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Amanda O'Heyre

Colorado North District Manager, Wells Fargo
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Amanda O'Hayre, a 20+ year Wells Fargo veteran, has led the Colorado North District which covers Fort Collins, Windsor, Greeley and the Fort Morgan & Sterling areas across the Front Range, since 2015.

Based in Fort Collins, O'Hayre is responsible for approximately 146 team members who serve individual, affluent, and small business customers at 12 branches.

O'Hayre joined Wells Fargo in 1996 as a Teller and progressively worked her way through the Regional Banking positions. Prior to being named to her current position in 2015, she was a District Manager in Florida, West Palm Beach and Tallahassee, respectively. The diversity of the areas that she managed has led to growth and development in many areas of her management style and her personal development.

Development and mentoring is one of Amanda's key strengths. Over 10 years she has had the opportunity to develop five Branch Managers into the District Manager role and helped coach three new Regional Services Consultants. O'Hayre was one of twenty one female District Managers asked to be a part of the Women's District Manager Community Banking Mentoring Program. As a dedicated learner and developer of her own skills, she is currently enrolled and taking classes at CSU Global and is a graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle, WA.

Throughout her career, O'Hayre has been an active member of the community. Starting her volunteer work with Junior Achievement as a banker in 2007, building that relationship by joining the board of directors for J. A. of Northern Colorado and achieving 85K in donations from 2015 – 2016 and was the incoming Board Chair in 2019. In addition, Amanda has joined the Foothills Gateway Board of Directors and the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. She is part of three team member networks including the Veteran's Network, Diversity Network and Woman's Network.

O'Hayre is a mother of 3 busy growing boys and dedicates her life to helping them to become the best versions of themselves. Outside of all the other activities and events that keep her busy she loves to be outdoors with her family camping, fishing, hiking and spending time together.

Andy Mountain

President & CEO, GBSM, Inc.

LinkedIn Profile

Andy Mountain has counseled some of the nation's leading non-profits, corporations, law firms, government, and quasi-governmental agencies for more than 25 years. He specializes in helping senior managers, C-Suite executives and boards in the areas of business strategy; organizational process and structure; strategic planning; communications; issues and crisis management; reputation management; and government affairs. CA community-builder at heart, Andy has a passion for forging coalitions and collaborations that help create amazing places. Andy has had a hand in shaping some of the most prominent public- and private-development projects that have transformed the Rocky Mountain West over the last 20+ years. He has also helped some of the nation's most influential non-profits strategize their futures; develop, launch and grow key business initiatives, strengthen their advocacy and community engagement programs, and optimize their business processes and organizational structures and for maximum social impact.

Among the most prevalent efforts Andy has played a central role in are: developing and growing a financial-exploitation prevention program responsible for stopping more than $200 million from being stolen from older adults; revitalizing Denver's vibrant River North neighborhood; structuring and strengthening the advocacy and field organizations of some of the most influential non-profits in the country; helping plan and launch a world-renowned, 11,000-acre art center nestled in the shadows of Montana's Beartooth Mountains; planning, designing and building coalitions of support for half of the Denver region's multi-billion dollar FasTracks transit expansion program; and protecting a 172,000-acre Southern Colorado ranch from devastating industrial development that would've harmed wildlife and scarred iconic Colorado views.

Prior to joining GBSM in 2004, Andy had a career in corporate communications that included positions with Microsoft and MCI. He also worked as a communications consultant for regional and international communications firms in Denver and Washington D.C. A member of the Colorado Forum and a 2006 Leadership Denver graduate, Andy is an active leader in Colorado's civic and business communities. He holds a variety of board and advisory positions with organizations focusing on arts, education and community building. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland at College Park. The only things he loves more than his Terps and March Madness are his wife, Jade, and their two children.

Barbara Brooks

Founder, SecondActWomen

LinkedIn Profile

Championing women everywhere, Barbara Brooks, 56, is a powerhouse women's community leader, pro-age speaker, and volunteer. With vision, savvy, humor, and heart, Barbara inspires women in their 40s, 50s, and beyond to own their chapter number and go for what they want and deserve. She's also the founder and CEO of the social enterprise SecondActWomen, built to boost women in their encore life at 40+ journey, delivering peer-driven development special events, insightful conferences, and curated content for her community of over 17,000+ women and allies.

