential; the Association for Corporate Growth as a David Sloan business scholar; and was recognized by the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce as a community service champion. She is a graduate of Leadership Denver, the Colorado State Chamber of Commerce CACI Executive Leadership Program, and is an Urban Leadership Foundation Chamber Connect alum.

Simone is most proud of her two amazing children. She is motivated by watching them grow, thrive, fearlessly create, and explore the world.



Dr. Aisha Rousseau [LinkedIn](#)

**Chief Equity Officer - Mayor's Office of Social Equity &
Innovation, City & County of Denver**

Dr. Aisha Rousseau earned a B.A. from Spelman College and an M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University. She also earned a Ph.D. in Health Related Sciences from the School of Allied Health Professions at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she is to date, the program's first and only African American doctoral graduate with a concentration in Rehabilitation Leadership.

In October 2021, Dr. Rousseau was appointed by Mayor Michael B. Hancock as the Chief Equity Officer for the City and County of Denver. In this capacity, she leads the Mayor's Office of Social Equity and Innovation, which was established to develop and implement the policies, programs, regulations, and initiatives of the City and County of Denver related to race, social equity, and social justice.

Prior to her appointment by Mayor Hancock, Dr. Rousseau served as the Director of Denver's Division of Disability Rights administering over \$600 million in projects and programs ensuring access for individuals living with disabilities. Prior to relocating to Denver, she served as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at a Research I university where she authored a book chapter and a number of peer-reviewed publications pertaining to health disparities, disabilities, and gender issues.





Ben Anderson [LinkedIn](#)

Area President, Gallagher Benefit Services

Ben joined Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. in February 2017, and has enjoyed 20 years in the benefits industry. Ben has extensive experience in the public sector and the education of committees. Spending much of his career working with public sector organizations across the western United States he has knowledge of the different trends.

He has worked to create alternative products and funding arrangements for both public and private sector organizations. This has helped with attraction, retention as well as financial forecasting. Ben supports the Rocky Mountain region in the development of its strategy, staffing, and organizational development so that the team can provide the best support for its clients.

When Ben is not working he is spending time with his wife, and six kids doing something active from teaching ski school at Copper Mountain to Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.



Mike Benigno [LinkedIn](#)

Founder of 168 Sales Management & Sales
Leadership Development

I spent the majority of my 39 years at Knoll in senior sales management where I became the sales leader and mentor I am today. I had the good fortune to work shoulder-to-shoulder with elite Knoll sales teams and distribution partners. Together we partnered with companies on global workplace strategy and office furniture projects that supported business goals and cultural drivers.

I am convinced that sales teams are experiencing unprecedented challenges as clients change their decision-making and purchasing processes. Plus, monumental disruption is accelerating organizational change across the business landscape. Now more than ever sales teams must focus on disciplined metrics that track bespoke sales activities. Sales leaders must learn how to turn stress into an asset. Pressure is a privilege that can be nurtured with Red2Blue training. In order to win in today's highly competitive, changing environment sales teams must be driven by strong sales management and supported by strong sales leadership.

Clients want a partnership that elevates thinking and exceeds corporate and cultural goals. They do not want to be sold. Therefore, there is a growing importance for "non-selling talent" as part of the sales team. There is no question I can help you grow your business by developing a sales team for the future, I know what to do.





Barbara Brooks [LinkedIn](#)

Founder & CEO, SecondActWomen

Barbara Brooks (55) is the founder and CEO of SecondActWomen, an AgeTech company [community] for middle-aged business owners and career women. The membership community delivers high-level development boot camps and programs, tools, and support spurring the small businesses, careers, and big ideas of women 40 & 50+ to advance women in their second acts.

Before SecondActWomen, she was award-winning marketing and public relations specialist in the shopping center industry for Fashion Show Mall in Las Vegas, Park Meadows Retail Resort in Denver, Sundance Square downtown entertainment district in Fort Worth, and others. For a bit, she had a successful career in broadcast sales and business development for IHeart Radio, CBS Radio, and Gannett. Today, as a "triple" minority - over 50, black, and a woman, Barbara is an #agepositivity presenter, thought leader, visibility coach, and female champion that's helping the community of dynamic middle-aged women design the businesses, careers, and lives deserve because ultimately, #womendontexpire.

SecondActWomen has been featured in Forbes (<https://bit.ly/3lzR3gq>), MarketWatch (<https://bit.ly/3vEY5oB>), and PBS's Next Avenue (<https://on.mktw.net/3cDZHrm>) and presented four times at Denver Startup Week, General Assembly, and Microsoft, to name a few. In 2021 I was selected as a semi-finalist in Forbes's inaugural Women 50 Over 50 list, and the company recently graduated from Facebook's 2021 Community Accelerator program. Oh, and Barbara is the mom of a 4lb pup, Riley B, and graduated from Colorado State University (Go Rams!).



