



Aileen Berrios

CEO & Owner

D2Demo & Dirt + Utilities and Rapido Rolloff

As the CEO of D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities, and sister company, Rapido Rolloff, she has successfully steered both companies towards innovation and efficiency, prioritizing customer satisfaction and sustainable practices. Aileen's commitment to excellence is reflected in her hands-on approach to leadership, fostering a culture of collaboration and integrity within her teams. Under her guidance, both companies have expanded their service offerings, including same-day delivery and responsible demolition practices that respect the environment and support local communities. Aileen is passionate about driving growth while creating impactful solutions that meet the evolving needs of their clients. Connect with her to explore collaboration opportunities within the construction and waste management sectors.

Aileen graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Regis University with Academic honors of Magna cum laude. She also graduated from The Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver with her Executive Master of Science in Real Estate and Construction Management.

Aileen serves on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC and is also a Titan of Economic Development member. She was past Board Chair of Goodwill of Colorado and Colorado PTAC. She was recognized in 2011 as a Women of Influence by the Colorado Springs Business Journal.

Founded in 2017, D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities specializes in Total and Selective Demolition, Excavation Services, Site Work, Underground Utilities, and Trucking. Rapido Rolloff provides rolloff services with 20, 30, and 40-yard containers in Colorado Springs and Pueblo plus surrounding areas. Please visit our website at www.d2demo.com and www.rapidorolloff.com.



Andrew Gunning

Executive Director

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG)

Andrew has served as executive director of the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) since 2018. PPACG is a regional planning organization that addresses issues crossing jurisdictional boundaries across El Paso, Teller and Park counties, with a governing board comprised of elected officials across the region. Prior to 2018, he served as planning director in Rockville, Maryland in metropolitan Washington D.C., and as deputy director for the regional planning organization in Tucson, Arizona. He has a Masters in City and Regional Planning from Clemson University, and has over 30 years of experience dealing with local and regional issues around transportation needs and infrastructure funding, land use and development, environmental issues, and housing.



Anne Marie Smith

Interim CEO

Pikes Peak Association of Realtors

Anne Marie has served as Interim CEO of PPAR since March of 2024. With over 40 years of comprehensive experience in Association Management at PPAR, Anne Marie has a deep understanding of the organization's operations and strategic direction. In her role, she is instrumental in guiding the development of the long-term strategic plan, ensuring the alignment of the Association's mission, vision, and values with its initiatives. Additionally, she oversees day-to-day management decisions, ensuring smooth and effective operations.



Beau Kelly

*Business Development Manager
Nunn Construction*

Beau is the Business Development Manager at Nunn Construction. In his role, he is responsible for building community relationships, market research, and implementation. Nunn Construction is headquartered in Colorado Springs and partners with clients in the following sectors: commercial, higher education, K-12, healthcare, municipal, and nonprofit. Beau has a well-rounded perspective of the Colorado Springs community through his previous work at El Pomar Foundation, UCCS, and Stockmens Bank.

Beau serves on the board of directors for the Pikes Peak State College Foundation and Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region. He is also a member of the 2024 Mayor's Civic Leadership Fellowship. He earned his undergraduate degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University, and he has an MBA from UCCS. A native of Colorado Springs, Beau enjoys reading, playing sports, and building an ice rink in his backyard with his wife Lauren and their identical twin boys.



Becky Limoge

*Market President
InBank*

Becky Limoge is an invaluable member of our DC Fly-In team and the InBank family, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise in lending and treasury management services. She has a remarkable track record assisting businesses from startups thru \$70 billion enterprises adopt best practices and achieve their goals. Her specialized knowledge in nonprofit, higher education, and healthcare banking sets her apart as a versatile and insightful advisor. Becky excels in conducting comprehensive business process reviews, providing financial analyses that drive both day-to-day operational efficiencies as well as strategic decisions. Her ability to understand and address the unique challenges faced by diverse sectors makes her an essential asset to our delegation. With her keen eye for detail and strategic thinking, Becky ensures her customers financial operations are optimized for success - today and looking into the future. Her dedication to supporting business growth and community development aligns perfectly with our shared desire to promote Colorado Springs as an optimal location to conduct business. We are fortunate to have Becky on our team for this year's Fly-In to Washington, D.C.



Blake Schwank

*CEO, CCS IT Pros
Colorado Computer Support*

Blake grew up on the Air Force Academy and in Colorado Springs. After graduating from UCCS in 1988, he served 11 years as a Medical Service Corps Officer in the US Army. After a short stint as the IT Director of a failed dot-com startup, Blake and his wife Christie founded Colorado Computer Support (CCS IT Pros) in 2001, where he currently serves as president and CEO.

CCS IT Pros provides professional IT services, cybersecurity solutions, computer and network sales, and other technology offerings to commercial and government organizations.

Blake is deeply committed to his community in Colorado Springs. CCS IT Pros clients include numerous organizations that contribute positively to Colorado Springs, such as Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center, Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC, and Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity. At CCS IT Pros, they help their partners make a positive impact on the communities they serve.

Blake is actively involved in Rotary and participates in the Pueblo Community College Health Information Technology Community Advisory Committee. Additionally, Blake has taken part in two mission trips with VisionTrust International to Cambodia and the Dominican Republic, where he assisted in deploying technology to significantly boost future opportunities for children. Blake and Christie have two adult daughters who still live in Colorado Springs.



Bobby Frazee

*Vice President/Chief Financial Officer
Frazee Construction*

Bobby Frazee is a Colorado-based civil infrastructure constructor with more than 16 years of experience in the infrastructure and homebuilding industry.

Bobby is one of two owners and is the acting CFO of Colorado Springs based- third generation Frazee Construction Co. Frazee Construction is one of the state's largest and longest standing pipeline contractors. Since 1946 Frazee Construction has been an industry leader in infrastructure construction and development for commercial, government, and residential projects.

Bobby currently volunteers with the local Kids on Bikes Non-Profit. He is a hockey coach for the Monument Rampage U10 hockey program as well as coaching with the Landsharks Running Club of Colorado Springs.

Bobby and his wife, Michelle, live in Colorado Springs and have two children.



Bonnie Goff

*Director of Market Development
Underline*

Bonnie, a Colorado Springs native, is the Director of Market Development at Underline, a fiber infrastructure company dedicated to building fast, fair, and affordable connectivity in thriving communities. In her role, she leads the business development team focused on expanding fiber connectivity to businesses and works closely with local school districts to enhance community infrastructure. Bonnie is deeply involved in the community, serving on two local boards, First Tee of Southern Colorado and the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance. When she's not working, she enjoys golfing, fly fishing, and cheering on her son, a freshman at Grand Canyon University.



Brandon Wilson

*Government Affairs Advisor
El Paso County, Colorado*

Brandon Wilson serves as an advisor on the El Paso County Government Affairs team. In this role, he assists the Executive Director of the department in managing the County's efforts to communicate the organization's needs at both the state and federal level. Prior to working for El Paso County, Brandon worked in the project management office of a local non-profit, assisting in the planning and execution of enterprise level projects. Brandon holds a master's degree in public administration from California Baptist University and an undergraduate degree in history from George Fox University. As a self-described hunter in training, Brandon loves all things outdoors. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, trail running, and exploring Colorado with his wife, daughter, and two dogs.



Bret Waters

*County Administrator
El Paso County*

Bret Waters is currently the El Paso County Administrator and has served in this position since July of 2021. Bret oversees 1,300 employees and an annual budget of over \$500 million. He supervises the administrative and operational departments of El Paso County, including such areas as Human Services, Public Works, Parks, Planning and several others. Bret has led several successful initiatives while at El Paso County, including transforming the strategic plan.

Prior to this appointment, he served as the Emergency Management Director and the Deputy Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs for 16 years. Bret started his career as a social worker in Tulare County California, the area in which he was born and raised. He has a bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University and a master's degree from Fresno Pacific University.



Brian Risley

*City Council Member At-Large
City of Colorado Springs*

Brian's diverse background and broad set of experiences brings significant value to his role on City Council. As a 2015 alumni of the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, Brian frequently relies upon his formal leadership training to guide his thought process and approach to critical issues.

A native of Colorado Springs, Brian was born and raised here and knows the values, goals and expectations of Colorado communities and he knows what obstacles the Front Range has faced as it has grown. He has been directly involved in numerous issues facing our region over the years through his civic service on many boards and committees including the Colorado Springs Citizen's Transportation Advisory Board and the PPRTA Citizen's Advisory Committee. Through his work with many local municipalities, Brian clearly understands the nuances and inner workings of local government.

Both through his role as the Chair of the El Paso County Planning Commission and his professional involvement as an Architect and planning consultant, Brian has a commanding understanding of land use matters from all sides of an issue and has a track record of skillfully finding compromise and building consensus around complex land use projects. A major component of his architectural practice includes evaluating impacts of proposed developments on the urban fabric surrounding a project and transportation and utility infrastructure related issues associated with development. Often, his architectural firm is charged with master planning a development to accommodate current needs, while taking into account future growth.

Brian's practice has also involved working with a variety of project financing methods including public financing through local district bond and mill levy initiatives, municipal bond financing, and private equity funding. Through his work with bond election teams across the state, hundreds of millions of dollars have been successfully secured for local school and municipal construction.

Brian is passionate about combining his professional expertise with targeted volunteer opportunities to positively impact community and drive measurable results. One example of this was his work with the Pikes Peak YMCA as their Board Chair. Under his leadership, the YMCA embarked on a Capital Campaign that resulted in expanding the Y's mission and cause in our community through improved facilities, new service locations and enhanced connectivity to residents



Cami Bremer

Chair, District 5

Board of El Paso County Commissioners

In her 2nd elected term as an El Paso County Commissioner, Cami currently serves as the Board Chair and brings broad experience in government and media relations as well as healthcare and non-profit management to the role. Cami has a passion for Human Services and cost-effective policies that allows for serving those in need, while incentivizing long term family-centered solutions. Cami also looks forward to collaborating across jurisdictions and organizations for a regional approach to solving current community issues such as homelessness, affordable housing and workforce development. Cami grew up in Georgia and attended the University of Georgia where she earned her Bachelors of Journalism in Public Relations. After moving to Colorado in 2002, she continued her education with an MBA in Marketing from UCCS. Cami is married to Eli Bremer (USAFA '00, OLY '08) and they have an 8-year old son named Struthers. On any given weekend, Cami and her family can be found enjoying outdoor activities like hiking, biking, golfing, swimming, running and skiing.



Casey Scaggs

*Manager, Membership Sales and Engagement
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Casey grew up north of Dallas Texas and played baseball in College, graduation from Texas Tech University in Lubbock Texas. After graduation he worked in the Environmental & Nuclear Engineering field as a recruiter before moving to Colorado Springs. Casey is a seasoned Sales and Engagement Manager with extensive experience in driving business growth and fostering strong client relationships. With a proven track record in sales strategy, customer engagement, and team leadership, Casey excels in developing tailored solutions that meet client needs while achieving company objectives. Passionate about building lasting partnerships.

