



Executive Leadership Highlights

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"As an organization that literally has 'network' in its name, OppNet was founded on the premise that social capital is this incredible currency that aids people along their careers."

LUCRIA ORTIZ
PRESIDENT & CEO
THE OPPORTUNITY NETWORK



"Lucria Ortiz Of The Opportunity Network On The Importance Of Professional Business Networks"
AUTHORITY MAGAZINE, August 1, 2024

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“Children are at the heart of everything we do. But we know that children live in families and families live in communities. If we want children to thrive, their communities need to be equitable places of opportunity. And in too many communities that is simply not the case.”

LA JUNE MONTGOMERY TABRON
PRESIDENT & CEO
W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION

“How A Household Name Is Working To Expand Racial Equity In The U.S.”

Forbes Magazine, June 28, 2019



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Funding rules are also often decided without an analysis of race and place. I was working in a foundation that decided only to fund organizations with a budget of \$500,000 or more. In foundations' defense, they often have small staffs and processes exist to be able to move money quickly, but sometimes the rules end up pushing people out instead of letting people in.”

EDGAR VILLANUEVA
AUTHOR, “DECOLONIZING WEALTH”
FOUNDER, LIBERATED CAPITAL

“A Call to Modernize American Philanthropy”
New York Times, November 27, 2018



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“We need legislation that helps to expand the number of midwives, particularly Black midwives of all licensure. We need more birth centers; we need more states to be friendly to home births and other birthing options. We need doulas, [and] more perinatal workers at the local level...it’s essential that more support translates to more boots on the ground.”

ANGELA D. AINA
CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BLACK MAMAS MATTER ALLIANCE (BMMA)

“The Shocking Increase in Maternal Death in America,”
THE NATION, April 3, 2023



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“People invest in what they value...It's clear demonstration when 0.5% of philanthropy invests in girls and women of color that this is not what society values.”

JOANNE N. SMITH (SHE/HER)
FOUNDING PRESIDENT, AND CEO
GIRLS FOR GENDER EQUITY (GGE)

"Meet The Black Queer And Trans Women Making History With Radical Approaches Toward Nonprofit Work" Forbes Magazine, March 30, 2022



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“People love to talk about the great work you do, but they don't invest in enough to really position you to lead and execute work that can shift the paradigm for your people...”

In real time, every day I see my leadership questioned just because of my identity.”

DOMINIQUE MORGAN (SHE/HER)
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE OKRA PROJECT AND BLACK & PINK NATIONAL

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“When I started learning about mentoring, too much of it was focused on changing young people and trying to sort of craft this perfect image of a young citizen.”



TORIE WEISTON-SERDAN, PH.D (SHE/HER)
AUTHOR, EDUCATOR
CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER, YOUTH MENTORING
ACTION NETWORK

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“Keep amplifying your voices. Keep sharing your stories. This is part of the reason we founded Black Maternal Health Week. Not only as a public health campaign, but as a campaign to showcase and amplify the voices, experiences, the activism, the community-based work of Black mamas, Black birthing people, Black leaders, and Black maternity care providers who are doing this work.”

ANGELA D. AINA
CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BLACK MAMAS MATTER ALLIANCE (BMMA)

“The Disruptors: Angela Doyinsola Aina Is Pushing Back Against White Supremacist Approaches To Childbirth,”
ESSENCE, March 31, 2023



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“When you know what it feels like to be harmed, and you have a platform and you take responsibility and you immediately get to work on righting the wrong, you not only are doing your work, but hopefully continuing to set an example.”

NAKISHA M. LEWIS (SHE/HER)
PRESIDENT & CEO, BREAKTHROUGH

"Beyonce, Lizzo Redoing Songs Set Bar for Fixing Ableist Lyrics" Bloomberg, August 2, 2022



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“So much of our work at Brothers@ is also about what the institutions themselves need to do. We really focus on challenging white-led institutions to hold up a mirror and grapple with the fact that they're not supporting these populations adequately, and haven't been doing so.” He added, “It’s so important to reframe the conversation so that it's less about us being the problem, or that we're the ones needing to be fixed.”



DARIEL VASQUEZ,
CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BROTHERS@

"Brothers Helping Brothers To Succeed In College And Beyond," Forbes Magazine, April 2022

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“It is an honor to be a part of this new chapter in the Warriors story. Audiences demand compelling content that speaks to them on a visceral level. With the launch of Golden State Entertainment, we are excited to create content that celebrates the nuances of our experiences as athletes, artists, and members of diverse communities in ways that not only entertain, but hopefully create opportunities for learning and deep engagement.”

DAVID KELLY

**CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER, GOLDEN STATE ENTERTAINMENT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER, GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS**

"NBA's Golden State Warriors Launch Golden State Entertainment; Jeremy Lin Doc '38 At The Garden' Among First Projects," Deadline, April 19, 2022





Go 'Wheels Up' with First Single From Golden State Entertainment

NBA's Golden State Warriors set first single via its Golden State Entertainment.

By Gail Mitchell 



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“There is a need for colleagues who consider themselves to be allies to be willing to put some of their social capital on the line to advocate on behalf of their Black female peers,” she says. “How are they leaning into allying? How are they lifting them up? How are they going into the office with their Black women colleagues and saying this is a problem?”



ERICKA HINES
PRINCIPAL, EVERY LEVEL LEADERSHIP; CO-AUTHOR, “BLACK WOMEN THRIVING”

“Black women are in ‘survival mode’ at work—and company diversity efforts ‘fall short,’” CNBC, July 1, 2022