Sabah Cambrelen [LinkedIn](#)

Partner, PwC

Sabah is a Principal in PwC's Workforce Transformation practice focused on helping clients accelerate their Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) efforts. With over 20 years of management consulting experience, Sabah has worked with global clients across numerous industries. She has proven her ability to effectively direct the formulation and execution of new business strategies and reengineering projects to achieve organizational imperatives. Sabah has extensive experience leading transformational change specifically to help organizations align DEI strategies with business outcomes and culture change. Sabah's strategic execution focus helps organizations enable pragmatic solutions that go beyond visionary statements and bold directives, to tangible, measurable, results-oriented outcomes.

Sabah serves as an expert panelist for the Center of Global Inclusion Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Benchmark standard, helping influence global standards on measuring organizational maturity with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts. She serves as the Diversity Opportunity Commission Chair and board member for the World Lacrosse Federation and also serves as an advisory board member for The University of Colorado Business School. In addition, she serves as a board member for City Year Denver, an organization that strives to improve high school graduation rates in Denver's most at-risk schools.

Prior to joining PwC, Sabah led Point B Inc.'s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) teams, where she guided the inception of the company's EDI efforts from the ground up, implementing transformational culture change. She has served on the Women's Energy Network Board, helping advance women in the Energy sector by creating access to networking, mentoring and career growth opportunities.





Robin Chalecki [LinkedIn](#)

President, Emily Griffith Foundation

Robin joined Emily Griffith Foundation as President in April 2021. Prior to that, she spent over 25 years in the non-profit sector, owning her own consulting business for the past 15 years specializing in fund development, executive leadership, and board governance. Working across scale and sector as a consultant, Robin was able to understand some of the most critical issues facing Denver through the past two decades. From education to workforce development to housing – Robin has raised funds and helped close the gap for some of Denver's most important community organizations. This understanding led to her passion for workforce education and her belief that economic mobility must be accessible to everyone. Emily Griffith's century-old mission, Opportunity for All, is as meaningful today as it was when the organization was founded, and Robin is proud to contribute to one of Denver's most important educational institutions.

Robin is passionate about utilizing philanthropy as a conduit for social change. Approachable and energetic, she excels at building diverse collaborations, cultivating relationships, and using effective communications to achieve organizational impact. She is President of the Board at Judaism Your Way, a Board member at Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and of the Colorado Beer Distributors Association. She is a former board member of The Delores Project, as well as a member of The Giving Trust, a collective giving group of Colorado Jewish women. She is a 2022 graduate of Leadership Denver and a member of The Women's Foundation of Colorado giving society.

Robin has lived in Denver for over 25 years and is a longtime community member of Central Park. She has two college-age children that went to Denver Public Schools and Denver School of Science & Technology. In her free time, Robin enjoys cooking, skiing, travelling, and enjoying all the wonderful things Denver has to offer.



Kelli Clifton Ogunsanya [LinkedIn](#)

Chief Operating Officer, Delta Dental of Colorado

Kelli Clifton Ogunsanya serves as the Chief Operating Officer of Delta Dental of Colorado where she is responsible for claims processing operations, call center operations, project governance, and provider relations. Delta Dental of Colorado is the state's leading dental benefits company and the most experienced dental benefits provider serving over 1.4 million Coloradans with high-quality, cost-effective, evidenced-based dental plans.

Prior to her current role, Kelli served as the Chief Operating Officer of STRIDE Community Health Centers, a 600-staff Federally Qualified Health Center in Denver providing primary care, dental, and behavioral healthcare to more than 70,000 patients annually.

Before STRIDE, Kelli was a Client Executive for Optum, a division of UnitedHealthcare Group. In her role, Kelli served as a national partner to more than 12 primary care and specialty medical group leaders to improve chronic care management through risk adjustment strategies including patient activation, telehealth integration, and point of care technology optimization. Kelli was the executive leader responsible for the business development, program management, and \$20M implementation of California's COVID-19 Electronic Lab Reporting System which enabled the State to accurately process and report COVID-19 results for more than 40M Californians during the pandemic peak.