In his free time you can find him Skiing, Climbing, Golfing, or Playing baseball.



Chris Jenkins

*Chief Executive Officer
Norwood Development*

As CEO of Norwood, Chris oversees the company's development, investment and management activities. With Norwood's expanding community developments in Downtown, Banning Lewis Ranch and their existing portfolio of projects, Chris works with the Norwood team and community partners to deliver on the Promise of Colorado to all citizens of the Pikes Peak Region. "Real estate is the canvas that we work with, but what we really do is partner to build community for people. For decades we have invested and reinvested in our city and that will continue as we pursue building a city as beautiful as its scenery." Outside of his role as CEO, Chris co-manages the Norwood Foundation, and is actively involved on the boards of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Museum and Hall of Fame, the UCCS Development Corp., the Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Exponential Impact and the Colorado Springs Philharmonic. A third-generation Colorado native, Chris enjoys exploring the area's world-class parks, trails, and mountains with his family.



Chris Lieber

*Principal
N.E.S. Inc*

Chris Lieber is a Principal at N.E.S. Inc and current chair of the Colorado Springs Downtown Development Authority. As a community leader with 31 years of local experience in planning and landscape architecture, Chris is currently leading efforts to implement the COS Creek Plan to bring vitality and sustainability to our community's waterways and leading the Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative – to envision the future of our outdoor economy, recreation opportunities, and natural resources for the Pikes Peak Region. Mr. Lieber holds a degree in Landscape Architecture from the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University and a Graduate Certificate from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in Public Management. He has a proven track record of successful collaboration and project implementation involving numerous stakeholders and passionate community advocates in the Pikes Peak Region.



Cory D. Shultz

*Vice President, M.B.A.
Frazee Construction*

Cory Shultz is the Vice President at Frazee Construction, a respected Colorado-based civil infrastructure firm with a legacy spanning 78 years and now led by the third generation of its founding family. In his role, Cory is instrumental in overseeing finance, estimation, and daily operations, ensuring the continued success and growth of the company.

Before transitioning into the construction industry, Cory accumulated two decades of experience in banking. His career included executive leadership positions such as Chief Operating Officer and Chief Lending Officer at Air Academy Credit Union. During this time, he honed his expertise in operational management and strategic development. Cory further advanced his knowledge by earning an M.B.A. from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs later in his career, reflecting his commitment to lifelong learning.

Cory is passionate about innovation management and leadership development, areas he actively pursues both in his professional and volunteer roles. He is an engaged community leader, contributing to various local organizations. His involvement includes serving on the Board of the Better Business Bureau and participating in the Colorado Springs Chamber Mentor/Mentee Program. As the incoming President of the Pikes Peak Range Riders for 2024-2025 and a current board member of the Pikes Peak Range Rider Foundation, Cory continues to support and enrich his community.

He and his wife, Kelli, a Colorado Springs native, reside in the city with their two daughters.



Dave Dazlich

*Vice President, Government Affairs
Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC*

Dave is the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation. Formerly, he was the Director of Government Affairs for the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, the largest and broadest based business advocacy organization in the state of Nevada. At the state level, Dave is very familiar with the legislative process, having worked as a lobbyist, government affairs staffer and legislative aide in Colorado, California, and Nevada. Throughout his career he spent several legislative sessions and special sessions with state legislatures, giving him invaluable insight into the challenges they can present. He has proactively worked to implement legislation on behalf of several organizations, while working with teams of industry experts, contract lobbyists and coalitions of volunteers, trade associations, and labor unions.

Working with local governments, Dave has experience tracking ordinances and legislative proposals, most notably during his time working for the Building Industry Association in Southern California. Dave has also worked with teams of federal lobbyists to engage on relevant issues before congress, drafted official organizational correspondence and prepared testimony for association executives. Through Dave's experience he has represented a range of associations at all levels of government, creating working relationships with elected officials and regulators allowing him to successfully engage in legislation and public policy. In each role, he integrated and effectively worked with diverse teams to raise the public profile of the associations locally, nationally, and internationally.



David Leinweber

*Councilmember At-Large
City of Colorado Springs*

David lives and breathes the outdoors – both recreationally and professionally. He has worked in the outdoor recreation industry for over 40 years, and with his wife, Becky, has owned and managed Angler’s Covey – a Colorado Springs specialty fly fishing shop, guide service, and learning center – for over 26 years. David and Becky have been married for 40 years and both are Colorado natives. They moved to Colorado Springs in 1991 with their twins, Rachel, and Jonathan, and lived in the Village Seven community until 2004 when they moved to the west side and expanded Angler’s Covey to its current location at 21st street and Cimarron/ Highway 24. David’s involvement in the local community has been a consistent thread throughout his life.

In 2016, David founded the Pikes Peak Outdoor Recreation Alliance (PPORA), partnering with Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC and Visit Colorado Springs. PPORA works to strengthen the outdoor recreation industry for the Pikes Peak region through leadership and collaboration. PPORA was recognized as the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Southeast Region Partner of the Year for 2020 and the Rocky Mountain Field Institute Stewardship Partner of the Year in 2022 and leads the region’s Colorado Outdoor Regional Partnership. David has always felt that it’s important to engage in our community and give back. In 2022 David founded a new fund under the Pikes Peak Community Foundation called “The Morning Hatch Foundation” with the mission of funding organizations and programs supporting the mental and emotional needs of the local community through transformational outdoor experiences that cultivate hope.



Dawn Conley

Senior Executive Director

Catalyst Campus for Technology & Innovation

As the Senior Executive Director of Catalyst Campus for Technology and Innovation, Dawn leads a team that creates a collaborative ecosystem where industry, academia, startups, government, and venture capital intersect with Colorado's aerospace and defense industry to create community, spark innovation, and stimulate business growth in support of our national defense. CCTI is a mission-focused collaboration and innovation ecosystem, and serves as a trusted, agnostic partner to accelerate solutions for the execution of the National Defense Strategy, advancement of civil programs, and the economic development of communities.

Dawn has extensive experience in multiple industry sectors, including aerospace and defense, healthcare, government, education and had her own consulting company. Having worked at Fortune 100, midsize companies, and startups, supporting emerging technology and innovative companies with a critical role in our nation's defense is a passion of Dawn's. Prior to working at CCTI, she worked for the Mayor of Colorado Springs, leading initiatives to help with military members and spouses, including the passage of HB20-1326 which helps military spouses with occupational licensure reciprocity. As the wife of a retired military member, she understands the challenges and rewards of being a military spouse. Dawn holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Ohio State University and has won several awards for her contributions to the community, including recognition from Fort Carson and the City of Colorado Springs. In addition to the economic development of the companies and communities that she has been a part of, Dawn has a keen interest in public service and volunteerism.



Deb Walker

*Regional Community Engagement and Public Affairs Manager
Ting Fiber Internet*

Deb Walker is the Regional Community Engagement and Public Affairs Manager for Ting Internet. In this role she works with government officials and develops community partnerships. Her commitment to engagement comes from a career in the nonprofit sector focused on advocacy and civic engagement including as Director of Strategic Partnerships at The Independence Center a nonprofit that advances civil rights for people with disabilities and as the executive director of Citizens Project an organization that advocates for equity, inclusion, and justice in the Pikes Peak region.

She currently serves on the City of Colorado Springs City Council's Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission and on the boards of Colorado Springs Leadership Institute (CSLI) and The Haiti Village Project. She is an alumna of the Colorado Governor's Fellowship. In her free time Deb serves as a US representative to the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) to help monitor elections for states in the Organization for Security Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). Deb holds a master's degree in public administration and has a deep commitment to help build better communities through engagement in local government.



Denise Larzo

*Director of Membership
Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care*

As Director of Membership for Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care, Denise leverages over ten years of business development experience in digital marketing and community engagement.

Her primary role involves grassroots business development, serving as a highly visible ambassador for Pinnacle in the Southern Colorado region. This includes extensive networking with business groups, attending community events, and public relations.

Denise has spearheaded numerous volunteer programs and also founded Safe Housing and Rehabilitation Outreach Network (S.H.A.R.O.N).

She is currently pursuing her degree in business management with an emphasis in marketing. Recently, she completed The Thrive Networks' Business Development Program.

Denise is a Colorado native originally from Denver who currently resides in Colorado Springs. She enjoys being an empty nester but still loves cooking and hosting gatherings for family and friends. She also enjoys traveling, photography, and rollerblading.

Contact Denise if you are looking for affordable healthcare and amazing benefits for your team!



Devin Camacho

*Director, Government Affairs
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Devin Camacho is the Government Affairs Director for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce & EDC. Devin's responsibilities include the logistical management of the Government Affairs Council, as well as any Government Affairs Events. Devin also serves as the liaison between the Chamber & EDC and the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County. Devin's background is rich in Colorado Politics, he has worked for many campaigns, including Senator Cory Gardner's 2020 re-election campaign as a Political Coordinator, and for State Representative Clarice Navarro's 2016 re-election campaign, where he serves as her campaign manager. In 2017 Devin was elected as the youngest Republican County Chairman in Colorado, and in 2019 he was elected as the youngest Colorado Republican Party Secretary. More recently Devin worked in the El Paso County Elections Department as an Elections Specialist, and prior to that he served as the Southwest Regional Director for Colorado's Third Congressional District.



Donna Nelson

*Chief Development Officer
Pikes Peak State College Foundation*

Donna Nelson is a very dedicated, honest professional who started her professional career as a Medical NCO in the United States Army. Donna served nine years in the Military and was stationed overseas three times, including a six-month tour in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm/Shield. Having served her country has helped with shaping Donna into the well-rounded and well-adjusted person she is today. Donna oversees the foundation for Pikes Peak State College, serving as the Chief Development Officer. She brings not only her military experience, but business and government as well, having served the cities last two strong mayors. Donna is very involved in the community and has served on several nonprofit boards. She is an active member of Mt. Carmel Board of Managers, Women's Community Leadership Initiative, and Pikes Peak Community Foundation.



Doug Woody

Vice President

Bryan Construction

Doug has three decades of experience in the construction industry and joined Bryan Construction in 2006. He is a Colorado native and a graduate of Colorado State University-Pueblo with a degree in Civil Engineering. Since starting at Bryan Construction, Doug has successfully managed several critical roles for the company, from Project Manager and Executive Manager of the Commercial Group before being promoted to Vice President of Project Development.

Doug has a drive and passion for the Colorado Springs community and impacting its future. He graduated from Leadership Pikes Peak in 2017 and has served on several boards and committees for the community, including the Colorado Springs Small Business Alliance, El Paso County Contractors, Pikes Peak Business and Education Alliance, and the American Institute of Architects – Mentorship Program.