Barbara was also named an Influencer in Aging by PBS's Next Avenue and featured in Forbes, MarketWatch, Fast Company, the Denver Post, CBS Colorado, and Colorado Public Radio. She was recently awarded Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado and graduated from Colorado State University. She's a Sigma Kappa sorority alumni and mom to 5-pound pup Riley B. And like 19% of Americans today, she's also a caregiver to her beautiful 86-year-old mom post-stroke.

Ben Anderson

President, Gallagher

LinkedIn Profile

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 Unites States he has a knowledge 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 development of their strategy, staffing and organizational development so that the team can provide the best support for their clients.

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

Christine Benero

President & CEO, Mile High United Way

LinkedIn Profile

Christine Benero is President and Chief Executive Officer of Mile High United Way, the first United Way in the world. For 135 years, Mile High United Way has worked to advance the common good and believes all children, individuals and families should have the opportunity for success. Last year, Mile High United Way proudly invested over $34 million in the Metro Denver, Boulder and Broomfield communities. Christine is the former Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross Mile High Chapter. Prior to joining the American Red Cross, Christine was the Director of the Office of Public Liaison for the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, DC. She served in two presidential administrations working for both Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Christine has served as Vice President of the National Civic League, and as a Community Affairs Corporate Program Officer for Target Stores.

Christine currently serves on the Boards of: HealthONE, PBS12 and Executives Partnering to Invest in Children. She was appointed by Denver Mayor Michael Hancock to the Denver Education Compact Board. Christine has been recognized with numerous honors and achievements, including: 9News Leader of the Year (2007), "Woman of Distinction" by the Girl Scouts of Colorado (2010), the Las Madrinas award from Centro San Juan Diego (2011). Christine was honored nationally by Girl Scouts of America as one of "One Hundred Distinguished Alumni" in honor of Girl Scouts 100th birthday (2012). She has been named one of the 25 Most Powerful Women in Denver by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce (2013) and was presented with the Urban League's "McKinley Harris Distinguished Warrior" award. Christine was named one of the Denver Business Journal's Outstanding Women in Business (2016) and was awarded the Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal for Public and Community Service by Governor John Hickenlooper (2017). Mostly recently, she has been recognized as Colorado's Most Admired CEO by the Denver Business Journal (2019), the ATHENA award by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, and the Community College of Denver's 2021 MLK Community Leader Award. Christine was recognized as a 2022 Colorado Titan 100. Most recently, Christine was honored with the 2022 Denver Business Journal Lifetime Achievement Award at the Outstanding Women in Business.

Christine holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Special Education from Boston University, a master's in education from Harvard University, Graduate School of Education and was selected as a 2007 Gates Fellow for the Senior Executive Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

Christine Miller

General Counsel, MSA Security

LinkedIn Profile

Ms. Miller brings over 20 years of corporate legal experience and leadership to her role as General Counsel to MSA Security. MSA Security provides high consequence threat solutions, specializing in explosive/firearm detection canines. Previously, she was the General Counsel at SGS North America Inc., a member of the SGS Group which is the world's leading testing, inspection, and certification services company. Prior to SGS, Christine was Senior Corporate Counsel at Oracle USA. Ms. Miller holds a JD from New York Law School and a BA from the University of Maryland.

Cori Streetman

Co-Founder & CEO, Barefoot Public Relations

LinkedIn Profile

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.

Diane Reinhard

VP Hospital Services & Community Impact, Craig Hospital

LinkedIn Profile

Diane Reinhard, DNP, MBA, MSCIS, RN, CRRN, NE-BC, is vice president of 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, Government 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 served on the Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation Board of Directors and is currently serving on the Downtown Development Authority for the City of Englewood and other community taskforces and advisory committees. Diane has been married 36 years and has two grown children. In her free time, she likes to be outdoors, read and have fun with friends and family.

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Erin Pulling

President & CEO, Food Bank of the Rockies

LinkedIn Profile

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, manufacturer, and government partnerships as well as its own purchasing, and distributes the food throughout 32 Colorado counties and all of Wyoming. With a staff of 250, 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 as CEO. Erin is past Board Chair of Colorado Nonprofit Association and still serves on that board. She also serves on Denver Health's Community Engagement Committee and HealthONE's Behavioral Health Advisory Council and as a Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce mentor. Past board involvements include the Food is Medicine Coalition, Dining Out for Life International Association, and Community Shares of Colorado. Awards include Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Titan 100, Food Bank CEO of the Year by Food Bank News, Most Admired CEO and Forty Under 40 by the Denver Business Journal, Outstanding Professional Signature Dish Award 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 BS in Psychology from Santa Clara University and a Master of Nonprofit Management from Regis University. She and her husband have three children, all adopted domestically.