With leadership roles at PwC and The Advisory Board Company, Kelli's experience includes clinical documentation improvement, electronic health record (EHR) standardization, and interoperability for the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). While at PwC, Kelli supported the planning and activation of new VA medical facilities





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and provided program management for the Sierra Leone Trial to Introduce a Vaccine against Ebola (STRIVE), a collaborative Phase 3 clinical trial between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

Kelli earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Health at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and a Master of Health Administration degree from The Ohio State University College of Public Health. Internationally, she has studied and worked in South Africa, Liberia, and Ethiopia. Kelli is a published author, an adjunct professor, and a lifetime member of Leadership Georgia and Georgia 4-H. Kelli serves as the Health and Human Services Chair for the Denver Chapter of Links Incorporated and is a Board Member of the Center for African-American Health.



Denise De Nardi [LinkedIn](#)
Chief Sales Officer, Native Roots Colorado

In her role at Native Roots, Denise develops ongoing strategies and oversees performance for multiple revenue channels with Colorado's leading independent chain of cannabis dispensaries. Under Denise's leadership, the vertically integrated company increased its top-line revenue to ensure margin protection; developed and implemented an internal sales structure to achieve company objectives; and embraced a company culture that champions continuous experimentation to drive growth, elevate the brand experience and enhance customer engagement. With decades of experience in corporate marketing, sales, and retail management, Denise has been instrumental in leading Native Roots' transformational retail growth and multi-state expansion.

In addition to her work at Native Roots, De Nardi is a prominent leader within the cannabis business community. After decades of leading retail sales strategies for major corporations, she brought her experience and skills to the cannabis industry, helping to foster more professional retail environments not only for Native Roots but for the entire industry. For example, Denise teaches a 10-week course at The Color of Cannabis, a nonprofit organization devoted to helping people of color enter, thrive, and advance within the industry. In addition, Denise serves as an advisor within the University of Colorado's Leeds School of Business, where she is part of the education team leading the university's Customer Experience Certificate program. She also is involved with a mentoring program for emerging business leaders with the Marijuana Industry Group (MIG), the largest and oldest Colorado cannabis trade association in the state.





Jennifer Evans [LinkedIn](#)

Shareholder, Polsinelli PC

Jennifer Evans is a Health Care Shareholder at Polsinelli, an AM Law 100 firm, where she is also a Managing Partner for the Denver office. In her legal practice, she represents healthcare providers focused on fraud and abuse, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement issues, and payor disputes, including defending state and federal false claims act allegations and regulatory compliance.

In addition to legal practice in law firms and in-house at Fortune 500 healthcare companies, Jennifer brings legislative and operational experience to healthcare matters. Jennifer previously served as Deputy Director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Medicaid) and on Medicaid workgroups for the National Governors' Association Center for Best Practices. Jennifer also has experience representing nonprofit and for-profit healthcare organizations before Congress and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to legal practice, Jennifer worked on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Director in the U.S. Senate and as a Legislative Assistant for health care in the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. In Colorado, she was most recently a member of the Transition Subcommittee on Health and Human Services for Colorado Governor Jared Polis. Her government and private sector experience contributes to additional options for clients seeking resolution of disputes or expanded opportunities.

Jennifer currently serves as a Director on the boards of the American Health Law Association, Denver Public Schools Foundation, and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce. A Colorado native, she is thrilled to have brought her health care career home in the Denver office of Polsinelli.



Margee Fawley [LinkedIn](#)

Chief Talent Officer, Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP

Margee Fawley has over 18 years of experience championing law firm attorney talent management strategies across practice areas, especially as they relate to professional development and diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") initiatives. She works closely with the firm's Executive Committee to design and direct attorney recruitment, integration, advancement, training, mentoring, evaluation, and performance management. Her responsibilities place particular emphasis on managing teams, and she regularly partners with department heads to place attorneys in client work that best employs their collaborative potential.

As the administrative liaison to the DGS DEI Committee, she ensures alignment with the firm's commitment to being a leader in fostering a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable profession and community. To that end, Ms. Fawley is responsible for the development and implementation of DEI programs and outreach. Her efforts have helped secure DGS national recognition for advancing gender parity. Ms. Fawley's dedication to impactful DEI efforts is also reflected in her participation in key professional organizations. She is the local chair of the Professional Development Consortium and is actively involved in its annual conference and communications committee. Ms. Fawley currently serves as a mentor in the Lex Mundi STARS program.

Ms. Fawley brings to her role the critical perspective of a former practicing attorney. She holds a J.D. from Louisiana State University and a B.A. in History from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana.





Paige Goss [LinkedIn](#)

CEO & Founder, Point Solutions Group LLC

Paige Goss is a dynamic executive with an extensive background in growing technology professional services organizations. Paige's career highlights her ability to build and scale companies from the ground up. She has experience not only in leading multi-million-dollar operations, but in starting operations, human resource, finance, and technology departments from scratch. Paige brings a breadth of experience in enterprise operations as well as federal government contracting.