Doug has supported our community through the built environment and has helped lead construction projects for key clients that call Colorado home



Doug Price

*President & CEO
Visit COS*

As a founding member of the Olympic City USA Task Force, Price played an integral role in launching the Olympic City USA brand in 2015 and continues to steward efforts focused on creating sustained economic growth and enhancing civic pride. He has also been an advocate for the City for Champions projects, which include Weidner Field, the U.S. Olympic & Paralympic Museum, the Hybl Sports Medicine Center at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Robson Arena at Colorado College, and the relocation and expansion of the U.S. Air Force Academy Gateway Visitor Center. Price has led Visit Colorado Springs since 2011. Prior to that, he was senior vice president for professional development at Destinations International and had an 18-year career with Marriott. With more than 35 years of leadership experience in sales and professional development, Price is well known for bringing together key stakeholders and decision makers on initiatives that promote and sustain the Pikes Peak Region, and through his professional and volunteer efforts he has helped to foster an internationally recognized sports industry in Colorado Springs.



Eric Scofield

*Senior Vice President, Community Impact
Norwood Development*

Eric oversees the strategic direction and operations of philanthropic impact investment of both Norwood Corporate and the Norwood Foundation, supporting Norwood's mission to support the growth and vitality of the Pikes Peak region. He has extensive experience in fundraising, board development, and community engagement will be instrumental in expanding the Foundation's impact and driving forward initiatives that benefit local communities.

Before joining the Norwood Foundation, Eric served as the Principal Gifts Officer at Young Life where he led efforts to raise substantial funds, foster partnerships and drive strategic growth to support the organization's mission.



Ernest Campos

*Senior Account Executive
American Systems Corporation*

Ernest M. Campos is an experienced professional within the Space, Cyber and ISR domains. He is the Senior Account Executive for Space Programs at AMERICAN SYSTEMS Corporation. Former positions include Global Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), Cybersecurity Scientist, and Corporate Senior Manager at L3Harris Technologies supporting USSF programs; Co-founder, President, and COO of Incline Cyber Solutions; and the Intelligence Community Practice Principal for the Hewlett-Packard Company. He has spent over thirty (30) years specializing in the design, integration, and sustainment of complex computing solutions throughout the public sector. Federal and DoD clients have included The White House, The Central Intelligence Agency, The National Reconnaissance Office, The National Counter-Terrorism Center, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, The Department of Homeland Security, The Department of State, US Air Force, US Space Force, and others. Prior to joining industry, Ernest served 11-years in the U.S. Air Force as a White House Communications, Senior Information Systems Technology Lead.

Ernest currently serves as Co-chair for the UCCS Engineering Leadership Counsel, Advisory Board member for the Colorado Springs (COS) chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-COS), Founding member of the Colorado Springs Cybersecurity Leaders Roundtable, Cybersecurity Navigator for the Catalyst Accelerator program at CCTI (COS and Ogden), and Co-chair for the Space ISAC Space Innovation and Test Bed. Ernest also serves as a professional mentor and has co-founded two separate mentoring programs for ISSA-COS and The George Washington University Tech Alumni Association.

Ernest holds a MS in Information Systems Technology with an emphasis on Cybersecurity from The George Washington University and a BS in Business Management with an emphasis on Organizational Information Systems from National – Louis University. Certifications amassed include CJCISO, Federal CIO, PMP, CISSP, Security+, ITIL, and others.



Forrest Senti

*Vice President of Products & Partnership
Intelligent Payload Solutions*

Forrest Senti is a community advocate and technology evangelist who is currently employed as the Vice President of Product and Partnerships for Intelligent Payload Solutions (IPS). Forrest oversees a variety of efforts at IPS ranging from product management for B2G products to collaborating with the DOD on new lines of effort. His interests vary widely from volunteering as a member of the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Government Affairs Council to serving as Board Secretary for the National Cybersecurity Center. Notably, Forrest has worked in multiple states to implement the first use of online voting for military and overseas citizens as well as disabled voters. He was recently awarded the title of Honorary Commander by the US Air Force Academy for his efforts as a community leader, in addition to winning the 2019 Colorado Springs Mayor's Young Leader Award for Technology and Innovation. Forrest loves Colorado Springs, Oreos, his country and is always willing to find new and exciting ways to collaborate with others and solve big problems.



Gary Barber

Project Manager

Southern Colorado Rail Park

Gary Barber serves as Project Manager for the Southern Colorado Rail Park, a 3,100-acre rail-served industrial development that he helped originate in 2015 to address the need for job creation in Southern El Paso County.

He has extensive experience in real estate development, with particular expertise in water issues on Colorado's Front Range, including valuation of water rights, analysis of municipal water resource portfolios, and the restoration, management, and development of water assets. As a native Coloradan, he has a strong interest in preserving agricultural productivity while addressing the demands of municipal growth.

Mr. Barber served as the project manager and primary author of the Arkansas Basin Implementation Plan, a component of the 2015 Colorado State Water Plan. Additionally, he provided ten years of leadership as Manager of the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority.

Mr. Barber began his career in the Washington, DC real estate market. His experience included Development Manager of the Dulles Greenway, a \$320 million privately funded toll road. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy.



Gordon Dean

*Board of Directors, Chair
Pikes Peak Association of Realtors*

Gordon serves as Chair of the Pikes Peak Association of Realtors. He is passionate about real estate. He loves building positive relationships with the people he helps by providing exceptional care to each unique client. His expert knowledge with over 15 years' experience, continual communication, and proven negotiation skills will help the transaction go smoothly. His goal is to exceed your expectations by making your home selling or buying experience so positive that you will be excited to recommend him to your friends and family. That's why over 90% of his business comes from referrals by satisfied clients and he was honored with induction into the RE/MAX Hall of Fame.



Greg Cerbana

*Vice President, Government Affairs
Weidner Apartment Homes*

Greg Cerbana has been in the Residential Property Management Industry for three decades. His career has progressed from onsite positions and regional management to directing the Public Relations Department and heading the state and federal Government Affairs efforts for Weidner Apartment Homes, a Kirkland, WA based real estate company. Greg is a member of the Board of Directors of both the National Apartment Association as well as its Education Institute and is a sought-after speaker for housing policy discussions. He is a founding board member and past president of the Washington Multi-Family Housing association and was honored by that organization in 2023 with its Lifetime Achievement Award. Greg has been active in furthering Weidner's business and philanthropic outreach efforts in the Springs and recently chaired the successful \$5.4M fundraising effort of the Titans Campaign for the Chamber and EDC.

Greg was asked to oversee corporate giving and is currently administering a \$20M pledge made by Dean Weidner to address the challenges of homelessness in Anchorage, Alaska. Greg sits on the Board of Directors of the Anchorage Affordable Housing Land Trust and is the current Vice Chair of the Homeless Leadership Council in that city.

On a personal note, Greg was born and raised in Hawaii and is an active two-wheel enthusiast as well as a patch holding member of the Kanaka Hekili motorcycle club. He can be found many weekends touring the backroads of the PNW on his trusty Harley named Penny. He's a Paul Harris fellow in his local Rotary club, a 1992 graduate of Seattle University, and an avid fan of both the Seattle Seahawks and the Seattle Sounders. He's been married to his college sweetheart Sloane for 32 years and is a proud father of 4 who all still like to hang out with mom and dad for Sunday night dinners.



Gregory S. Phillips, A.A.E., MBA

*Director of Aviation
Colorado Springs Airport*

Greg Phillips is the Director of Aviation for the Colorado Springs Airport. He is an instrument rated commercial pilot, holds an engineering degree from West Point, and an MBA from the University of Denver. Following military service, Greg worked as a project manager for Boeing and the FAA, serving as Deputy Program Manager during the construction of the Denver International Airport. He has filled executive positions at five airports, starting with the Bend Municipal Airport in Oregon, where he was named Oregon Airport Manager of the Year. He was Deputy Director at the Missoula International Airport, Director of the Wenatchee, Washington airport and Executive Director of the Vail/Eagle County Airport before assuming his current role in January, 2017. In 2019, COS was recognized as Colorado Airport of the Year by the Colorado DOT. COS was the 2020 recipient of the Economic Development Council of Colorado's award for economic partnerships, the 2020 national brand identity marketing awardee from the Airports Council International, the 2021 Balchen/Post national awardee from the American Association of Airport Executives for their snow removal program, and the 2023 ACI Best Marketing Program award, as well as numerous awards for various construction projects. COS has been recognized for the past three years as one of Colorado Springs' Best Workplaces. Greg serves on the National Board of Directors for the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), Past President of the Northwest Chapter Board of Directors for AAAE and currently serves on a number of national aviation committees. He serves as a member of the VisitCOS Board of Directors, the Colorado Springs Chamber Board of Governors, the city's Economic Development Advisory Council, the Colorado Springs Police Foundation Board and is an Honorary Commander at the United States Air Force Academy.



Holly Williams

*Commissioner, District 1
Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

Holly Williams was elected as El Paso County Commissioner for District 1 in 2018. Holly holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia and a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Additionally, she is a graduate of the Leadership Program of the Rockies. Holly served for two terms as the Public Trustee of El Paso County, an appointment by Governor Bill Owens. She was elected by her peers to serve as President of the Colorado Public Trustee's Association and successfully worked with the state legislature to pass needed changes in foreclosure law.

Holly strongly believes in and has lived a life of public service and dedication to our community. She has a strong record of working to improve our community, serving in various community groups, from Scouting and other youth groups to political involvement. Holly has been an officer of the Sunrise Republican Women's club and has served in numerous positions within the El Paso County Republican Party. Holly moved to Colorado in 1992 where she and her husband Wayne raised their four children. In her spare time, she is an accomplished pianist and frequently accompanies large congregations and local choirs. She enjoys board games and traveling the State of Colorado with Wayne. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Commissioner Williams took the oath of office for her second four-year term on January 10, 2023.



Jamie Fabos-Leaverton

Chief of Staff

City of Colorado Springs

Jamie Fabos has been the Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs since June 2023. Fabos previously oversaw the Colorado Springs Utilities' public affairs efforts and interactions with the community. Prior to joining Utilities, Fabos served as the City's Chief Communications Officer from 2015 to 2022. During her time at the City, Fabos led the City's communications department, including public relations, marketing, branding and crisis communications efforts. She worked extensively on the city's recognition as a U.S. News Best Place to Live, the effort to keep U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs and the development of Colorado Springs' identity as Olympic City USA. Fabos also provided key leadership in guiding the City's public communications efforts through significant crises, including the Planned Parenthood mass shooting and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Prior to government service, Fabos spent nearly 20 years in the sports industry. During that time she managed public relations for the U.S. Olympic Swim team through two Olympic Games including Michael Phelps' historic eight-gold performance. She also managed the media operations for the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games and promoted the incredible athletes on the U.S. Women's Olympic hockey team for two years. Prior to relocating to Colorado, Fabos managed PR for the NHL's New York Islanders.

Jamie is married to Kelly Leaverton and the couple share four children and two rowdy dogs



Jason Molnar

*Co-Founder and Chief Strategy Officer
Infinity Labs*

Jason “Thor” Molnar is a serial team builder and communicator with nearly 20 years of experience in both government and industry. He is a decorated U.S. Army combat veteran who served as an Armored Reconnaissance Platoon Leader during the surge years in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Jason continues to serve as a committed advocate for veterans’ medical rights, K-12 teaching opportunities, and veteran entrepreneurship. He serves on several boards of directors to support and further his commitment to fellow service members. For Infinity, Jason is responsible for synthesis and socialization of corporate strategy and vision. He is the focal point for business development relationships with customers and collaborators throughout state, local, and federal government, industry, and academia. Further, Jason leads all facets of marketing and corporate communications to include advertising, website content, branding, social media presence, public relations, and messaging.



