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# CAREER PANEL

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## Panel 1 - Business & Entrepreneurship | 10:00-10:45 PT | 12:00-12:45 CT | 1:00-1:45 ET |

- Chris Morrow, MBA, Director of Strategic Alliances, Magic Johnson Enterprises
- Danielle Fast, Founder, Steadfast Events, Los Angeles
- Dennis Arriola, Chief Executive Officer, AVANGRID, Inc.
- Odest T. Riley, Jr., Chief Executive Officer, WLM Financial

## Panel 2 - Fashion | 11:00-11:45 PT | 1:00-1:45 CT | 2:00-2:45 ET |

- Kevin Rosencrance, Senior Buyer, Bloomingdale's New York
- Sharene Wood, President & CEO, 5001 FLAVORS and Harlem Haberdashery
- Yotam Soloman, Creative Director, COVALENT

## Panel 3 - Computer Science & Engineering | 12:00-12:45 PT | 2:00-2:45 CT | 3:00-3:45 ET |

- Jahmeliah Roberson, Product Designer, Facebook
- Sadia Naseem, Hardware Productization Engineer, Apple
- Tyrone Jacobs, Jr., Commodity Engineer, Northrop Grumman Corporation

## Panel 4 - Medicine & Nursing | 1:00-1:45 PT | 3:00-3:45 CT | 4:00-4:45 ET |

- Lindsey Ross, M.D., Faculty Neurosurgeon, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Michelle Williams, Ph.D., MSN, RN, Executive Director, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Cindy Chavira, MBA, Executive Director, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

## Panel 5 - Psychology, Therapy, & Counseling | 2:00-2:45 PT | 4:00-4:45 CT | 5:00-5:45 ET |

- Maria Mechure, Ph.D., Psychologist, MLK Jr. Community Hospital
- Peolia Fonsworth, M.D., MBA, Addiction Psychiatrist, MLK Jr. Community Hospital
- Linda Espinoza, MSW, LCSW, Integrated Behavioral Health Therapist, MLK Jr. Community Hospital

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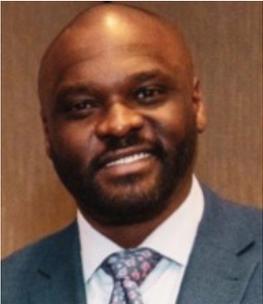
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**PANELIST: Chris Morrow, MBA**

Director of Strategic Alliances, Magic Johnson Enterprises

Los Angeles native Chris Morrow currently serves as the Director of Strategic Alliances at Magic Johnson Enterprises. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration at Loyola Marymount University, Chris went on to earn his MBA at University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. Since 2007, he's served in various roles with Magic Johnson Enterprises from marketing and business development to strategic partnerships. In these roles, Chris supports the company's mission to serve as a catalyst for fostering community and economic empowerment by providing access to high-quality entertainment. He actively pursues partnerships that provide products and services to address the needs of multicultural communities. Chris also served in a pivotal role leading business development for SodexoMAGIC, a joint venture between Earvin "Magic" Johnson's brand and Sodexo to provide innovation both in the food and wellness space and in facilities management services.



**PANELIST: Danielle Fast**

Founder, Steadfast Events, Los Angeles

Danielle Fast founded and launched Steadfast Events in 2013 after helping a close friend plan her wedding in San Francisco, CA. Over the course of seven years, she's continued to curate custom events ranging from corporate seminars to weddings for guest counts of up to 350 people. She consults with clients to develop and build strategies centered around budget, deliverables, and timelines while leveraging her customer service skills to negotiate contracts for events ranging from \$75,000 to \$250,000+. She's been featured in California Wedding Day, Rock n Roll Bride, and Carats & Cake. Danielle simultaneously works for an investment management firm on their Business Development and Client Services team, and she is pursuing her Masters in Business Administration at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business. She is expected to graduate in May 2022 with her MBA degree and Graduate Certificate in Strategy and Management Consulting. In her spare time, she enjoys running, cooking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



**PANELIST: Dennis Arriola**

Chief Executive Officer, AVANGRID, Inc.