Paige is currently the Founder and Chief Executive Offices of Point Solutions Group, a technology, and engineering professional services firm. She started the firm in 2017 and has grown the organization to over 10+ million in revenue in 5 short years. In her role she has successfully built a commercial professional services arm supporting infrastructure and security assessments along with technology transformation initiatives. PSG is ranked by Inc. 5000 as One of America's Fastest-Growing Companies and is recognized as one of Colorado's Top 100 Woman Owned Companies as well as a Colorado Company to Watch. Paige also was recently recognized by the CWCC as a Top 25 Women in Business award recipient.

Her accomplishments outside of Point Solutions Group are equally impactful and include investing and advising in multiple women-owned and lead firms across the country. She is also a co-founder of Precursa which is set to launch in late 2023. Paige is the Past Chair of the YP Board for the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and a board member for ENCAN.



Lauren Guthrie [LinkedIn](#)

VP, Global Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Action (IDEA)
and Talent Development, VF Corp

Lauren Guthrie is the Vice President of Global Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Action (IDEA) and Talent Development for VF Corporation.

Lauren is responsible for developing and operationalizing the strategic framework, guardrails and programs that drive VF's commitment to build a culture anchored in allyship, advocacy, and belonging. She works closely with key talent partners to embed IDEA principles into talent acquisition, management, and advancement practices, and with key business leaders to amplify social impact initiatives in direct support of the diverse communities and consumers served by the VF portfolio of brands.

Lauren also leads VF's Council to Advance Racial Equity, a governing body that has defined VF's broad commitment to racial equity and justice by focusing on opportunities to advance education, economic equity, and environmental justice for Black and Brown communities.

Before joining VF, Lauren held progressive merchandising and general management roles with global brands such as Nike, Levi's, and Old Navy across various businesses. She is a vibrant team leader and coach, who is passionate about developing powerful teams and fostering high-integrity work environments where each player is celebrated for their unique contributions.





Shannon Jones

Chief People Officer, FirstBank

Shannon Jones is the Chief People Officer for FirstBank, and has worked for the bank since June 1997, starting as an intern. Before her current position, she was the Market President for Aurora for 5 years. Shannon's responsibilities include overseeing all HR functions, which include Total Rewards, HR Operations, Talent Acquisition, Learning & Development, Risk Management, Workforce Structure, and DE&I. Shannon serves on the Bank's Senior Leadership Team and the following internal committees: Black/African American Business Development Group, Strength Through Recognition of Inclusion Diversity and Equity (STRIDE), Project Prioritization Management, Investment Advisory, Internal Compensation, Community Reinvestment, and Involvement Oversight.

As Colorado's largest locally-owned banking organization, FirstBank has been providing full-service banking for over 58 years. Since its first bank charter was granted in 1963, the bank has grown into a \$30 billion organization with over 100 locations and more than 2,900 employees in Colorado, Arizona, and California. FirstBank is one of the premier investors in Colorado based on real estate secured loans and bonds. Not only is FirstBank a significant source of consumer and commercial lending, but it is also a major supporter of the community. Since 2000, the bank has contributed nearly \$75 million to charitable organizations and countless hours of community service.

Shannon serves on the Board of Directors for the Aurora Public Schools Foundation and The Women's Foundation of Colorado. She also serves on the Leadership Advisory Council for the following initiatives: Black Progress in Education Fund and The Dearfield Fund. Lastly, she is a member of the Colorado Black Real Estate Professionals. In October 2015 Shannon was nominated and was the awardee for the Young Professional of the Year through the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. She was also a nominee for the Women in Business Unsung Hero Award through the Aurora Chamber of Commerce in February 2016. In 2017 Shannon was featured in Colorado Biz Magazine's Women to Watch section. In 2019 Shannon was nominated by her peers through the Colorado Banker's Association and was one of the awardees of the Banker of Distinction award.

Shannon received her BA in Business Management in 2000 from the University of Colorado at Denver. Since joining FirstBank, she received her Graduate Banking degree from the Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, Colorado in 2008. Shannon graduated from the Downtown Denver Partnership Leadership Program in 2010, the Leadership Aurora program in 2015, and the Leadership Denver program in 2017.

Shannon is a Colorado native and has been married to her husband Arthur for 23 years. They have 2 beautiful daughters, Autumn Rayne (21) who is studying 3D Animation at the University of Colorado at Denver, and Summer Skye (18) who is studying theater at the University of Northern Colorado.