Jeffrey Jensen

*Managing Director | Financial Advisor
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management*

Jeff Jensen is a Managing Director of Wealth Management and the founder of the Jensen Group Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley. For over 25 years, Jeff has dedicated his career to providing highly customized advice and investment solutions to a broad array of clients that includes highly successful families, foundations, nonprofits, private companies and reinsurance portfolios for auto dealerships.

Since becoming a Financial Advisor in 1994, Jeff has remained committed to professional development and advanced learning. An alumnus of the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, he has earned the following industry designations: Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania and Chartered Retirement Plans Specialist (CRPS®). Morgan Stanley has named him a Family Wealth Director, a credential achieved by fewer than four percent of the firm's Financial Advisors as of 2023, and a Corporate Retirement Director, upon completing the firm's rigorous certification programs.

Jeff's commitment to his community is reflected in his work with nonprofits and his involvement in philanthropy. He is the founder of a quarterly lecture series called "Build Community Capital," which brings community, business and nonprofit organizations together to discuss fresh ideas for creating new capital opportunities in Colorado Springs. He is also a member of the Association of Professional Investment Consultants (APIC).

Jeff resides in Colorado Springs with his wife and two children. Among his many hobbies, he is passionate about photography and travels to uncharted areas to gain an understanding of indigenous peoples. Through his visual storytelling, he challenges ethnocentric views and inspires learning. Jeff also enjoys running, hiking, and skiing. He and his family love to travel and hope to visit every country in the world.



Jenifer B. Furda

*Director of Partnerships, Governmental Affairs & Military Liaison
University of Colorado Colorado Springs*

Jenifer is the Director of Community Engagement, Local Governmental Affairs and Military Liaison for the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She has a bachelor's and a master degree from the University of Northern Colorado. Jenifer has held previous leadership positions at the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation, Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Springs Business Journal, National Cybersecurity Center and Kaiser Permanente Colorado. She currently serves as the Chair of the Downtown Partnership Board of Directors as well as serving on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Jenifer has been in the Colorado Springs community since 1988, her husband Jon and two young adult children Rhyan and Wyatt enjoy everything that Colorado has to offer.



Jess Lee

CEO
413, LLC

As the CEO and owner of 413, LLC, a boutique firm that provides consulting and analytical services in Africa and beyond, Dr. Jess Lee combines her passion for international development, human rights, and deaf culture. She has over 15 years of experience in working with diverse stakeholders, including NGOs, governments, military, and private sector, to design and implement projects that foster social change and empowerment. With a Ph.D. in Anthropology and an MA in Deaf Studies, Jess has developed a unique set of skills and knowledge that enable her to bridge cultural, linguistic, and disciplinary gaps. Dr. Lee teaches qualitative methods both in her capacity as the CEO of 413, LLC and as adjunct faculty at Gallaudet University. She has additional interests in messaging, strategic planning, and data visualization. Jess is also a board member of the Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind. She is always eager to learn new things, collaborate with others, and challenge herself.



Jim Harris

*Senior Vice President
U.S. Bank Colorado Springs*

Jim manages commercial banking for Colorado Springs and New Mexico, responsible for the bank's commercial clients that generate revenues between \$25 million and \$1 billion annually. He has been a banker for 38 years and has served in previous roles as Community Bank President and Commercial Banking Manager for Mountain States.

Jim serves on the Chamber's Finance Committee. He also serves as the Chair of Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. Board of Directors and is the immediate past Chair of Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation Board of Trustees. Additionally, Jim's serves on the boards of Care Synergy (the management services organization for several non-profit hospices and home health care entities across Colorado); and Rocky Mountain Health Care Services (PACE). He is the immediate past Chair of the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute selection committee and recently completed his term on the board of Peak Vista Community Health Centers.

Jim's vision for Colorado Springs is for all our communities to thrive and for future generations, regardless of income, to be able to call Colorado Springs home.

Jim is Gigi's spouse and Austin, Sarah and Mimi's dad. In his free time, Jim enjoys biking, hiking and playing pickleball. He and his family moved to the Springs from El Paso, Texas 17 years ago and they now call Colorado Springs their forever home.



John Dygert, D.O.

*Physician and Chief Executive Officer
Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care*

John Dygert is a Family Medicine physician in Colorado Springs, CO. He graduated medical school from Kansas City University - Medicine in 2009, and completed residency in Fort Wayne, IN in 2012.

Following training, he worked as a full-scope Family Medicine doctor in Colby, KS until 2017. This position involved inpatient medicine, outpatient clinic, obstetrics including c-sections, and coverage of the emergency room, two nursing homes, and one assisted living facility. In addition, he was also the director of Emergency Medical Services, head of the county health department, and deputy coroner! Despite being very busy, he cherished his time in Colby and credits this experience with providing him an intricate understanding of multiple facets of the health care system.

Dr. Dygert views Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care as "a materialization of a dream I've had since 2014". He firmly believes that this practice will model a impactful solution for the problems afflicting health care in the United States.

He and his wife Jilinda have five children; all attending school in the Colorado Springs area. He loves outdoor activities and sports, and is an avid fan of the Denver Broncos, Cincinnati Reds, and Ohio State athletic teams.



Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer

*President & Chief Executive Officer
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer took over as president and CEO of Southern Colorado's largest chamber and economic development organization in 2022. Prior to that, she managed her own consulting firm. Her previous roles include president and CEO of Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) Cincinnati, leadership positions at Duke Energy, Citi, United Way-Cincinnati, OH, and Obion County Chamber of Commerce and Jackson Downtown Development Corporation-Tennessee. She's a proud graduate of the University of Memphis (BA – Communications), Thomas More University (Master of Business Administration), and the Oklahoma University Economic Development University (OUEDI). In addition, she completed her certificate in economic development through the International Economic Development Council. A champion of the communities where she lives, she serves on several boards and committees. In her down time, she enjoys exploring new trails, restaurants, and shops with her husband, Kurt, and spoiling their beloved French Bulldog, Nutmeg.



Justin Burns

*Real Estate & Insurance Agent
Quantum Commercial Group/Strategic Insurance*

Justin L. Burns is the agency owner of Strategic Insurance, a boutique agency with a team of five, serving over 1,000 insureds and managing more than \$5 million in annual premiums. He is also a commercial real estate broker with Quantum Commercial, specializing in the retail and non-profit sectors. With over a decade of experience in insurance and 12 years in telecommunications with companies like Level 3 and TW Telecom, Justin is a seasoned professional.

Justin is deeply committed to his community. He serves on the LAS Advisory Committee at UCCS since November 2021 and has been a member of the Government Affairs Council (GAC) at the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC since July 2016, including a term as Vice-Chair from 2019 to 2021.

His dedication to local development is evident through his involvement with the Downtown Partnership of Colorado Springs since January 2015 and the Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs (HBA) since January 2014. At HBA, he has served on the Leadership Development Committee, chaired it from 2020 to 2021, and was Vice-Chair from 2019 to 2020. He also participated in the Political Action Committee (PAC) from 2018 to 2022 and chaired the Parade of Homes Committee from 2014 to 2018. Since 2022, Justin has been the Vice President of Pikes Peak Pride, a local LGBTQ advocacy organization.

Additionally, Justin has served the Colorado Springs Philharmonic Guild as the Program Committee Co-Chair and Past Treasurer. His community involvement also includes being a Board Member for Homeward Pikes Peak from 2017 to 2021 and co-founding Derby For Diabetes in 2010, an annual event benefiting children with type-1 diabetes. Furthermore, Justin served as the Board Chair for the Business & Community Alliance at Colorado College from January 2012 to January 2013, demonstrating his commitment to fostering strong community and business relationships.



Kathryn (Kat) Seibert

*Occupational Therapist
Health Promotion Partners*

Kathryn (Kat) Seibert graduated from Colorado State University in 1990 with a degree in Occupational Therapy. She has worked in the healthcare industry in Colorado Springs and Denver for the past 32 years. Her experience as an Occupational Therapist spans the entire healthcare spectrum to include inpatient care, outpatient care, home health care, and managerial positions. She is currently working in the area of Driver Rehabilitation where she performs assessments on older drivers to determine fitness to drive; assessments on individuals who have recently sustained an injury or illness and who may be in need of adaptive equipment to drive; and readiness to drive assessments for young people with diagnoses that may prevent them from learning to drive in a traditional driver education school. Kat has been married to Tim for 29 years, and they have 2 adult children. In her free time, she enjoys playing tennis and trying to keep up with Tim on a mountain bike.



Keith Klaehn

Defense Mission Task Force

Keith is an Army Retiree of some 21 years Aviation service. He was the 2016 Chairman of the Colorado Springs Military Affairs Council and of its Board of Advisors during its 75th Anniversary Year, and presently serves an indefinite term as the Chairman (only the 4th in its 25 year history) of the very impactful Defense Mission Task Force((DMTF). The DMTF works in concert the Military Community Support Organizations and government at all levels to develop relationships and programs to improve the ability of all Colorado military installations to execute and grow their missions. In the 20 years since retiring from active duty, Keith has become a fixture as an advocate for our military community, one of the largest in the nation, with its five local installations and multiple Army, Air Force, Joint and Bi-National Commands. In each of these last 20 years, and most recently multiple times a year, Keith has traveled to our nation's Capital either of his own accord or with the Chamber of Commerce's annual Legislative Action Mission for meetings in the Pentagon, on Capitol Hill or with Senior Defense Industry Leaders.



Kelly Leaverton

*Senior Director, Business Development
Innovaflex Foundry*

Kelly Leaverton is the Sr. Director, Business Development for InnovaFlex Foundry. Prior to his current role, he served as the Colorado Springs Chamber & Economic Development Corporation's S. VP, Operations and various positions within the CSCEDC from January 2022 through June 2023.

Kelly retired from military service in 2019 after 27 years in the US Army. Kelly's final assignment was as the UCCS' Mountain Ranger Battalion's Senior Professor of Military Science. Kelly has held every leadership position in a US Army Combat Engineer Battalion from Team Leader to Platoon Sergeant and from Platoon Leader to Battalion Executive Officer and has served as a Company Commander (MICO and EN CO) and as a Brigade Engineer Officer for 4ID at Fort Carson, CO.

Kelly commissioned from Officer's Candidate School in 2008 after serving as a Sergeant First Class (E7) and as a Platoon Sergeant during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Kelly has five combat deployments and has been forward deployed to Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Jordan. Kelly has been recognized for multiple leadership and combat awards throughout his career.

Kelly is married to Jamie Fabos. The couple shares four children, Andrew Leaverton (28), Alexandra Leaverton (26), and Ashlynn & Riley Fabos (12).