Dennis Arriola was born and raised in Cerritos, California. He attended public high school and was on the track team. He graduated from Stanford University and received his Masters in Business Administration from Harvard. He is now the CEO of AVANGRID, a renewable energy company based in Connecticut. Before that, he was an executive at many large energy companies including Sempra Energy, Southern California Gas, and SunPower. Dennis serves on the board of directors for the California Latino Economic Institute, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and previously served on the board of the California Business Roundtable. He also serves on many nonprofit boards that support education, science and art.

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**PANELIST: Odest T. Riley, Jr.**  
Chief Executive Officer, WLM Financial

Mr. Riley received his B.A. in Public Relations from Columbia College in Chicago, IL. He has over 10 years of management experience working as an Executive Manager for Walgreens. He has worked across multiple industries including retail, insurance, finance, real estate, and non-profit.

In 2003 he co-founded Baby Boomer Consulting, Inc., a non-profit organization whose vision is to provide youth with the life skills and training essential for success in today's competitive society. Odest has implemented plans to improve the academic achievement of South Los Angeles Inner City Schools by challenging students to meet higher academic standards. He donates funds to a variety of youth and community-based organizations.

Odest also has a passion for improving the African American business and political climate throughout Los Angeles. He is a founding member of Black Los Angeles Young Democrats and the former political director for the Los Angeles County Young Democrats. He has worked on numerous political campaigns including newly elected Assemblyman Reginald Jones Sawyer. He was awarded the 2011 Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Democrat of the Year Award due to his achievements throughout multiple campaigns. He is also a 2015 REAP and African American Board Leadership Institute graduate.

Odest continues to strive for excellence as the CEO of the real estate and lending company WLM Financial. Through his company he seeks to provide urban development and financing opportunities in minority-based communities.

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**PANELIST: Kevin Rosencrance**  
Senior Buyer, Bloomingdale's New York

Kevin Rosencrance is a tenured omni-channel Buyer with extensive merchandising and buying experience with world renowned brick & mortar and e-commerce retailers, Bloomingdale's and Bergdorf Goodman. Mr. Rosencrance is currently the Senior Buyer for Men's Tailored Clothing & Dress Furnishings at Bloomingdale's. In this role, he manages the procurement and allocation of merchandise across 34 stores and COM, and he is responsible for the financial P&L of this business. He develops and executes merchandising/selling/pricing/marketing strategies to capture market share and drive sales and margin growth. He has a deep understanding of the Men's retail industry and brand positioning/strategy in the luxury, designer, and contemporary markets. Mr. Rosencrance graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania and holds a BA in International Relations.



**PANELIST: Sharene Wood**  
President & CEO, 5001 FLAVORS, Harlem Haberdashery, & HH Bespoke Spirits

As President & CEO of 5001 FLAVORS, Harlem Haberdashery, and HH Bespoke Spirits, Sharene is responsible for directing the administration and vision for her family's growing fashion and lifestyle empire. 5001 Flavors is a custom-clothing, manufacturing, and fashion styling company based in New York City. The 27-year-old company has created iconic fashion - Think the late Notorious B.I.G. in elaborate leather ensembles, Grammy award-winners Alicia Keys and Jay-Z's "Empire State of Mind," David Beckham's "Welcome to the U.S." Adidas promotion campaign, and Grammy-award winner Beyonce & daughter Blue Ivy in their 2016 Halloween costumes. She also runs the Harlem Haberdashery bespoke boutique in the heart of Harlem, which carries emerging designers and is located in the former home of the late civil rights leader Malcolm X, paying homage to Harlem's rich history and luminaries. Sharene is the Board Chair for Black Women for Black Girls and #TakeCareOfHarlem. She has received numerous accolades and has been featured in the New York Times, Black Enterprise, and MSNBC.