Tasha Jones [LinkedIn](#)

President & Founder, LV Jones Consulting

Tasha Jones, President and Founder of LV Jones Consulting, drives diversity marketing strategy and campaigns for inclusive company brands. Ms. Jones leads in developing a world-class integrated marketing strategy in order to tell a brand's story with a diversity, equity, and inclusion lens. Her approach helps shine a light on the importance of BIPOC representation in marketing messaging and visuals. Tasha Jones has served as Chief Marketing Officer for Mile High United Way, where she drove strategy for the organization's marketing efforts, working alongside their existing marketing team, bringing greater awareness to the nonprofit's programmatic work in strengthening untapped neighborhoods across a seven-county footprint. Never resting on her laurels,

Tasha was strategic in positioning the former Stapleton International Airport redevelopment for two decades of growth. She led multiple agency teams and colleagues to refresh the newly named Central Park community brand, launch 12 neighborhoods, and craft new community messaging. One of Tasha Jones' most notable marketing successes involved the 2011 HGTV Green Home promotion where she managed to highlight the debut of new neighborhoods and the community's continued evolution.

Ms. Jones is a public speaker at university events and national homebuilding conferences. She is also passionately invested in civic leadership through her involvement in a variety of community organizations that include serving on the board of directors for the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, Warren Village, and the Colorado Women's Chamber Foundation. Prior to joining Mile High United Way, Brookfield Properties Development and Forest City Realty Investment Trust, Ms. Jones worked in marketing and public relations for the University of Denver, and Global Marketing for the Vance Kirkland Museum and Prologis. A native of Fort Collins, Colorado, she received a degree in journalism and mass communications from Drake University. She enjoys dining out at Denver's foodie restaurants with her husband and their two kiddos.



Bryan Leach [LinkedIn](#)

Founder & CEO, Ibotta Inc.

Bryan Leach founded Ibotta in 2012 and has since served as its Chief Executive Officer. Ibotta created the leading cash-back rewards app in the US, paying out over \$1.2 billion in cash rewards and earning more than 45 million downloads. Recently, Ibotta launched the Ibotta Performance Network (IPN), the largest performance marketing platform in the history of the consumer packaged goods industry.

Bryan is a frequent commentator on mobile payments, mobile commerce, loyalty and rewards, and the financial technology sector. He has been recognized as a Top 10 CEO in the United States (small/medium size businesses) by Glassdoor.com, CEO of the Year by ColoradoBiz magazine, and EY Entrepreneur of the Year for the Rocky Mountain Region.

Prior to Ibotta, Bryan was a partner at Bartlit Beck LLP and served as a law clerk to former US Supreme Court Justice David Souter. As a lawyer, he specialized in international arbitration and dispute resolution and handled trials and arbitrations in London, New York, Seattle, and San Francisco. He has climbed to the summit of Colorado's 58 tallest mountains, each over 14,000 feet in elevation.





Laura Love

Founder, GroundFloor Media & CenterTable

Laura Love launched GroundFloor Media out of her basement more than 21 years ago. The agency has been recognized nine times by OUTSIDE magazine as one of the top 10 "Best Places to Work" in America (twice at No. 1). Entrepreneurship is her passion and community involvement is her way of life. She is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer and has served on the boards of Havern School, Tennyson Center for Children, Center for Women's Health Research, Downtown Denver Inc., Early Milestones Colorado and Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center. In 2015, she helped create the Get Grounded Foundation, the agency's private 501(c)(3) charitable arm, and in 2016 she led the agency in becoming a Certified B Corporation® through the global nonprofit B Lab®.

In her spare time, Laura likes to dabble in real estate investing, is a frustrated interior designer, and appreciates knocking things off her annual "52 Things to Do This Year" bucket list. You can usually find her sitting at a warming hut near Vail because she can't keep up with her daredevil kids, sampling tequila in Mexico, listening to live country music, trying her hand at a Barefoot Contessa recipe, or attempting to eat all 50 flavors of pure awesomeness from a Jelly Belly bag.