Kevin Murphy

EVP & Co-Owner

D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities and Rapido Rolloff

Kevin Murphy is a prominent figure in the construction and demolition industry, known for his leadership at Murphy Constructors and D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities in Colorado Springs. Kevin Murphy, a third-generation Colorado Springs native, has built a reputation for excellence and innovation in the construction field.

After working for Murphy Constructors for over 30 years, Kevin Murphy and his wife Aileen Berrios established D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities and sister company Rapido Rolloff in 2017. Both companies have become a leading name in the Colorado Springs construction industry. The company is renowned for its high-quality craftsmanship, attention to detail, and commitment to client satisfaction. D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities has completed numerous high-profile projects, ranging from residential to commercial demolition, both total and selective, earning a reputation for reliability and excellence in the industry.

D2 Demo & Dirt + Utilities is known for its efficient, safe, and environmentally responsible approach to demolition and earthmoving projects. Their commitment to sustainability and innovation has helped the company stand out in a competitive market, ensuring projects are completed on time and within budget.

Kevin Murphy's expertise extends beyond project management and construction oversight; he is also deeply involved in community initiatives and industry associations. Along with his wife, he is an active member of the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC Titan Council. As a graduate from Saint Mary's High School, Kevin volunteers with many local community organizations. He enjoys racquetball, golf, photography, and traveling during his spare time.



Laura Neumann

Founder/Owner

LN Business Consulting, LLC

Frequently cited as a community-building strategist, Laura's career has successfully traversed tourism, city-building and public service. Her impact on Colorado Springs has been broad, most recently through her role as senior strategist for Weidner Apartment Homes, including development of Weidner Field, their new mixed use communities as well as their investments into myriad philanthropic engagements.

Laura is the incoming chair of the COS Chamber & EDC and serves on the board of Pikes Peak United Way, the Downtown Development Authority, and Manitou Springs Community Foundation. Her previous roles include Chief of Staff for the City of Colorado Springs, Managing Director of Garden of the Gods Resort and Vice President of Cheyenne Mountain Resort. Laura's initiative in the community extends to city-building, business start-ups, and nonprofits. Her dedication has earned her numerous accolades, including an official Resolution of Appreciation from the City of Colorado Springs, the Brava Donna Award, and the Women of Influence Legacy award.



Lindsay Pack Moll

*Chief Executive Officer
InnovaFlex Foundry*

Lindsay Pack Moll is the Chief Executive Officer at InnovaFlex Foundry. Lindsay brings a unique perspective to delivering creative technological solutions having worked in a variety of roles across the public, private, and government sectors. Before joining InnovaFlex as the CEO, she spent time running global businesses with customers and manufacturing around the world for companies such as Philips and Becton Dickinson. With her engineering background, Lindsay has been deeply engaged in developing cutting edge technology, but she is also passionate about the total product lifecycle and ensuring that manufacturing capabilities and processes are part of that design. She used this industry experience and knowledge to guide her recommendations as she spearheaded the total product lifecycle reorganization at the Food and Drug Administration where she was both a lead scientist and senior manufacturing engineering reviewer. Lindsay wants to invest in her community and country, so she serves on the board for both the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Center and the Colorado Advanced Manufacturing Association. Lindsay is the mother of six boys and in her free time enjoys their adventures outdoors.



Lisanne McNew

*President & Chief Executive Officer
SAFE Engineering*

Lisanne McNew is the President & CEO of SAFE Inc., a Women Owned Small Business engineering firm. She is also the President & COO of McNew & Associates and Adjunct Instructor for the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. Lisanne currently serves as the Chair for the National Association of Workforce Boards, Chair for the Military Affairs Council, Immediate Past Chair of the Colorado Workforce Development Council, Past Chair for the Pikes Peak Workforce Development Board, among several others. Lisanne received her BS from the University of Northern Colorado and her MA in Leadership, Research, and Development from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. She is a Colorado Native.



Liz Denson

President & CEO

Early Connections Learning Center

Liz Denson is the President and CEO of Early Connections Learning Centers, a high-quality early education organization serving over 300 children daily in sites around Colorado Springs. She holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. She joined the leadership team of Early Connections in 2016 as Vice President of Community Engagement and has served as President and CEO since 2022. She has 17 years' experience in community engagement, development, marketing, and public relations. She currently serves as Co-Chair of Alliance for Kids (El Paso County's Early Childhood Council), is an Executive Committee member of the Early Childhood Business Council, sits on many local and state committees related to early education and is a member of the Nutrition Camp School Foundation Board and Empty Stocking Fund Community Advisory Board. She previously chaired the Festival of Lights Parade Board and has produced state and national association level rodeos in New Mexico and Colorado. A graduate of Leadership Pikes Peak's Signature Program, she has also been recognized as a Rising Star by the Colorado Springs Business Journal and a Woman to Watch by Girl Scouts of Colorado. Originally from the Houston, Texas area, she and her husband relocated to Colorado Springs from New Mexico in 2008. Together, they have a three-year-old daughter, Bailey.



Longinos Gonzalez Jr.

Commissioner, District 4

Board of El Paso County Commissioners

Longinos Gonzalez, Jr. serves District 4 on the Board of County Commissioners. His district encompasses southern and eastern El Paso County, including the Towns of Fountain, Security/Widefield, Hanover, Ellicott, Rush, Yoder and the south-southeast areas of Colorado Springs as well as the unincorporated area of Stratmoor Hills.

Graduating from the Air Force Academy in 1992, Longinos returned to Colorado Springs because of his love for the outdoors and beauty of the region, particularly the mountainous Front Range. He enjoys hiking in our areas' great parks and trails and is an avid fisherman and tennis player. His background includes a 20-year career as an Air Force Intelligence officer, retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 2012. Longinos has a Master's Degree in science education and he was a teacher with Harrison School District 2 prior to his election.

Longinos' community involvement includes serving on the State Board of Veterans Affairs, the boards of CASA and the Fountain Valley Senior Center, and being a volunteer Sunday school teacher and lector at his church. Longinos took the oath of office for his second four-year term on January 12, 2021.



Lynette Crow-Iverson

*Councilmember At-Large
City of Colorado Springs*

Lynette Crow-Iverson was the Founder, President and CEO of Conspire! A groundbreaking Industry Compliance firm. Conspire! rapidly grew to serve over thousands of companies, schools, and organizations with locations across the world. Due to Lynette's experience as a trauma and cardiac nurse, combined with her keen insight into workforce trends and business needs she immediately identified a market potential for industry compliance in the safe and drug-free workplace, this led to a seamless transition into a position of management of medical operations in Occupational Medicine offering a safety net of services for Employers. In 2008, Lynette became the managing partner of HealthQuest Medical Services, a Workers Compensation Medical Clinic in Colorado Springs.

Lynette is a respected authority routinely called upon by members in her industry and beyond. In addition to launching one of the state's most innovative businesses in the past decade, she served on several boards and commissions dedicated to improving, enriching, and enhancing the quality of life in Colorado Springs. Recognized as an expert in business ethics and corporate compliance, Lynette was one of the founding mayor-appointed trustees for the Colorado Springs Health Foundation and served for two years as the chair for the Pikes Peak Workforce Authority Board. She currently sits on the Regional Connect Committee for the Chancellor of UCCS and is the Vice Chair of UCHealth- Grandview Hospital Board and a UCHA State Board Member. Lynette has received the women of distinction award from the Girls Scouts of America and the prestigious S. Jerrard Smith Community Service Award from Pikes Peak United Way.

Lynette ran many successful campaigns under the Suthers administration including 2C, 2C2, PPRTA, and TOPS.

Since the sale of her businesses in April 2022, Lynette ran for City Council At Large and was elected on April 4th, 2023, and now serves on Colorado Springs City Council as President Pro-Tem.

**(Maria) Gigi Harris**

*Social Worker Family Advocacy Program
Fort Carson*

She has been a social worker for 29 years having worked for Child Protective Services (Case Worker), Visiting Nurses Association (Hospice Bereavement Coordinator), School Social Worker and New Parent Support Program. She is fluent in Spanish.

Gigi was a docent at the El Paso Holocaust Museum for many years and looks forward to visiting the National Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. during the D.C. Fly-In.

She enjoys hiking and biking and spending time with friends and family. She has three beautiful children (Austin, Sarah and Mimi) and is married to Jim Harris.



Margaret Dolan

Chief Executive Officer

Pikes Peak Community Foundation

Ms. Dolan is CEO for the Pikes Peak Community Foundation, which is dedicated to facilitating philanthropy for individuals, families, and businesses. PPCF seeks to identify the most pressing issues facing our region and build enduring charitable assets that will be available to the non-profit sector to fund their impactful work to improve quality of life in this region, now, and in the future.

Her previous roles include President & CEO of Launch Tennessee, President & CEO of LocalShares, President & CEO of Saint Thomas Health Foundations, and VP of Community Relations for Ingram Industries Inc., serving in a lead role in family and corporate philanthropic and civic activity. Ms. Dolan began her career at KPMG, LLP.

Ms. Dolan serves on the boards of the Foundation for Colorado Springs Future, the Pikes Peak Real Estate Foundation, and the Empty Stocking Fund. She proudly served on numerous boards in her previous community (Nashville, TN) including the Memorial Foundation, Tennessee Business Roundtable, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Partnership, Public Education Foundation, and Rotary among others.

She is a member of the Colorado Springs Estate Planning Council and the AICPA. Dolan earned her BS in business administration (accounting) from the University of Tennessee and her MBA from Vanderbilt University. She is a CPA licensed in Colorado and Tennessee.



Melissa Woody

Registered Nurse

Melissa Woody is a registered nurse (RNC) working in the Labor and Delivery department at St. Francis Hospital. Melissa is certified in Advanced Cardiac and Basic life support, Certified Obstetrics Nurse, Electric Fetal Monitoring and is Chair of Obstetrics Emergency Committee at St. Francis. Melissa strives to advocate for her patient's care using evidence-based practice. She is a three-time nominee of the "Daisy Award" which patients elect nominees for excellent patient care. Melissa is a proud mother of two beautiful daughters, married to her husband for 25 years, loves traveling, hiking, and live music.



Michelle Talarico

*Councilmember, District 3
City Of Colorado Springs*

Being a Colorado College Alum helped build a passion for community & service. She has served on many non-profit boards including Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Children's Literacy Center, Greenberg Center for Learning and Tolerance, The Colorado Springs Wine Festival, Colorado Springs Leadership Institute, Colorado Caterers Association, The International Caterers Association, Colorado Springs Diversity forum, and Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care.

Michelle is a 2002 graduate of the CSLI program at The Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs, Care and Share, NAMI and The Colorado Event Alliance. She was the chair of several successful fundraising events, JDRF Promise Ball, Children's Literacy Center Vintners dinner, Colorado Springs Wine Festival Grand Tasting. And most recently, the board chair for the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. Michelle was the humble recipient of the 2021 Athena Award presented by CSCEDC. In September Michelle was awarded the Smith Tutt Positive Impact Award from The Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. Michelle and her partner Kathy have been making a direct social impact to the Pikes Peak Region for the past 30+ years. Her companies have been constant winners in the Gold Best Catering Category for thirty plus years in the Independent, The Gazette, The Business Journal & Colorado Meetings and Events. Her companies employ one hundred full and part time employees in Colorado Springs and beyond. Michelle has one son, Sam Talarico, who is a 2021 graduate from The University of Colorado/Boulder and the light of her life.