Jennifer Evans

Office Managing Partner & Share Holder, Polsinelli

LinkedIn Profile

Jennifer Evans is a Shareholder in the Health Care Department, Practice Leader of the firm's Health Care Compliance practice and Office Managing Partner of the firm's Denver Office. Her legal practice is focused on fraud and abuse, Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and regulatory compliance. She advises large health systems, emerging companies in health care and entities focused on behavioral health serving commercial and safety net patients.

Jennifer served as Deputy Director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, the single state agency responsible for administering Medicaid and the CHP+ programs. At Colorado Medicaid she was responsible for Administration & Operations including audit, program integrity, provider enrollment, provider enrollment, claims payment and information technology. Jennifer previously served as Legislative Director and Legislative Assistant for Health Care in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

She is a Member of the Board of Directors of the following: American Health Law Association (AHLA), Denver Public Schools Foundation and the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce.

Kelli Clifton Ogunsanya

Chief Operating Officer,
Delta Dental of Colorado
LinkedIn Profile

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 1.5 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, 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 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 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, adjunct professor, and is a lifetime member of Leadership Georgia and Georgia 4-H. Kelli was recently awarded one of Colorado's Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business, serves on the Denver Public School Foundation Board, is an advisor to TARRA: Women's Co-Working Space, and is an advisor for The Ohio State University's Health Services Management & Policy Alumni Committee. Kelli, her husband David, and daughter Iveryrose (4) reside in Denver, Colorado.

Leanna Clark

CEO, Girl Scouts of Colorado
LinkedIn Profile

Leanna Clark is CEO of Girl Scouts of Colorado, the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. GSCO is a statewide nonprofit with a $17M annual budget, 130 full-time employees, 16,000 girl members and 9,000 volunteers dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. As CEO, Leanna sets organizational vision and strategy, oversees all operations, and works to expand visibility and create opportunities for strategic partnerships.

Leanna has more than 30 years of business experience, including 12 years as a small business owner of one of the region's largest marketing and public relations firms, as well as roles in Denver's corporate, foundation and nonprofit communities. Most recently, Leanna served as Vice Chancellor of University Communications for the University of Colorado Denver. In this role, she served on the senior leadership team of an institution with more than 7,000 employees and 17,000 students, directing strategy and overseeing a team responsible for all internal and external communications and marketing as well as spearheading development of key community and business partnerships that advanced the university's mission.

Before joining CU in 2010, Leanna founded and led PhilanthroTravel, a major division of the international nonprofit Project C.U.R.E. that works in more than 120 countries worldwide. In this capacity, she developed the division's business plan, drove fundraising, and designed and led trips to Cuba, Panama, Mexico, and Belize with U.S. business and community leaders, enabling them to "travel with heart" to developing nations.

She also directed communications and led the foundation for IMA Financial Group, one of the nation's leading risk management companies. Previously, as principal and co-owner of marketing PR firm Schenkein, she ran one of the largest agencies in the Rocky Mountain Region, helping client organizations elevate their brands and protect their reputations, on a local, national, and international scale. She began her career as a Denver radio reporter and a TV reporter and anchor for an ABC affiliate in Nebraska.

Leanna currently serves as board chair of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. She is also on the board of directors for the Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation and the Colorado Music Hall of Fame. She has served on a variety of other boards, including the DPS Foundation, the International Women's Forum of Colorado, the Red Cross, Colorado Public Radio, and Public Education and Business Coalition.

Leanna has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Colorado by the Colorado Women's Chamber and has been named a Woman of Distinction by the Girls Scouts of Colorado. She's also been honored twice by the Denver Business Journal as a "PowerBook" award recipient and one of the "Forty Under 40" top young business leaders; in 2021, she was just the second former Forty Under 40 recipient to be named to the Forty Under 40 Hall of Fame. She has also been recognized as a Titan 100, honoring accomplished C-Level executives. She's received national recognition from the Universal Press Syndicate as part of its "Workwise" Awards, honoring innovation and creativity among workplace leaders. In addition, she was named a 'Woman of Achievement' by the Association for Women in Communications.