**PANELIST: Yotam Soloman**  
Creative Director, COVALENT

Named "LA's Top Young Designer" by AOL's Styleist, Yotam is widely recognized as a fashion designer and technology developer dedicated to creating innovative and beautifully crafted ready to wear, evening-wear, footwear, and accessories. After graduating with honors in Fashion Design from FIDM, Yotam envisioned a future specializing in sustainable designer wear utilizing eco-friendly product development and sourcing to reduce the immense carbon footprint created by the fashion manufacturing industry. He's worked with Victoria Beckham, Jessica Simpson, Kim Kardashian, and Vanessa Hudgens, just to name a few. He's been featured on America's Next Top Model and E! Entertainment and has led fashion projects for Coca-Cola and LG Electronics. He believes it is important to empower consumers through fashion and provide education on inspiration and product manufacturing while making new jobs domestically and reducing emissions. Yotam is the Creative Director behind Covalent, the world's first carbon negative fashion brand.

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

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**PANELIST: Jahmeilah Roberson**

Product Designer, Facebook

Jahmeilah studied computer science at UC Irvine, received a master's degree in Human Computer Interaction at Georgia Tech, and returned to UC Irvine to pursue a Ph.D. in Informatics. For the past 8 years, Jahmeilah worked as a UX designer at Riot Games, which produces games such as League of Legends. She recently joined Facebook as a product designer. She is passionate about encouraging students to pursue careers in computer science. Jahmeilah lives in Long Beach with her husband Brandon and their two children.



**PANELIST: Sadia Naseem**

Hardware Productization Engineer, Apple

Sadia Naseem was born to immigrant refugees and grew up in a small, diverse Maryland town. Growing up in a resource-challenged school has continued to be a humbling source of inspiration and motivation for her personally and professionally. She graduated from the University of Maryland College Park in 2016 with a degree in Materials Science and Engineering, and she went on to work for Texas Instruments as an Electronics Materials Engineer supporting the development of various automotive, industrial, and biomedical products. In 2019, she moved to San Diego where she continued to work in the electronics industry at Qualcomm, designing components that helped proliferate 5G technology worldwide. This November, Sadia accepted a role at Apple to begin the next chapter of her engineering career.



**PANELIST: Tyrone Jacobs, Jr.**

Commodity Engineer, Northrop Grumman Corporation

Tyrone Jacobs, Jr. is currently an engineer, STEM advocate, and speaker. Tyrone has worked with institutions like UCLA, California State University, Fullerton, the University of Toledo, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, The Boeing Company, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and more. Through his work, Tyrone has reached hundreds of students and professionals with his energetic and engaging personality. Tyrone feels strongly about STEM and presenting knowledge on what can be done to help students not only pursue and start their STEM educational journey, but also finish strong and start their STEM career.

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**PANELIST: Lindsey Ross, M.D.**

Faculty Neurosurgeon & Spine Specialist, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Originally from Los Angeles, California, Dr. Ross earned her B.S. in Biological Sciences from Stanford University and an M.D. from David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. She completed her Neurosurgical residency and Complex Spine fellowship at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Ross has enjoyed being the founder of the Doctors for Diversity committee and a Clinical Leader for the Health Equity Council. In 2016, she was tapped to serve as a White House Fellow for the Obama Administration. In this position she served as a Science and Health Policy Counselor for the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services. A large part of her portfolio included working with the White House, CDC and SAMSHA on the U.S. public health strategy for the emerging opioid epidemic, which culminated in an important research report outlining the best community and state-wide strategies to combat the opioid crisis. Dr. Ross has been recognized for her leadership and commitment to healthcare delivery and was awarded the Top 40 under 40 Leaders in Minority Health in 2017 by the Congressional Black Caucus.