Todd Munson

Executive Vice President Direct of Commercial Banking, Vectra Bank Colorado

Todd Munson is the Executive Vice President and Director of Commercial Banking at Vectra Bank Colorado. He leads Vectra's team serving the banking needs of business clients across Colorado's Front Range. Todd brings to nearly 40 years of experience in the financial services industry. Before joining Vectra, Munson built his career over the past 20 years at JP Morgan Chase. He became Colorado Market Manager for the Chase Middle Market Banking & Specialized Industries (MMBSI) line of business in September 2005, relocating from Kentucky where he held a similar position. In January of 2016, he was appointed Colorado Vice Chairman of the MMBSI line of Business. Todd's affiliation with Chase dates back to 1996, when he joined predecessor organization Bank One as a senior commercial banker in Louisville, Kentucky. Over the years, he has served in increasingly responsible roles including three years as President of the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio Region and two years as Market President of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

In both Ohio and Kentucky, Todd was an active community leader, and he continues that commitment in Colorado as well. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, Visit Denver, Boy Scouts of America Denver Chapter and Craig Hospital. Past board leadership positions also include Mile High United Way and Goodwill Industries of Denver.

An undergraduate of Rollins College, in Winter Park, Florida, Munson has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Economics. He also holds a Master's degree in Finance from the Crummer School of Business at Rollins College, and has his Investment Banking Series 79 license.





Erin Pulling [LinkedIn](#)

CEO & President, Food Bank of the Rockies

Erin has served as CEO of Food Bank of the Rockies since January 2019. Food Bank of the Rockies ignites the power of community to nourish people facing hunger. With a hub-and-spoke model of programs and 800+ Hunger Relief Partners, Food Bank of the Rockies procures dozens of truckloads of food every week from retail, agricultural, and manufacturer partnerships and its own purchasing, and distributes the food throughout 30 Colorado counties and all of Wyoming. With a staff of 200+, a volunteer base of 18,000, and four distribution facilities, the organization embodies an efficient distribution model of procuring and distributing food and essentials for people experiencing food insecurity. Prior to Food Bank of the Rockies, Erin spent 24 years at Project Angel Heart, the last fourteen of which were as CEO.

Erin is the past Board Chair of the Colorado Nonprofit Association. She currently serves on Denver Health's Community Engagement Committee and HealthONE's Behavioral Health Advisory Council. Past board involvements include the Food is Medicine Coalition, Dining Out for Life International Association, and Community Shares of Colorado. Awards include 'Most Admired CEO' and 'Forty Under 40' by the Denver Business Journal, 'Outstanding Professional' by the Colorado Restaurant Association, and a Livingston Fellowship from the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation. She was in the 2012 class of Leadership Denver.

Erin holds a Master of Nonprofit Management degree from Regis University and a BS in Psychology from Santa Clara University. She and her husband have three children, all adopted domestically.



Diane Reinhard [LinkedIn](#)

Vice President Hospital Services & Community Impact,
Craig Hospital

Diane Reinhard, DNP, MBA, MSCIS, RN, CRRN, NE-BC, is Vice President of Hospital Services & Community Impact at Craig Hospital. Craig, an international, not-for-profit, rehabilitation and research hospital specializing in neurorehabilitation for persons with a spinal cord and/or traumatic brain injury.

At Craig, Diane oversees the utilization of human, fiscal, and material resources allocated to Quality control, Food and Nutrition Services, Pharmacy, Infection Control, Respiratory, Disability Advocacy, and Community Impact. She led the program to establish Target Zero, a campus-wide initiative to reduce (or eliminate) all hospital-acquired harm/infections. As a member of Craig's Executive leadership team and recent CNO, she helped Craig earn its designation as a Magnet facility for excellence in nursing four times and received the NDNQI® award six times for the highest quality outcomes in nursing care in a rehabilitation facility. In 2021, Craig Hospital became a Civic 50 Colorado Honoree. In 2018, she received the C Suite award from the Denver Business Journal.

Diane serves on the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation Board of Directors, Downtown Development Authority for the City of Englewood, and other community taskforces and advisory committees.

Diane has been married 35 years and has two grown children. In her free time, she likes to be outdoors, read and have fun with friends and family.





Reggie Rivers

President, The Gala Team

Reggie was born into an Air Force family, and during his youth he lived in Ohio, England, Florida and Greece before his family settled in the San Antonio area. He spent the remainder of his adolescence in Central Texas until moving to Denver in 1991, where he lives with his wife, Stephanie, and son, Malik.

As a senior at Randolph High School in San Antonio, Reggie rushed for 1,200 yard and earned a full athletic scholarship to Southwest Texas State University (now renamed "Texas State University") At the collegiate level, he amassed 2,500 career yards and was named to four All American teams. He signed with the Denver Broncos as an undrafted rookie free agent in 1991. Reggie played six seasons with the Denver Broncos. In 1991, Reggie graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a B.A. in Journalism. In 2007, Reggie graduated from the University of Denver with a master's degree in Global Studies.