A Colorado native, she holds a degree in journalism from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She makes her home in Denver's Hilltop neighborhood and has 20-year old boy/girl twins who are both in college.

Marcia Romero

VP of Community Development/Relations, US Bank

LinkedIn Profile

LMarcia Romero is the Community Affairs Manager at U.S. Bank based in Denver overseeing a multi-million-dollar community investment and social impact portfolio supporting the Colorado and New Mexico markets. Her professional experience spans more than 20 years with an extensive background in corporate social responsibility, financial services, marketing and communications in the private, public and nonprofit sectors. She is actively engaged in many of U.S. Bank's Business Resource Groups, serving as an inaugural board member for Global Nosotros Latinos and is a mentor through the Bank's MentorConnect program.

Her professional growth is fueled by a personal commitment to serving the community as both mentor and leader. A proud Denver native, Marcia is a Denver Public School graduate, and passionately volunteers for many organizations and serves on the boards of Latino Leadership Institute, Latinas First Foundation, Latin American Educational Foundation (LAEF), the Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver, Collaborative Impact Fund of Denver, Bank On Denver, Bank On Salt Lake, ArtistiCO and Fiesta Colorado Dance Company. She is a 2023 Outstanding Women in Business honoree by the Denver Business Journal, and was recognized in the 2021 cohort of the Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business from the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. She is an alumna of the prestigious Latino Leadership Institute Fellowship program and the Colorado Hispanic Chamber Foundation's Leadership Program. She has an impressive performing arts background as a trained dancer that has taken her from the stages of NFL stadiums to performing arts theatres in the Southwestern U.S. and Sydney, Australia. For more than 20 years, she has balanced a professional career, motherhood, and an extensive dance career where she is a professional company dancer with Colorado Mexican folklórico dance company, ArtistiCO Dance Company. Additionally, she is proud to be one of the select Latinas who has joined the ranks of the renowned Denver Broncos Cheerleaders for two years during the Denver Broncos Super Bowl run in the late '90s. Marcia is staunch advocate for education, mentorship, and women's empowerment as a first-generation college graduate with a degree from the University of Denver in International Business and a minor in Spanish. She resides in Denver with her greatest pride and joy – her identical twin sons.

Margee Fawley

Chief Talent Officer, Davis, Graham & Stubbs LLP

LinkedIn Profile

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.

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Founder & CEO, Marisol Solarte-Erlacher

LinkedIn Profile

Marisol Solarte-Erlacher, M.A., LPC is an award-winning trauma expert, keynote speaker and corporate consultant.

She is also the creator and host of the podcast Resilience and Resistance, which features successful Black, Indigenous, and Women of Color who have overcome trauma and become resilient. The Resilience and Resistance Podcast was a finalist for the Colorado Podcast Awards for Best New Podcast.

Marisol started her work as a psychotherapist providing bilingual and culturally-resonant services to the Latine/x community. She has spearheaded research on ethnic and ego identity among Latinx adolescents, and she has presented locally and nationally. A leader in her field, Marisol was a clinical supervisor for Master of Counseling students at the University of Colorado at Denver, and continues to coach therapists whose work focuses on trauma and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapies.

Most recently, using the same evidenced based platforms understood through psycho and neurobiological research, Marisol facilitates programming that strengthens employee resilience and enhances team performance. She works with nonprofit organizations, mid-sized corporations and public service entities.

She was a 2019 graduate of Leadership Denver. In 2022, she was a finalist for the Denver Metro Chamber Business of the Year Awards in the BIPOC or Women Owned Category, Latina's First Foundation's Unsung Heroine, and most recently one of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce's Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business. She was a member of the Latino Leadership Institute's inaugural cohort of business owners of the Latino Entrepreneur Access Program (LEAP). LEAP is the first Latino-led business accelerator based out of Colorado to focus on Latino and BIPOC entrepreneurs throughout the region who have moved beyond the start-up stage.

Marisol is the President of the EMDRIA International Board of Directors and was a former co-chair of the Denver Women's Commission through the City of Denver Mayor's Office. She (sometimes foolishly) loves mountain adventures, live music, spending time with her favorite people and making her own vanilla lattes.

Michelle Lucero

Chief Administrative Officer & General Counsel, Children's Hospital of Colorado

LinkedIn Profile

Michelle has the best job in town as Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Chief Flashmob Officer for Children's Hospital Colorado. Before joining Children's, she held pretty rad jobs with Centura Health, City of Denver, US West, and Denver Health.

