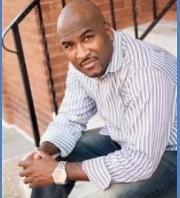


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## Closing the Wealth Gap in North Omaha & Beyond

### National Leaders and Keynote Speakers

						
<b>Sondra Samuels</b> Cradle to Career Education CEO Northside Achievement Zone  Samuels leads one of the largest Cradle to Career Initiatives in the United States	<b>Dr. Robert Simmons</b> Strong & Healthy Families Vice-President Campaign for Black Male Achievement  Dr. Simmons and the CBMA are leading major family initiatives nation-wide	<b>Dr. Pamela Jolly</b> Faith, Wealth & Home Ownership CEO Torch Enterprises Legacy Wealth Initiative  Dr. Jolly is the strategist for a 93 city campaign to increase home ownership	<b>George Fraser</b> Economics & Media CEO FraserNet and PowerNetworking  George Fraser is recognized internationally for economic and media strategies	<b>Mzuri Moyo Ambaye</b> The Measurable Impact of Voting International Artist and Voting Activist  Mzuri is leading a national tour in honor of the 100th Birthday of Fannie Lou Hamer	<b>Dr. Randal Pinkett</b> Entrepreneurship & Revitalization CEO BCT Partners National Consulting Firm  Dr. Pinkett is one of America's top entrepreneurs and revitalization consultants	<b>Herman LeVern Jones</b> The Business of Arts & Culture CEO TheaterSouth & Fund Development Specialist  Jones co-created the National Black Theater Festival generating \$700 million

### Featured Panelists and Speakers

						
<b>Willy Theisen</b>	<b>Ashley Kuhn</b>	<b>Todd Schmaderer</b>	<b>Julia Parker</b>	<b>Kenny McMorris</b>	<b>Teresa Hunter</b>	<b>Othello Meadows</b>
						
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Greg Johnson



Katie Weitz



Doris Lassiter



Todd Schmaderer

Jon Lucas &  
Tiffany Maddox  
Omaha Public Schools

Tim Kenny and  
Ted Simpson  
Nebraska Investment  
Finance Authority

2017  
Collaboration  
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2006 Original  
Planning Team

Network  
Leadership Team

Transformation  
2025 Partners

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  - Young Professionals Voice...Engagement, Research Results & Succession - Panel
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  - North Omaha Data & Demographic Changes
  - Non-Profit Leadership & Financial Management
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    - Jami Anders-Kemp – Step-Up Omaha! Director/Empowerment Network
    - Randy Schmailzl – President – Metropolitan Community College
    - Carmen Tapio – CEO – Northend Teleservices
  - Entrepreneurship Collaborative: 250 New and Expanded Businesses w/ employees
    - Julia Parker – Executive Director – Omaha Small Business Network
    - B.C. Clark – Loan Officer – Nebraska Enterprise Fund
    - Yolanda Barney – President – Revive! Business Network
  - Housing & Revitalization Collaborative: Village Plan Update & 2,500 Housing Units
    - Othello Meadows – Executive Director– 75 North Development Corporation
    - Michael Maroney – CEO – Omaha Economic Development Corporation
    - Ashley Kuhn – Executive Vice President – White Lotus Group
  - Violence Prevention and Justice Collaborative: Reducing Violence & Justice Reform
    - Chief Todd Schmaderer – Police Chief – City of Omaha
    - Vickie Young – President – OmahaNAACP
    - Don Kleine – Douglas County Attorney
    - Shawntal Mallory-Smith – Shawntal Smith Law, LLC
  - Health and Healthy Family Collaborative: 2,500 Families Lifted Out of Poverty
    - Teresa Hunter – CEO – Family Housing Advisory Services
    - Doris Lassiter – CEO – Nebraska Center for Healthy Families
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  - Moniki Gunn Cannon – Founder – Gunn Cannon Consulting
  - Ashley Ray-Turner – Content Marketing – Borsheim's Fine Jewelry & Gifts
- Raising Funds and Building & Sustaining a Strong Donor Base
  - Katie Weitz – Executive Director – Weitz Family Foundation
  - Jeff Kutash – Executive Director – Peter Kiewit Foundation
- North Omaha Data Trends & Using Information for Decision-Making
  - David Drozd – Research Coordinator – University of Nebraska Omaha
  - Kali Baker – VP of Community Relations – Omaha Community Foundation
- Building the Capacity of Your Organization: Leadership, Management & Governance
  - Deborah Bunting – Heritage Arts Manager – Nebraska Arts Council
    - (Arts and Culture Organizations)
  - John Ewing – Douglas County Treasurer
    - (Non-Profit Organizations and Governmental Agencies)
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  - Olivia Crimiel-Minor – Diversity Compliance – Boys Town
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