Michelle Hadwiger

Deputy Director

Office of Economic Development and International Trade

Overseeing Colorado's global business development strategy, Michelle is focused on advancing the state's economy, ensuring that Colorado is the most pro-business state in the country and remains competitive in the global marketplace. Michelle leads the Global Business Development division and implements data driven-strategies that enhance Colorado's ability to attract and expand job creation opportunities, increase investment and accelerate the commercialization of innovative products and services in Colorado's advanced industries. In her tenure at the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Michelle has successfully recruited/retained clients such as Visa, Hitachi Data Systems, United Airlines, Optiv, Woodward, Ibotta, Lockheed Martin, DigitalGlobe, DaVita, Comcast, Cognizant, Intel, and Surrey Satellites, representing thousands of new jobs across the state. Michelle earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Colorado State University located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Michelle's experience at the state level, coupled with her work with local municipalities and public-private partnerships, has resulted in unique expertise in aligning and integrating resources at the local, regional and state level.



Mike O'Malley

*Councilmember, District 6
City of Colorado Springs*

Represents 84,000 residents of the City population of 506,646. City Council acts as the legislative body for the City of Colorado Springs and sets legislative policy to govern city operations. In addition to legislative duties, City Council also serves in a quasi-judicial capacity on land use matters and is responsible for approving the city budget. Significant initiatives include getting a \$100M Marksheffel Road project considered as a Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority project, then having it placed as number one on a November 2022 ballot in front of hundreds of other competing projects. The PPRTA renewal passed with 79% voter approval. The project has already broken ground and is on track to complete three years before the land purchase and engineering would have conceivably started. This north – south corridor is critical to military members traveling to and from Peterson Space Force Base and Shriever Space Force Base. The Colorado Springs City Council also serves as the Board of Directors for Colorado Springs Utilities, an enterprise of the city. The goals of the Board of Directors are to ensure our commercial, residential, government, and military rate payers are provided reliable (currently 99%) water, sewer, electricity, and gas at the most affordable price and with the highest level of customer friendly service. I serve on the strategic planning committee. Significant initiatives in the works include the Utility securing its own source of natural gas in order to provide the necessary surge power (when there is no solar or wind) to ensure we continue to provide 99 % reliability to our critical infrastructure, specifically our military customers with a no fail mission. This initiative is vital given the federal government and State of Colorado strategic move toward renewable energy. The electric, gas, water, and wastewater integrated resource plans are written to support the requirement by federal and state legislation.



Mike Francolino

*Chief Customer & Enterprise Services Officer
Colorado Springs Utilities*

Mike is the Chief Customer & Enterprise Services Officer for Colorado Springs Utilities, and brings over 30 years of global experience across diverse sectors. Transitioning into the public sector, his responsibilities now encompass Customer Services, Cyber, Information Technology, and Supply Chain. Mike's passion lies in designing and implementing the "Ease of Doing Business" strategy for his organization. His dedicated team consistently prioritizes the voice of the customer, ensuring it guides every decision made at the Utility. Mike's ultimate goal is to create a seamless and efficient environment for customers. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics and an MBA, both from Seton Hall University.



Mike Williams

*Director of Government Relations at
Modern Technology Solutions, Inc. (MTSI)*

Mike is responsible for leading Government Relations as well as all efforts related to Mergers and Acquisitions. Mike joined MTSI in May 2021. Before joining MTSI, Mike was the president of KIHOMAC, a small business aerospace firm focused on supporting legacy weapon systems for the US Air Force and US Navy. From 2006 to 2017, Mike was a director at Raytheon where he led several business units. He led the integration of the \$420M acquisition of Blackbird. He led units that supported various customers in the intelligence community as well as the Department of Defense. Mike also led a team that coordinated the engineering expertise of four Raytheon business units in developing and demonstrating advanced technology for the US Air Force and US Navy.

Mike retired from the US Air Force as a Colonel. During his Air Force career, he was an acquisition officer where he helped develop Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, bombers, and fighters. He supported the development of the F-22, B-2, F-35, and other advanced systems. He served as the System Program Director for the F-16 and then oversaw the development and sustainment of in-service fighters including the F-16, F-15, and the A-10.



Mike Coy

RFC, CPBA

MLC Enterprises

Mike serves quite a diverse audience of people. All professions serious in wanting the education and information to learn more about employee benefits or how to simply WIN in Life should contact Mike today. Mike is a Registered Financial Consultant + a Certified Professional Behavioral Analyst. He brings the knowledge, experience, & expertise of 50+ years in this business to help you make the right decisions.

In addition, Mike is a best-selling author & a much sought after public speaker. He is a Past-President of the Austin Westlake Chamber of Commerce and currently a Senior Benefits Consultant with Aflac for the last 50 years.

Mike is active in the community of Colorado Springs. He is a former high school baseball coach, summer select baseball coach, and coached the USA 16 International Team 5 years in Australia winning the "Down Under" Championship all 5 years. After winning two batting championships in the TX/LA Professional Baseball League, 1977/1978, Mike was offered a minor league baseball contract with the NY Mets.

Bring him in to find out how he can help you and your team WIN. Being one of the top "Coaches" in the nation for over 50 years, Mike's energetic & engaging manner makes his presentations educational, motivational, and fun! Plus, the results speak for themselves.

Go to Ichoselive.com for more information! His newest book, "A Random Act of Kindness" is out now!



Nadine Hensler

*Sr. Business Development Manager
GE Johnson*

Nadine Hensler is a talented business developer and dedicated community leader. In her role as Senior Business Development Manager for GE Johnson Construction Company, she is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with clients and the community at large and seeking new project opportunities.

Nadine is passionate about the built environment with a career focused on architecture and construction, and is currently one of 9 members of the Colorado Springs City Planning Commission, which reviews development, zoning, annexation and land use proposals; as well as a member of the Downtown Review Board (DRB) which reviews development applications within the Downtown Form-Based Code Regulating Plan. She is also a member of the Urban Land Institute (ULI), which provides leadership in the responsible use of land and on thriving communities worldwide. Nadine is President of the Pikes Peak Library Foundation Board of Directors, and a member of the Colorado Springs Downtown Partnership Board of Directors.

Having lived in Colorado Springs for over 21 years, she holds an MBA from Colorado Technical University, and is both a Leadership Pikes Peak (LPP) and Colorado Springs Leadership Institute (CSLI) Graduate. She enjoys socializing personally and professionally, time with her son and friends, and is into flyfishing, golfing, hiking and exploring the beauty of Colorado.



Nancy Henjum

*Councilmember, District 5
City of Colorado Springs*

Nancy Henjum is a 34-year resident of City Council District 5. Her dad was Joe Henjum, an Air Force pilot who was an instructor at the Air Force Academy where Nancy spent several years of her childhood. She received her Master of Social Work degree from Loyola University in Chicago, where she worked as a clinical therapist before moving with her husband to start a family in Colorado Springs. She and her husband, Steve Kern, a retired schoolteacher, have raised two children, now grown. Nancy's professional life in Colorado has included being the Chief Operations Officer for a public-private partnership that managed behavioral health services for 43 of the 63 counties in the state. She was also a faculty member at the Center for Creative Leadership, engaging in leadership development and executive coaching. She runs her own leadership consultancy business, working with a wide variety of organizations, both large and small, including energy companies, arts groups, non-profits, and civic entities.



Paul Palmer

Senior Broker

Olive Real Estate Group

As a former member of the U.S. National Kayaking Team and a former national champion, Paul traveled and lived throughout the world before returning to Colorado to graduate with a bachelor's degree in business. He is now working on some of the largest commercial projects in Colorado Springs specializing in office and industrial leasing and investment sales.



Peter Husak

*Chief Executive Officer & Owner
Team Pikes Peak, LLC*

During a successful 9-year stint at Xerox Corporation, Peter held roles as a salesperson, Commercial Print Representative, and High-Volume Product Manager. As the CEO and Owner of Team Pikes Peak, LLC, Peter manages a portfolio of businesses including OSOffices Colorado Springs and OSSchools. His leadership at OSOffices and OSSchools spans an impressive 26 years, reflecting his deep commitment to these organizations. Additionally, Peter previously owned AdvantEdge Drywall from 2010 to 2022, a company specializing in drywall and acoustical ceiling subcontracting.

For 16 years, he has been a professional Auctioneer with Pistol Pete Auctions, LLC, where he specializes in benefit and charity events as well as livestock auctions.

A dedicated community leader, Peter has served in several influential roles, including as Past President of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in 2012. He is also a Founding Member of the Pikes Peak Posse and served as Drillmaster of the Pikes Peak Rangerettes from 2014 to 2017, highlighting his commitment to local traditions and leadership.



Reggie Ash

*Vice President of Business Development
Terra Ferma*

Reggie is the Vice President of Business Development for Terra Ferma, a Colorado manufacturer of Light Fidelity (LiFi) and Power Over Ethernet (POE) equipment. Terra Ferma specializes in manufacturing rugged and secure equipment designed for military and government customers.

Reggie is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, who served over 24 years as a cyber officer. He commanded Communications Squadrons at Travis AFB, California and Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Nearly one-third of Reggie's military career was in Colorado Springs, including his final assignment as the Commander of the 21st Mission Support Group at Peterson AFB.

Since retiring from the U.S. Air Force, Reggie has been a leader in the non-profit world. He created Colorado's first military themed charter school, Colorado Military Academy. He also led the Colorado Springs defense business community at the Chamber & EDC, as the Chief Defense Development Officer. In that role, Reggie successfully led many of the community's efforts to win U.S. Space Command. He serves as the Small Business Vice President for AFCEA's Rocky Mountain Chapter. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Home Front Military Network and the Executive Committee of the Military Affairs Council.



Rick Powers

*Sr Vice President Weapon Systems Engineering
Davidson Technologies*

Rick Powers, Senior Vice President, Engineering Services, is responsible for leading several programs supporting multiple customers including the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), U. S. Air Force, U.S. Army, and the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. He works across the executive leadership team in developing and growing engineering efforts across the enterprise. Rick began his career as a software engineer in Houston, Texas for Ferranti International Controls developing Energy Management Systems and SCADA systems for large electrical utility companies. Mr. Powers joined the telecommunications giant MCI, leading software and database teams in multiple software projects and managing corporate IT/Telecommunications projects in excess of \$15M. He joined SPARTA Inc. in 2002 leading Modeling and Simulation software teams, most notably the Missile Defense Space Warning Tool (MDST) Software organization on the JRDC. Rick transitioned from SPARTA to Davidson Technologies Inc. in 2011 and has led several Davidson Defense Programs. Mr. Powers leads the Davidson efforts on several high-profile programs as well as being responsible for the development and implementation of business growth plans in the Engineering Services organization. Rick holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Science from Trinity University in San Antonio, TX.