Michelle believes it's an obligation to give back. She's been blessed with service on amazing boards including Boettcher Foundation, Vectra Bank Advisory Board, and Denver Art Museum's Marketing/Strategic Alliance Committee. Michelle is co-chair of US Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper's US District Court Judicial Advisory Committee, and past Chair for Metropolitan State University of Denver Trustees. Michelle is an Independent Board Director for COPIC Companies. Michelle also provides pro-bono legal and strategic advice to the Papua New Guinea Tribal Foundation, which is focused on teaching values based leadership, combatting gender based violence and nation building in the beautiful South Pacific country of Papua New Guinea.

She's received rocking accolades: 2023 DBJ C-Suite "Trail Blazer" Award; 2022 GALS "Power Award"; 2021 CWBA "Raising the Bar"; CWCC 2020 "Athena"; 2019 USA Top 100 Influencers (Law Executives); 2018 DBJ C-Suite Award; 2017 DBJ "Outstanding Woman in Business"; Colorado Hispanic Chamber 2016 "Business Woman of the Year"; 2016 CU Law "Outstanding Corporate Counsel"; 2015 Latinas First Foundation Trailblazer; CWCC 2015 "25 Most Powerful Women"; and 2013 Girl Scouts' "Woman of Distinction".

Michelle likes to talk! She keynotes on leadership, organizational culture, and women's empowerment to groups including Denver Art Museum, Denver Scholarship Foundation, Vectra Bank, MSUD, CWCC, and Colorado Hispanic Bar Association. By invitation from the US Embassy (Papua New Guinea), Michelle addressed the 2017 and 2016 PNG Women's Forums.
Michelle's a partner in Edgefinders, LLC.

Her biggest accomplishments are her wonderful humans - Jordan, Alex and Noah. She also loves her Jeep and the places it can go!

Mike Benigno

Founder, 168 Sales Management & Sales Leadership Development

LinkedIn Profile

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 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.

Paige Goss

Founder & CEO, Point Solutions Group

LinkedIn Profile

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 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 and a Titan 100 award winner.

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. Paige is the current board Chair for ENCAN the National Foundation to End Childhood Abuse and Neglect.

Reggie Rivers

President, The Gala Team
LinkedIn Profile

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.

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Robin Chalecki

President, Emily Griffith Foundation
LinkedIn Profile

Robin assumed the role of President of Emily Griffith Foundation in 2021. Prior to that, she spent over 25 years in the non-profit sector specializing in fund development, executive leadership, and organizational management, and board governance. Before leading the Emily Griffith Foundation, Robin owned and operated her own non-profit consulting business for 15 years.

Working across scale and sector as a consultant, Robin was able to understand some of the most critical issues facing Denver over the past two decades. From education to basic needs 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 on the Board of several organizations, including Judaism Your Way, ADL (Anti- Defamation League) and the Colorado Women's Chamber Foundation. 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 current participant in the Civic DNA Leadership Fellows program, a 2022 graduate of Leadership Denver, and a member of The Women's Foundation of Colorado giving society. In 2023, Robin was named a Top 25 Most Powerful Woman in Colorado by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce.
Robin has lived in Denver for almost 30 years and is a longtime community member of Central Park. She has two college-age children that went through Denver Public Schools and Denver School of Science & Technology. In her free time, Robin enjoys spending time with her family and friends, travelling, cooking, skiing, and enjoying all the wonderful things Denver has to offer.

Sabah Cambrelen

Workforce Transformation Partner, PWC
LinkedIn Profile

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.

Founder & Executive Director, Color of Cannabis

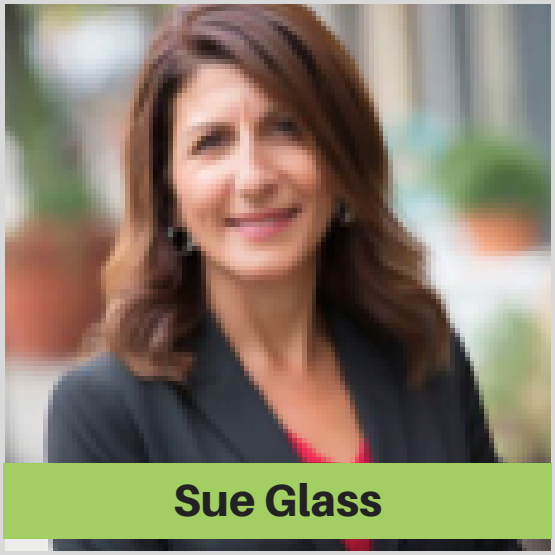
LinkedIn Profile

Sarah Woodson hails from a rich lineage of entrepreneurs, where the spirit of business runs deep in her blood. Her journey began by obtaining two Paralegal certificates and an Associate degree in business management studies. However, she felt a calling to explore her passion for understanding society and its legal aspects, leading her to pursue a BA in Sociology with a Minor in Legal Studies at CU Denver.