**PANELIST: Michelle Williams, Ph.D., MSN, RN**

Executive Director of the Medical Division, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Michelle Williams, Ph.D., RN is originally from Los Angeles, California. She earned a B.A. in Psychology from California State University, Long Beach, an MSN in nursing leadership from Western Governors University, and a Ph.D., in nursing from Walden University. She started her career as a new graduated nurse at Cedars and has worked in critical care services attending to critically ill patients. She partners with her colleagues and works alongside her nurses to ensure appropriate care and education are being delivered. Since 2014, Michelle has been operationally responsible for care coordination for patients, disease management, and clinical performance improvement for staff. In 2016, she completed two fellowships in leadership, one in the LA Chamber of Commerce and the other in American Organization of Nurse Executive (commonly just referred to as AONE). Michelle is the recipient of the president's award and the award for clinical transformation.



**PANELIST: Cindy Chavira, MBA**

Executive Director, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Cindy oversees the administrative and academic operations in support of the mission of the Department of Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Her responsibilities include directing and supporting quality, service, and performance improvement activities; development and implementation of multidisciplinary clinics and disease-specific programs; as well as program development, marketing and strategic planning. Cindy is also responsible for the clinical operations of several outpatient clinics within the Departments of Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology. She also developed and implemented clinical and fiscal initiatives that resulted in enhanced quality of care, improved clinic efficiency, increased patient satisfaction, and improved faculty productivity. She completed her Bachelor of Science at UCLA and also has a Masters in Business Administration. She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Association of Cancer Executives.

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## PSYCHOLOGY, THERAPY, & COUNSELING

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**PANELIST: Maria Mechure, LMFT, Ph.D.**

Clinical Psychologist, MLK Jr. Community Hospital

Dr. Maria Mechure is the licensed clinical psychologist at MLK Community Healthcare. She completed her Bachelor degree in Sociology at the University of Washington, Masters in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy at Mount Saint Mary's University, and Masters and Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology at Fuller Graduate School of Psychology. She has trained in multiple capacities within the mental health field for about a decade, from administration to psychotherapy. She has worked in various community clinics and strives to specialize in working with marginalized populations. She also co-founded a small nonprofit organization, Education Foundation of the Philippines, that serves to provide basic school supplies and materials to underfunded schools in rural areas of the Philippines.



**PANELIST: Peolia Fonsworth, M.D., MBA**

Addiction Psychiatrist, MLK Jr. Community Hospital

Dr. PK Fonsworth specializes in addiction psychiatry at the MLK Community Medical Group. Dr. Fonsworth completed his education in Molecular Biology and Spanish Literature at UC Berkeley. He graduated with an MD/MBA from UC Irvine's signature PRIME-LC program that focuses on delivering compassionate and culturally, linguistically excellent care to the underserved Latino community. He completed a fellowship in Addiction Psychiatry, and he is double-boarded in General Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Fonsworth is grateful for the opportunity to serve marginalized communities facing daunting social, economic, and healthcare disparities and to pioneer an Addiction Psychiatry program for South Los Angeles.



**PANELIST: Linda Espinoza, MSW, LCSW**

Integrated Behavioral Health Therapist, MLK Jr. Community Hospital

Linda Espinoza has been working in the field of mental health and social services for over eight years. During her undergraduate studies, she pursued professional roles in social services and case management. Then she earned her Master of Social Work (MSW) from California State University, Long Beach. Her first professional role was as a Mental Health Therapist in South Los Angeles providing intensive mental health psychotherapy to the severely mentally ill adult and geriatric population. She went on to work with terminally ill and/or homebound older adults in providing individual and family end of life counseling and case management. After becoming a licensed clinical social worker, she began her management and training career at a Skid Row shelter where she served the mental health community and advocated against the criminalization of homelessness. She has also served as a field instructor for MSW students and has worked for several years as a Cognitive Behavioral Therapist in providing individual and group adult psychotherapy.