Robert Beletic

*Aerospace and Defense Industry Manager
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Beletic, who is a retired Air Force general and highly decorated, combat-proven commander and fighter pilot, has over 25 years of senior executive experience in all aspects of strategy, operations, and financial management for governmental and private organizations. That has included a wide range of strategic military and defense roles, including Strategist for the UAE Ministry of Defense, Director of Operations for the Canadian Air Force, and Commander of a USAF Fighter Wing. After serving half his career overseas and retiring from the Air Force in 2013, Beletic and his family selected Colorado as their permanent home. In Denver, Robert served as a vice president in financial services, taught physics and coached robotics at Regis Jesuit High School, and spent a year in defense consulting in the Middle East. Beletic most recently served as ATP's Executive Director of Defense Relationships, a United States Air Force and United States Space Force adjunct professor and a certified kitesurfing instructor. Beletic is also a board member and rider on the Air and Space Forces Cycling Team and is closing in on his quest to run a marathon on every continent. Only Antarctica remains. As Aerospace and Defense Industry Manager, Beletic will connect, convene, and build trusting relationships between all sectors of the ecosystem, including federal, state, and local governments, research and development institutions, investors, trade associations, and the general public. He will also support Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera in her role as the National Chair of the Aerospace States Association and the co-chair of the Colorado Space Coalition. Beletic's work will be vital for Colorado to address the industry's unique and complex need to integrate national security, civil, and commercial space infrastructure and actors into our aerospace and defense-focused economic development efforts. Beletic graduated from the Air Force Academy with a BS Aeronautical Engineering. He has since added a Master of Public Administration, Master of Aeronautical Science, and most recently in 2015, a Master of Finance from University of Denver. He and his wife Anne have three children and are expecting their first grandchild in August.



Ron Fitch, P.E.

President

UCHealth Pikes Peak Regional Hospital and Grandview Hospital

Ron Fitch was appointed President of the UCHealth Pikes Peak Regional Hospital, Grandview Hospital and Military Affairs in 2022. Since 2018, he served as a VP of Operations and Military Affairs for UCHealth in Southern Colorado. He brings more than two decades of leadership experience to UCHealth after retiring as a Colonel and serving nearly 24 years in the military. Most recently he served as Garrison Commander at Fort Carson, where his responsibilities included public works, emergency services, security and all training apparatus on the post. His Army Special Forces background also includes numerous deployments to high-risk areas around the globe and several high-level positions centering on strategic and operational planning. COL Fitch has received numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star. He holds a Professional Engineer Registration in the State of Missouri, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University, a Master of Science in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla, a Master of Science in International Relations from Troy University and a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.



Ryan Parsell

*Executive Director of Government Affairs
El Paso County*

Ryan Parsell is the Executive Director of Government Affairs for El Paso County, Colorado. In his role, Parsell leads the efforts to execute the organization's public policy goals and communicate the Board of County Commissioners' positions on state and federal legislation to lawmakers. He also leads the county's award-winning constituent services program as well as executive level administrative support for the elected Board of County Commissioners. Prior to his position as Government Affairs Executive Director, Parsell served county residents as the Chief Public Information Officer, and as both the Chief Deputy and Public Information Officer for the Clerk and Recorder's Office. Parsell also served as the Colorado Deputy State Treasurer, where he executed over \$1 billion dollars in complex C.O.P. transactions for the state that resulted in millions of taxpayer dollars saved. In that role, he managed day-to-day operations of the office, implemented changes in the Unclaimed Property program, and shepherded the Treasurer's legislative priorities. Ryan has lived in Colorado Springs since 2005. He is married to Christiana, and together they have one child. In his free time, Ryan enjoys recreating international dessert dishes and studying political theory.



Scott Casmer

*Operations Lead
Infinity Labs*

Scott Casmer has been a manager and engineer in the defense/aerospace industry since he transitioned from the technology sector in 2006. While his work has been primarily focused on Missile Defense Agency (MDA) contracts, he has also led teams on contracts with the Air Force, Space Force, Army, Navy, NORAD / USNORTHCOM, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Among other technical endeavors, Scott has been intimately involved in Modeling and Simulation for MDA. He has led teams who wrote simulation software, integrated/federated disparate systems, and performed detailed analysis of simulation results. Scott has also led award-winning teams who were the primary users of simulation systems, utilizing them in high-visibility events such as ground tests, exercises and wargames for audiences such as the combatant commands and NATO. While Scott has spent many years as a project manager, program manager, proposal writer, and site lead, the most rewarding role has been leading small teams in the completion of complex missions for discerning customers.



Dr. Shawn Murray

President/ CEO

Murray Security Services

Shawn Murray is President and CAO at Murray Security Services and was previously assigned to the United States Missile Defense Agency as a senior cybersecurity professional. His previous assignments include work with the US Army Cyber Command in Europe, US Air Force and with Commercial Industry in various roles in Information Assurance and cybersecurity. He has traveled the globe performing physical and cybersecurity assessments on critical national defense and coalition programs and has prepared reports for the House Armed Services Committee and has testified for the U.S. Senate on small business concerns. He is the lead cyber consultant at the Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and sits on the national SBDC cyber working group.

Dr. Murray has worked with SBA, Colorado Attorney General's office, NSA, FBI, CIA and the US Defense and State Departments on various Cyber initiatives and has over 20 years of IT, communications and cybersecurity experience. He has presented as a featured or keynote speaker for numerous conferences across the globe and enjoys teaching and presenting as a guest lecturer on Cybersecurity, business and computer science courses at his Cyber Academy and for several universities. He has several industry recognized certifications to include the C|CISO, CISSP and CRISC. He holds several degrees to include an Applied Doctorate in Computer Science with a concentration in Enterprise Information Systems.

Dr. Murray is a Distinguished Fellow at the Information Systems Security Association and was recently elected as the new President to the International Board of Directors. He is a member of ISC2, ACM, IEEE, ISACA and the Colorado Springs World Affairs Council. He enjoys spending time traveling with his family, researching and collaborating with other professionals in cybersecurity and Cyber Law and plays soccer on a local league in Colorado Springs.



Shawn Gullixson

*Community Bank President
InBank*

Shawn Gullixson is an InBank leader and community builder with over 20 years of leadership in business, economic development, C&I and nonprofit finance. Shawn's passion for community development is driven by his work on several nonprofit boards, as well as serving as President of the Colorado Springs School District 11 school board. Through his professional and volunteer roles, he has a unique and holistic insight into small business and public sector financing, championing several innovative efforts to connect the needs of community with the financial sector around workforce development, sustainable financing and effective stewardship of public funds. His community-focused work is informed by his participation and education in the Harvard Kennedy School Fellowship (sponsored through the Gates Family Foundation); the Colorado Governor's Fellowship; Credit Foundations through the Business of Banking with American Bankers Association; and participation as a Leadership Pikes Peak graduate and Center for Creative Leadership program graduate. He was named the Gary Bostrom Community Inspiration Award winner and a Colorado Springs Business Journal Rising Star. We are proud to welcome Shawn to the 2024 Fly-In Team!



Shelley Jensen

*Founder | Chief Executive Officer
We Fortify*

Manager for a community of technologists in SMART - the Strategic Management of Architecture, Resources, and Technology. Charged with collaborating, not duplicating initiatives to reduce costs and share best practices. She left MCI when her first child was born but continued to stay involved in the community. She co-founded BRIDGES, a youth leadership program that works with the community to solve problems within schools and Shelley grew up in Minnesota and moved to Colorado Springs in 1994. She worked at MCI as she was also the co-founder of the Pikes Peak Lacrosse Association. As her children got older, she took a position as the Director of Operations and Strategic Development for the United States Box Lacrosse Association. There, her responsibility was to ensure that USBOXLA had the resources necessary to accomplish its goals and objectives, to grow the game and that USBOXLA's activities across the United States were successfully executed while creating a positive community culture. Today, she is the Founder and CEO of We Fortify, a non-profit that exists to pivot people out of poverty and into a state of economic and emotional stability and social connectedness. We Fortify does this by implementing four integrated strategies within a centralized environment: safe dignified housing within a small supportive community, consistent individualized trauma-responsive therapies, life skills education and living wage training and career placement. She is passionate about solving problems and creating healthy communities as displayed in her work history.



SherryLynn Boyles

*President & CEO
Joint Initiatives*

SherryLynn Boyles, an attorney, joined Joint Initiatives as the President and CEO in 2019. Boyles moved to Colorado Springs from Washington DC in 2015 to serve as the CEO of TESSA, the domestic violence and sexual assault center in the region.

During her tenure with Joint Initiatives, Ms. Boyles has led the process to develop a universal preschool plan for El Paso County after JI was named the area's UPK Local Coordinating Organization, secured more than \$1.5 million in seed funding for a new Juvenile Assessment Center that will include emergency youth shelter as well as wraparound services within School District 11, and coordinated the area's recent early childhood/childcare summit.

From 2003 to 2011, Boyles had a private consulting practice providing development, public relations, and strategic planning services. As a consultant, Boyles worked with her clients, such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline, elected officials, and a new venture capital fund, Targeted Technology, to raise more than \$100 million for their causes. After coordinating the first national domestic violence prevention summit on behalf of The Hotline, she composed the Summit report that was unveiled at the White House, which served as the precursor for the national *No More* public awareness campaign. Ms. Boyles also led the advocacy initiative to secure a \$16 million federal grant for The Hotline.

In 2011, she put her consulting practice on hold to oversee the successful \$54 million capital campaign to build San Antonio's new \$200 million Tobin Center. Prior to 2003, Boyles was Executive Director of the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, managed political campaigns, was a registered lobbyist in the Texas legislature for alternative energy companies, and served as chief of staff/legislative aide to Texas lawmakers.

Her awards have included being recognized as one of Colorado Springs' "Most Inspirational Women" by *Colorado Springs Living Well*; TESSA was named "Best Nonprofit" in Colorado Springs Business Journal and was awarded "Best Gala" by *The Gazette*. She also received the Champion for Social Change Award from TAASA, Advocacy Award from the Texas Council on Family Violence, and Lifetime Television recognition in Times Square for the national domestic violence public awareness campaign.

Ms. Boyles received her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law and undergraduate degree in Mass Communications from The University of Texas, where she also served as Student Body President.



Stan VanderWerf

*Commissioner, District 3
Board of El Paso County Commissioners*

Stan VanderWerf serves District 3 on the Board of County Commissioners. His district encompasses central and western El Paso County. Commissioner VanderWerf is the founder of several small businesses and previously served 28 years in the US Air Force. He is active in the community providing award-winning expertise to many local and national non-profits.

He is married to Betsy and has two children, Erik and Carolyn. His hobbies include mountain climbing, skiing, and flying. Among his professional achievements, VanderWerf received the Industry Cluster Team Award from the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and the El Pomar Institute. He is a Bronze Star awardee for his service in Iraq and a Legion of Merit awardee for his military service. Stan is a Distinguished Graduate from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces achieving a master's degree in public policy and budgeting.