Reggie landed his first newspaper job when he was a senior in high school (1985), working for the now- defunct San Antonio Light as an obituary writer. In 1986, he enrolled at Southwest Texas State University as a newspaper journalism major. During his college tenure, Reggie served internships with the Austin American-Statesman newspaper in Austin, Texas, and Newsday on Long Island. After joining the Denver Broncos, Reggie wrote a weekly sports column for the Rocky Mountain News for eight years. During his NFL career, he also hosted various television and radio shows. After retiring from football, Reggie hosted radio talk shows on 850 KOA-AM and 630 KHOW-AM radio. Reggie was a weekly op/ed columnist for the Denver Post and hosted a weekly public affairs show titled, Global Agenda, on the PBS station KBDIChannel 12 in Denver.

Author In 1994, Reggie published, *The Vance: The Beginning & The End*, the as-told autobiography of Broncos wide receiver Vance Johnson. In 2000, Reggie published *Power Shift*, a novel about an escalating feud between a newspaper columnist and an NFL receiver. In 2004, Reggie published, *4th and Fixed*, a novel about a crime family fixing NFL games. This book was released by Sourcebooks in August 2004. The movie rights were optioned by Mission Pictures in 2005. In 2007, Reggie published a novel titled, *My Wife's Boyfriend and our Feud with the Highlands Ranch Homeowners Association*. It was a comedy about a micromanaging HOA board. In 2009, Reggie published, *"The Colony: A Political Tale,"* an allegory about foreign policy told through two colonies of ants.





Tamra Ryan [LinkedIn](#)

CEO, Women's Bean Project

Tamra Ryan is the CEO of Women's Bean Project, a social enterprise that provides transitional employment while operating a food manufacturing business, to women attempting to break the cycle of chronic unemployment and poverty. Tamra is a former partner and board member for Social Venture Partners-Denver and the Social Enterprise Alliance, and is on the Council of Advisors for the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver. Congressman Mike Coffman (R-CO) recognized Tamra's servant leadership and entered it into the Congressional Record of the 115th Congress, Second Session in May 2018.

She was honored by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado and is part of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) Leadership Network. She was a presenter at TEDxMilehigh and is a highly sought-after speaker for topics such as compassionate leadership and social enterprise. Tamra is the author of *The Third Law*, a book which highlights the societal obstacles and internal demons that must be overcome for marginalized women to change their lives. *The Third Law* has won numerous awards for women/minorities in business and social activism. She is currently working on her second book, *Followship: How to be a leader worth following*.



Tony Salazar [LinkedIn](#)

Assistant Vice President of Engagement,
University of Colorado

Tony Salazar is the Assistant Vice President of Engagement, leading the Office of Engagement, for the President's Office at the University of Colorado. Tony is responsible for leading initial outreach and continued engagement efforts that strategically build and sustain relationships with key constituents in communities across Colorado and beyond. Tony is an experienced non-profit and for-profit C-suite executive.

Tony served as the Chief Affiliate Officer for the NEA Member Benefits Corporation, an affinity marketing company based in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Tony also served as the Executive Director of the Colorado Education Association (CEA), the state's largest labor union with over 38,000 members at the time.

Tony began his career as a Policy Analyst at Colorado Legislative Council, a non-partisan support office for the Colorado state legislature. Later in his career, Tony served as an education lobbyist for CEA, where he also managed successful ballot issues and candidate campaigns.

Tony serves on the board of directors for the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce where he will become the board chair at the September 2022 meeting. He also serves on the boards of the Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF), and the Fitzsimons Innovation Community, and was recently appointed to the board of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. Tony is currently the LAEF past president after serving as the board president for three terms. In addition, Tony serves on the board of advisors for the CU Denver Business School. Prior to taking his current role at CU, Tony was on the University of Northern Colorado's Board of Trustees for two terms as a gubernatorial appointee.





Hollie Seeley [LinkedIn](#)

CEO, HCA HealthOne North Suburban Medical Center

Hollie Seeley joined North Suburban Medical Center in Thornton, Colorado as its President and CEO in November 2021. As a registered nurse and former flight nurse, she brings more than 30 years of healthcare experience to North Suburban with nearly 20 years dedicated to emergency and trauma services. In May 2022, Seeley also became the Executive Leader for AirLife Denver, covering a 10-state region.

Before joining North Suburban, Seeley served as the Chief Operating Officer for Rose Medical Center in Denver. Under her leadership, Rose experienced tremendous growth in hospital service lines and led the hospital through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additionally, she has served as the Vice President of Operations for Swedish Medical Center, and was instrumental in the ongoing growth and development of AirLife Denver's footprint. Seeley is married and has two children, Amelia and Foster. She is an avid runner, and enjoys traveling and cooking.



