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THE COLLABORATIVE OF THE SCFD PRESENT:

ENGAGE • EMPOWER • CONNECT 2026 SUMMIT



September 14, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All panel discussions will be held in Sturm Family Auditorium.

1:00 - 1:15 P.M. OPENING REMARKS

1:15 - 2:00 P.M. STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS: LEVERAGING RESOURCES

2:10 - 2:55 P.M. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

3:05 - 3:55 P.M. ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY FOR NONPROFITS

3:55 - 4:00 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS

4:00 - 5:00 P.M. HAPPY HOUR RECEPTION

A happy hour reception will conclude the summit in the UMB Amphitheater prior to the Rex Morgan Awards Ceremony at 5:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS



Travis Bockenstedt | Symphony of the Rockies

Travis Bockenstedt is a healthcare executive, Direct Primary Care advocate, and community leader passionate about building stronger organizations and healthier communities. He serves as the Chairman of the Board of the Symphony of the Rockies and has helped the organization through a transformational period in its 70-year history.

For his day job, he serves as the President and Chief Experience Officer of Pinnacle Advanced Primary Care, a locally owned Direct Primary Care organization serving employers and their employees across Colorado's Front Range. Community engagement is also an important part of Travis's work. He is also involved with the Wartburg College Alumni Board, Colorado Women's Hall of Fame, and South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce, supporting efforts across business, education, the arts, and community leadership. Travis earned his bachelor's degree in Journalism and Communication and holds a master's degree in Marketing. He is also a graduate of the Leadership Program of the Rockies.

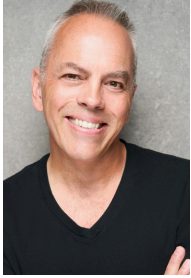


Rachel Garcia | Mexican Cultural Center

Rachel Garcia is the Executive Director of the Mexican Cultural Center, where she leads statewide efforts to celebrate Latino arts and culture and create spaces of belonging across Colorado. She has built and grown partnerships with many of Colorado's leading cultural institutions, expanding Latino cultural representation, access, and engagement for communities across the state. Rachel is a mayoral appointee and Co-Chair of the Denver Commission on Cultural Affairs and serves in numerous civic and cultural leadership roles. Her leadership has been recognized by the Federal Government of Mexico with its Distinguished Mexican recognition and by the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce as one of Colorado's 25 Most Powerful Women in Business.

Her work advancing arts, culture, and cross-sector collaboration has also been recognized twice by the Colorado Business Committee for the Arts through its Arts + Business Awards. A passionate advocate for cultural representation, Rachel believes the arts can connect communities, strengthen identity, and ensure that all Coloradans see themselves reflected in the places they call home.

STRATEGIC COLLABORATIONS CONT.



Eric Lentz | Denver Children's Choir

Eric returned to serve as the Executive Director of the Denver Children's Choir in 2022, having previously held the same position in the early 2000's. Passionate about the power of the arts, music education equity, and nonprofit capacity building, Eric dedicated over two decades of service to Up with People (SVP and Artistic Director) and most recently served as the Executive Director for the Local Change Foundation. A Colorado native and Air Force brat, Eric grew up in Western Europe, where he gained a global mindset and an appreciation for international cultures. A published songwriter, his background includes an education in music and theater from CSU and a post-graduate degree in management and leadership.

Eric loves running and playing guitar (not at the same time) and is a lifelong fan of the Denver Broncos. Eric's biggest accomplishments are being married to Jill, and producing two amazing young men and adopting an energetic puppy who just learned to do her business outside (mostly).



Bobby Springer, Moderator | PBS12

Bobby Springer is the President & General Manager of PBS12. A graduate (with honors) of Eastern New Mexico University, Bobby's first experiences with PBS were at KENW, the university-affiliated station, serving Portales, NM, and the high plains of eastern New Mexico and west Texas. Following graduation, Bobby worked for KARE11, the NBC affiliate in Minneapolis, Minnesota; 9NEWS K*USA, the NBC affiliate in Denver, Colorado; and KHOU11, the CBS affiliate in Houston, Texas. Bobby's career experience has seen him take on various roles, progressing from an entry-level position as a production assistant to producer, to ad sales, and ultimately to executive leadership.

In November 2024, Bobby returned to the community of Denver, Colorado, to lead PBS12, with a mission to transform the storied operation and usher in a new era of public service. Throughout his career, Bobby has maintained a track record of excellence, having been personally recognized with dozens of awards, including nine Emmy Awards, over 15 Colorado Broadcasters Association Awards, Telly Awards, a PromaxBDA Award, the inaugural TVB EMMA Award for excellence in marketing solutions, and a Minnesota Broadcasters Association Award.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Meredith Badler | CBCA

Meredith Badler is the Deputy Director at Colorado Business Committee for the Arts (CBCA) and has been with the organization since July 2013. Meredith oversees all of CBCA's programs, major events, research and trainings and stewards CBCA's grassroots and direct advocacy for Colorado's arts and creative industries.