Commissioner VanderWerf has been assigned around the world having served in Korea, Iraq, and Germany. He served in NORAD NORTHCOM at Peterson Space Force Base, at Schriever Space Force Base, is a former director of the Air Force's C-130 E/H program office and served in the acquisition directorate of Special Operations Command.

Stan currently serves on the State Board of Health, State Homeland Security Advisory Committee, and State Task Force for Mobile Home Taxation Policy.



Steven Weiner

*Vice President
Edw. C. Levy Co*

Steve Weiner is Vice President of the Edw. C. Levy Co., an international, privately held industrial conglomerate with interests in steel mill services, materials handling, construction aggregates, asphalt, and concrete. The company has an extensive real estate portfolio related to industrial and mining activities in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain Regions. Mr. Weiner manages real estate for the firm, including the Southern Colorado Rail Park, a 3,100-acre rail-served industrial development adjacent to Ft. Carson which is currently in the planning process. Prior to joining the Edw. C. Levy Co, Mr. Weiner worked for a major real estate developer in Boston, Massachusetts, and later held various development management positions in Orlando, Florida and Paris, France for the Walt Disney Company. Mr. Weiner holds degrees from Stanford University and Harvard Business School.



Tim Vanderhoof

*Vice President, Economic Development
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

As the Vice President of Economic Development, Vanderhoof is responsible for leading the organization's economic development mission to attract, expand, and retain target sector businesses in Colorado Springs while developing and implementing strategies to support local businesses, and growing the region's economy. Vanderhoof has been an Economic Development practitioner for over a decade. His portfolio includes Fortune 500 companies comprised of financial services, aviation/aerospace, advanced manufacturing, life sciences, logistics/distribution, and IT firms. While leading Florida's economic development efforts, Tim had established 142 economic development projects that created and retained 33,976 jobs and brought more than \$3.6 billion in new capital to Florida. Under his leadership, Florida's economic development team established 774 projects that created and retained 112,105 jobs and generated more than \$14.2 billion capital investments. Tim has been featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Bloomberg*, *Business Facilities*, *Inbound Logistics*, *Corporate Expansion* and *Global Trade* magazines, and has presented on foreign direct investment for the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Vanderhoof was recognized as one of the "Top 50 Economic Developers in North America" in 2017. Tim is a member of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), IAMC, CoreNet Global and holds a Qualified Professional of Corporate Real Estate (QPCR) designation with CoreNet Global and obtained his Master Economic Development Practitioner (MEDP) designation. Tim knows what it takes to service high-stakes clients, handle complex negotiations, and maximize outcomes for his clients and communities. Leveraging his background in banking and sales, he brings meticulous attention to detail to each project, delivering results across a broad spectrum of industries.



Tim Seibert

*Sr. Vice President
Norwood Development*

As Senior Vice President at Norwood Development Group, Tim oversees all activities related to the company's master-planned community portfolio, which includes neighborhoods like Wolf Ranch, Mesa Ridge, and over 18,000 acres in the Banning Lewis Ranch area. Before joining Norwood, Tim successfully owned and operated a land planning and landscape architectural consulting firm based in Colorado Springs.

Tim has always been an active community leader, contributing to the betterment of Colorado Springs. He currently serves as the Board Chair of the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC (2024), is a past president of the Colorado Springs Housing and Building Association (2016) and has participated in numerous community task force efforts and committees focused on land use, transportation, and economic development. In 2019, Tim was recognized as a Colorado Governor's Fellow.

Tim holds a Bachelor's Degree in Landscape Architecture from Ball State University and a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Colorado at Denver. Tim and his wife, Kathryn, live in downtown Colorado Springs. They have two grown children



Traci Marques

*Executive Director/CEO
Pikes Peak Workforce Center*

Traci Marques is the Executive Director/CEO of PPWFC and has been with the Workforce Center since July 2012. She serves on the boards of The Resource Exchange (TRE), the Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC, and is Region 4 Liaison, covering 11 states, for the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) and chair of the Colorado Workforce Alignment Group.

Marques also serves as an Honorary Commander at the United States Air Force Academy and past Honorary Commander at Schriever Space Force Base. She was vital in launching and co-chaired the Military, Veterans & Spouses Coalition, representing more than 25 community organizations with resources focused on helping transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses find meaningful employment.

For these efforts, Marques has been recognized for excellence by the Colorado Department of Labor & Employment for contributions toward the improvement and modernization of veterans' services. Additionally, Marques received the 2021 Gary Bostrom Community Inspiration Award and 2018 Women of Influence Award.

In 2018, she was appointed by then-Gov. John Hickenlooper to serve on the Colorado Division of Youth Services Southern Region Community Board until November 1, 2021.

Marques completed The Grantsmanship Center's Basic Grantsmanship and Social Enterprise Courses, the 2021 Center for Creative Leadership's Leadership Program, and the Leadership Pikes Peak Signature Program. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Telecommunications Management from Indiana University, Bloomington, College of Arts and Sciences.

In her capacity as Executive Director, she leads the Workforce Center in its mission to connect vital businesses with work-ready job seekers and employer-driven services.

Marques provides leadership, direction, and oversight and is responsible for long-range planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of programs supporting regional workforce development.



Travas Deal

*Chief Executive Officer
Colorado Springs Utilities*

Travas joined Colorado Springs Utilities in 2017 as Field Services Manager. In 2018, Deal transitioned to the Energy Services Division, serving in a district manager role then two general manager positions, leading significant process improvements for the utility. He was named Chief Operations Officer in April 2020, responsible for the safe and reliable operations of the utility's four services – electric, natural gas, water and wastewater. He also served as the utility's acting CEO prior to being named CEO.

Deal served as a U.S. Marine for a decade before a successful career in transportation – first in rail-based freight transportation and later at Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana. He joined Duke Energy in 2008, working at Gibson Generating Station, the largest coal generating plant in the United States at 3,250 megawatts. During his tenure at Duke, he held various management roles in operations and maintenance, including operations excellence manager. Deal holds a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Oakland City University.



Travis Bockenstedt

*Chief Experience Officer
Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care*

Travis is the Chief Experience Officer at Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care, where he is responsible for business development, marketing, and membership. He has over 15 years of experience working in the media industry in both journalism and advertising. Before moving to Colorado, Travis was the R.J. McElroy Chair in Journalism and Communication at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where he taught and helped develop the college's digital cinema and production program.

Travis is actively engaged in the local business community. He is the Chair of the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC Small Business Advisory Council. Travis also volunteers for the Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee. In addition, he serves on the board of directors for the Tri Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Mile High SHRM, and Arapahoe Philharmonic.

Outside work, Travis enjoys spending time with his partner traveling, camping, and collecting vinyl records. They have lived in Denver for the past seven years and love Colorado as their new home.



Vanessa Johnson

Senior Manager of Professional Services
VMware

Vanessa Johnson is a retired United States Air Force officer with over 21 years of service. Her last assignment was at Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where she led a group of 20 people providing common, Air Force-wide secure, reliable collaborative tools (such as email and SharePoint) to support the mission and functional needs of more than 800,000 personnel. During Vanessa's time at Peterson, she also served as the senior executive officer to the Commander of Air Force Space Command, where she provided vital executive support to the Commander, enabling his leadership of 40,000 employees delivering cyber and space operations to the Air Force.

Vanessa is currently a Senior Manager of Professional Services at VMware. In this role, she is responsible for 21 highly-technical consultants and architects delivering VMware's technology to Department of the Air Force and Combatant Command customers. She hires, trains, and mentors resources and ensures resource pool is properly cared for, trained and assimilated into the organization. Vanessa is also responsible for the development, growth, and utilization objective achievement of team members. Additionally, she manages the company's DOD fellowship program, interviewing, placing and overseeing active duty military and government civilians in the organization to ensure they meet their training objectives for the program.



Vicki Leiber

*Physical Therapist
CommonSpirit at Penrose Hospital*

Vicki Lieber has practiced Physical Therapy in the Pikes Peak Region for the past 32 years specializing in the treatment of individuals with sports medicine and orthopedic injuries. She graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1990 and has a passion to help others improve their functional abilities and to return to their “best” selves. Vicki has been married to Chris for 34 years, they have 2 adult children. Vicki enjoys volunteering with multiple local organizations, hiking and cycling, including riding a bike built for 4 across the United States with her family.



Vincent Persichetti

*Vice President, Administration
Colorado Springs Chamber & EDC*

Vinnie Persichetti is the Vice President of Administration for the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation. In this position, he is responsible for management of the day-to-day activities of the Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Corporation's office and functions. Vinnie leads the internal functions of the organization, ensuring it is appropriately staffed, managed, and governed to ensure the fulfillment of the Chamber & EDC's mission and values. He provides leadership over asset management, cross-departmental operations, compliance, procurement, administration, IT, human resources, office operations, and the finance team. Finally, Vinnie coordinates with the senior leadership team to develop and meet broad organizational goals. Vinnie previously served in the United States Air Force and retired in November 2017 as a Chief Master Sergeant with 30 years of service.



Yemi Mobolade

Mayor

City of Colorado Springs

Yemi collaborates for the health, growth and flourishing of Colorado Springs making his impact through economic development, entrepreneurship, community development, ministry, and leadership development. In his role as Small Business Development Administrator for the City of Colorado Springs, Yemi serves as the City's first point of contact to the small business and start-up community. He is the central figure in the city to support business enterprises across the myriad agencies, putting a strategy in place to assist small businesses. Yemi, a Nigerian Immigrant, served as the Vice President of Business Retention and Expansion for the Colorado Springs Chamber & Economic Development Corporation. He co-founded the Wild Goose Meeting House, Good Neighbors Meeting House, Niche Coaching and Consulting, and has established a church. He was the minister of City Outreach and Engagement at First Presbyterian Church Colorado Springs and spent a previous career in quality control manufacturing. A strong community advocate, Yemi, holds two master's degrees, and is involved with many boards. He currently serves on the Pikes Peak Community College President's Advisory Council, Men's Xchange Board of Directors, Spring Rescue Mission Board of Directors, Thrive Colorado Springs Board of Directors, and is a Co-founder and Chairperson of COSILoveYou, a collaborative gospel movement that exists to unite and ignite Colorado Springs churches to love the city through city engagement and service. Yemi is a member of the 2020 Class of Colorado Governor's Fellows and the 2016 Class of the Colorado Springs Leadership Institute. His recognitions include, 2019 Pikes Peak Hospice Foundation's Quality of Life Award, 2018 Colorado Springs Small Business Champion of the Year, 2016 Colorado Springs Business Journal's Rising Stars, 2015 Colorado Springs Mayor's Young Leader Award for Economic Impact, and 2016 Alumnus of the Year from his alma mater Bethel University. Above all, his proudest achievement is his family. He and his beautiful wife Abbey, a nurse educator, are parents of an adopted son and two biological children.