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CEO & Co-Owner, Tattered Cover

Kwame Spearman is a management, operations, and strategy professional focusing on brick and mortar businesses. Currently, he is Co-Owner and CEO of Tattered Cover Bookstore and previously, Kwame served in leadership positions in global expansion at B. Good and Knotel. Earlier in his career, he worked as a Management Consultant at Bain & Company in Boston and New York City. He also served as Deputy Press Secretary for former US Senator Mark Udall's 2008 campaign.

Kwame is a graduate of Columbia University (with Honors), Yale Law School, and Harvard Business School. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors for Citywide Banks, he volunteers on the Board of Directors for the Denver Public Schools Foundation, the Downtown Denver Partnership, and the Colorado Education Initiative. Kwame is a proud Denver, Colorado native.





Cori Streetman [LinkedIn](#)

Founder & Principal, Barefoot Public Relations

Cori Streetman (she/her/hers) is Barefoot PR's co-founder and chief executive in charge of making the dream work. Cori has been learning through life experience since she left home to travel the world at 19. From teaching English in Peru to studying cultural anthropology in West Africa, Cori has a knack for relating to and understanding people.

Cori's sense of adventure led her to build a company where heart is valued alongside expertise, and where we are all in together. Cori manages Barefoot PR's operations and leads the team in turning strategy into reality for clients. Cool under pressure, Cori is skilled at helping clients navigate difficult situations. She is also an expert matchmaker, helping clients connect purpose with passion through nonprofit and civic board service.

Cori continues to travel the world with her husband, Tyler, and two kiddos, Brayden and Jacob. You can also find her dancing to Widespread Panic and sharing her passion for creating a better Denver through volunteer board service.



Becky Takeda Tinker [LinkedIn](#)

Chief Educational Innovation Officer, Colorado State University System

Dr. Becky Takeda-Tinker champions workforce success through innovative and evidence-based education and training programs and models. In her current role as Chief Education & Operations Innovation Officer at the Colorado State University System, she leverages years of experience in collaborating, leading, and sharing what is possible among diverse stakeholders to deliver innovative higher education and training programs that ensure workforce success. This builds on her prior role as Recovery Officer with Colorado's Departments of Labor & Employment and Higher Education where she worked to invest post-pandemic federal and state funds for economic growth and recovery.

Previously, and backed by leadership experience and skills acquired in the private sector, Becky was the first president & CEO of Colorado State University Global. In this role, Becky drove operational, organizational, and business success through human development, technological advancement, and data-driven analysis. Her work is seen through the success of CSU Global, the nation's only online, fully accredited, state, nonprofit university. Achievements include the development and execution of CSU Global alternative credit programs; organizational training; client-based outsourcing initiatives; creation of non-degree short programs for reskilling and upskilling; and innovative pathways into CSU Global degrees through partnerships with K-12 school districts, industry organizations, and third-party education and training organizations. Her work led to the graduation and degree completion of over 20,000 in CSU Global's first decade while still serving over 20,000 students all without the benefit of state financial support.

Becky holds a Ph.D. in Organization and Management with a specialization in Leadership; an MBA in Finance; a post-graduate certificate in marketing management; and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She is also the author of the book, *Impacting the Future of Higher Education*, and has been selected as one of Denver Business Journal's Outstanding Women in Business; and named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Business by the Colorado's Women's Chamber of Commerce, one of the Five Higher Ed Leaders to Watch by Education Dive, a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts, and a PowerBook Thought Leader by the Denver Business Journal.





Freeda Warren

Vice President, Advancement, Marketing, & Communications and Audience Engagement, Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Freeda Warren is vice president of advancement, marketing & communications and audience engagement. She is responsible for the Museums' fundraising, membership, marketing and community research efforts. Prior to joining the Museum, Warren served as national director of philanthropy at Genesys Works, whose mission is to provide pathways to career success for high school students in underserved communities through skills training, meaningful work experiences and impactful relationships.

In addition, Warren served as vice president of development for the National Heart Association and the National Black MBA Association. She also served as a development consultant for Lawndale Christian Legal Center, Sinai Health System and Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy.

Before her extensive career in philanthropy, Warren was a criminal prosecutor in Seattle, Washington. Warren holds a bachelor's in African American studies and U.S. history from UC Davis, and earned her Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from Seattle University School of Law. She enjoys theater, nature, warm beaches, long walks, and spending time with her husband, family, and friends.

Warren serves on the board of Chicago Women in Philanthropy and is a fundraising volunteer for the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Chicago Metropolitan Chapter. She is also a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals continuing education committee