Prior to CBCA, Meredith worked as a strategy consultant for the nonprofit sector at Corona Insights and in patron services for Curious Theatre Company. Meredith serves on the Board of the Art Students League of Denver and the leadership team for the national Creative States Coalition. She has a background in theatre and improv comedy.



Sarah Hogan | Barefoot PR

Sarah Hogan (she/her/hers) is Barefoot PR's resident word nerd and co-founder. Sarah has been telling stories since before she knew how to hold a pencil. One of her earliest memories is as an impatient 3-year-old urging her mom to write down the poems she had in her head.

Sarah has channeled this lifelong passion for storytelling into a career in PR and community investment. She currently leads Barefoot PR's Research-Based Messaging work and contributes to the strategy we build for clients through Communications Roadmaps. She has a knack for writing passionate op-eds and believes Corporate Social Responsibility is systems change. When she is not at work, you can find Sarah reading long articles on her iPad, listening to podcasts, championing Denver's creative community or building Legos with her son Andrew. She is married to Matt the Engineer and is dog mom to Birdie and Bogey the goldendoodles.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Kimberley Sherwood | Kimberley Sherwood Consulting

Kimberley Sherwood is straightforward, diplomatic, and loves working with social sector leaders. She's spent 39 years in fundraising and nonprofit leadership, working from one conviction: nonprofit organizations do some of the most demanding, high-stakes work there is, and when they're built right, they don't just survive; they thrive. Insatiably curious, she pairs that experience with current research and the best thinking coming out of the field, translating it all into actionable insights for leaders. She's a masterful facilitator, consultant and coach, holds a BA in Communications from the University of Utah and is a sought-after speaker and trainer. She's thrilled to collaborate with fellow panelists to share meaningful insights that will help attendees bolster their community engagement.



Emma Mantooth, Moderator | SCFD

Emma Mantooth joined the SCFD team as its Communications Manager in April 2023. Emma holds two undergraduate degrees in Spanish and Communication Arts with an emphasis in Strategic Communication from Western Colorado University.

Prior to joining SCFD, she was a Program Director/Fellow at El Pomar Foundation, where she led the Communications team and supported the foundation's Awards for Excellence, American Council of Young Political Leaders, and Internship programs in addition to facilitating place-based grantmaking in the North and Southeast regions of the state. A graduate of CBCA's Leadership Arts program, she currently sits on the board of the Anythink Foundation. Emma enjoys reading, going to concerts, writing, playing the violin, and traveling in her free time.

ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY



Jonathan Liebert | International Association of Better Business Bureaus

Jonathan Liebert is the Interim CEO for the International Association of Better Business Bureaus, an AI thought leader, author, and adjunct professor at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. He has become a leading voice in helping small businesses and nonprofit organizations understand and adopt generative AI in practical, responsible ways. Jonathan has trained thousands of business and community leaders on using AI to improve productivity, strategy, marketing, and organizational effectiveness. He also leads regional AI education initiatives designed to expand access to emerging technology and prepare organizations for the rapidly changing future of work. Jonathan is the author of *Thought Partner*, which explores how leaders can collaborate with AI to strengthen thinking, decision-making, and strategy. He created the BBB AI Hub which is a free online resource for AI Literacy. His work focuses on making AI approachable and actionable so nonprofit leaders can spend less time on administrative work and more time advancing their missions.



Seth Lindsey | White River Strategy

Seth Lindsey is a Project Manager and Lead Facilitator at White River Strategy (WRS) currently leading efforts in AI curriculum and programming for nonprofit and philanthropic organizations. From 2023 to 2025, Seth served as an El Pomar Fellow, his first immersion to the nonprofit sector and where he would eventually lead AI integration efforts as well as the AI Process Improvement Specialist. Seth designs, facilitates, and evolves AI education efforts for WRS through the 12-week AI Confluence cohort program (in partnership with Colorado Nonprofit Association), 1-on-1 advisory engagements, organizational roadmapping projects, and other tailored responses to the sector's AI curiosity, caution, and challenges. An active actor and member of the arts community, Seth also champions local art, either on-stage or on local arts boards.

ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY



Paul Lhevine | Colorado Nonprofit Association

Paul Lhevine is President and CEO of the Colorado Nonprofit Association, bringing 25 years of experience in nonprofit leadership, community building, resource development, political affairs, and civic engagement. Prior to joining the Association, he served as CEO of Swallow Hill Music, Executive Director of the Aurora Public Schools Foundation, and Chief Operating Officer of both the Denver 2008 Convention Host Committee and Mile High United Way. Throughout these roles, he focused on strengthening organizations, growing resources, and building cross-sector partnerships that create greater community impact. His earlier career included work in campaign finance reform, congressional campaigns, service as a legislative assistant to Congresswoman Diana DeGette, and managing John Hickenlooper's successful 2003 campaign for Denver mayor. Lhevine's leadership approach centers on building focused organizations and developing teams of staff and volunteers with passion, energy, and vision. He is an alumnus of Leadership Denver, holds a law degree from Vermont Law School, and is a graduate of Colorado College.



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