In 2005, Sarah made a bold move and established one of Colorado's largest Pro-Se Bankruptcy & Divorce companies. As the CEO, she played a pivotal role in personally assisting over 1000 bankruptcy petition filings. Additionally, through her innovative equity business development program, she empowered numerous women of color to establish their own pro-se bankruptcy and divorce businesses, resulting in over 2000 filings. In 2016, driven by her entrepreneurial spirit and sensing a promising opportunity in the emerging cannabis industry, Sarah made a significant career shift. She founded Kush & Canvases, an innovative and consumption-friendly cannabis art class that garnered recognition in various national publications.

Not content with just one venture, Sarah also became a partner in High Demand Delivery, a groundbreaking social equity business-to-consumer cannabis delivery company—the first of its kind to receive licensing in Colorado. She actively works towards ensuring equitable and sustainable opportunities for people of color in the cannabis industry through her organization, The Color of Cannabis. This remarkable initiative advocates for essential legislation, public policies, and offers business education and technical assistance, further empowering POCs in the cannabis sector. Notably, The Color of Cannabis has been at the forefront of spearheading all social equity legislation in Colorado.

Adding to her impressive portfolio, Sarah also co-founded the nation's first licensed cannabis bus, providing yet another unique and engaging cannabis experience for enthusiasts. Sarah Woodson's journey exemplifies the embodiment of entrepreneurship and the drive to create opportunities that benefit others, especially those from marginalized communities. She also owns and operates the only CBD store in RiNo; Mud & Sage CBD Apothecary. Her diverse ventures and commitment to social equity in the cannabis industry have left a remarkable impact on the business landscape and beyond.



Sue Glass

President & CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Denver

LinkedIn Profile

Dedicated to uplifting lives and transforming organizations for maximum growth and impact, Sue Glass is a catalyzing and dynamic leader. With her visionary outlook paired with an innate entrepreneurial drive, Sue brings over 27 years of expertise in strategic planning, organizational leadership, change management, fundraising and program development.

As the President and CEO of YMCA of Metro Denver, Sue has been instrumental in shaping the vision and redefining the organization's trajectory whose mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.
Prior to her current role, Sue served as the Senior Vice President for the American Diabetes Association. There, she led Association offices across the US, orchestrating initiatives in board development, fundraising, program services, and operations for the Development and Stewardship Division.

A change leader with a strong commitment to innovation and excellence, she has led multiple transformations resulting in successful revenue gains, enhanced program services and board and volunteer engagement. An ardent champion for health, Sue is driven by a mission to bolster both individual and community well-being. The YMCA of Metro Denver, under her leadership, has witnessed a profound metamorphosis. This includes the creation of forward-thinking strategic plans, modernizing facilities, tech integrations for better customer experience, new membership model, whole-person programming, and advancing childcare and youth development strategies.

Her commitment extends beyond her primary role. Sue is an active member on boards such as the Colorado Business Roundtable, MSU's Health Institute's External Advisory Board, Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Denver Partnership Childcare Taskforce. Her prior work with the American Diabetes Association saw her collaborate with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, launching the Diabetes Prevention Program in the state. Moreover, she earned a distinguished seat on the Governor's Council on Physical Activity.

She holds a degree from the University of North Florida in Health Science with an emphasis on Community Health. On the personal front, Sue shares her life with her supportive husband, their cherished daughter Zoey, and two beloved dogs. A person of deep faith, she enjoys travel, outdoor adventures, running, cycling, and dedicating her time to community service.

CEO, Women's Bean Project
LinkedIn Profile

Tamra Ryan is the CEO of Women's Bean Project, a social enterprise providing transitional employment in its food manufacturing business to women attempting to break the cycle of chronic unemployment and poverty. She serves as the Coors Economic Mobility Fellow for Common Sense Institute Colorado.

Named as Most Influential CEO and Ten Most Influential Women in Business 2023, Tamra is a former partner and board member for Social Venture Partners-Denver and Social Enterprise Alliance. 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 in 2022 and 2023 as a Titan100 CEO and Social Entrepreneur of the year by the Colorado Institute for Social Impact. 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 eight 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.

Tamra received her undergraduate degree from University of Colorado Boulder and her Master of Arts and Sciences from Adelphi University. She lives in Denver, Colorado with her husband, two teenage children and two goldendoodles.

Tony Salazar

VP for Outreach & Engagement in the Office of the President, University of Colorado Systems

LinkedIn Profile

Tony Salazar is the first vice president for outreach and engagement at the University of Colorado. Salazar 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.

Salazar is an experienced nonprofit and for-profit C-suite executive. He served as the chief affiliate officer for the National Education Association (NEA) Member Benefits Corp.,an affinity marketing company based in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Salazar 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.

Salazar began his career as a policy analyst at Colorado Legislative Council, a nonpartisan support office for the Colorado state legislature. Later, Salazar served as an education lobbyist for CEA, where he also managed successful ballot issue and candidate campaigns.

Salazar is the immediate past board chairman of the Latin American Educational Foundation (LEAF), a 74-year-old, Denver-based scholarship organization for Latino youth. He is also the immediate past board chair for the South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Salazar serves on the board of directors for the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, and on the board of advisors for the CU Denver Business School. Before taking his role at CU, Salazar was on the University of Northern Colorado's Board of Trustees for two terms as a gubernatorial appointee. In recognition of his work in the community, Salazar received the Latino Leadership Institute's (LLI) 2023 Influence Award, which recognizes individuals who serve in an elevated leadership role in their organization or community and who have leveraged their power, influence, resources, platform, and connections to drive meaningful change.

Salazar is a northwest Denver native and fifth-generation Coloradan. He received a full scholarship to attend the University of Denver, as a first-generation college student, where he graduated with honors. Salazar is also a 2018 graduate of the LLI Fellowship and a 2021 graduate of Leadership Denver.

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Simone Ross

CEO, Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce
LinkedIn Profile

Simone D. Ross, a visionary leader and community builder, hails from Denver's Park Hill neighborhood in Colorado. Her passion for fostering human thriving through effective change management and community engagement has been the driving force behind her career and life.

As CEO of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director of the Colorado Women's Chamber Foundation, Simone is dedicated to advancing women in business and making Colorado #1 for women entrepreneurs.

Additionally, she founded Simone D. Ross, LLC, a change management consulting firm, and serves as the CEO of SDR Events and Youth United University, an inclusive leadership program for middle school students.

Simone's corporate background includes leadership roles at The Riveter, SCL Health, Delta Dental of Colorado, and Kaiser Permanente, where she played a pivotal role in business development and market expansion. Her academic achievements include an M.A. and M.B.A. from Colorado State University. Simone has earned numerous accolades, including recognition as an "Outstanding Women in Business" and "40 Under 40" honoree by the Denver Business Journal, Top 25 Most Powerful Women by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce, and COBiz Gen XYZ Most Influential. Additionally, Simone has participated in Leadership Denver and the Colorado State Chamber of Commerce Executive Leadership Program.

Simone serves on the Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, Colorado Enterprise Fund, and Centura Health Board of Directors. Above all, she takes great pride in her role as a mother to her two children, Gavin and Zoe, whose inspiration fuels her.

Leah Caputo

Program Manager, Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce

Program Liaison - Women's Leadership Lab

LinkedIn Profile

Leah Caputo is an events and programming professional who has entered the space just out of college, with her career being in the nonprofit sector. Her current role is Program and Event Manager with the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce. Her work is supporting women and women of color reaching the highest level of leadership and business ownership. Most recently, she has participated in the Colorado Inclusive Economy's program to continue to make Colorado the number one place for women in work. Leah is a passionate leader with a mission to make as many community and networking connections. She has spent her 12 years of industry experience building and cultivating communities to support underrepresented and underserved communities. Prior to this role, Leah has worked in the events and nonprofit space both in education and healthcare.

In her spare time, Leah takes full advantage of all the things Colorado has to offer. She is an avid hiker, skier, and supporter of all Colorado sporting teams! The Denver Public Library, Colorado Public Radio, and our state parks are some of Leah's favorite things. She holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Communications Studies from the University of Iowa.