13th ANNUAL ACCESS TO CAPITAL AND TELECOM POLICY CONFERENCE

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Capital, Careers, Community

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Washington, D.C.
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Wednesday and Thursday
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Letter from the Chair of the Board of Directors

July 15, 2015

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Welcome to MMTC’s 13th Annual Access to Capital and Telecom Policy Conference. It is a pleasure to welcome the steadfast supporters who have stood firmly by our side over the years, as well as the new friends who are joining us on the journey.

The conference is the preeminent national gathering of entrepreneurs, investors, lenders, regulators, and legislators focused on multicultural media, high tech, and telecom ownership, and closing the digital divide.

Our theme, Get Connected: Capital, Careers, Community, reflects MMTC’s pivotal role as a connector of diverse communities to capital, job opportunities, and policies that support entrepreneurs and communities of color. The driving focus of this year’s conference is how multicultural media and telecom entrepreneurship can stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and enhance innovation in the nation’s most influential industries. We also focus on where investors are putting their money, what’s driving supplier diversity and M&A activity, and where the wealth-creating opportunities are for multicultural entrepreneurs.

I’d like to thank all of the participants, including the FCC commissioners, leaders from the Obama Administration and the Hill, and corporate and nonprofit leaders who are lending their expertise to the conference.

I would like to convey our deepest appreciation to all of our sponsors, especially our Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsors. This conference would not be possible without them.

Thanks, too, to our Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Board of Advisors, Best Minds Policy Committee, Digital Equity Policy Circle, and Telecom Policy Taskforce for giving MMTC so much of their time and wisdom over the years. Thanks also to our talented MMTC staff, led by our extraordinary new President and CEO, Kim Keenan; Vice President and COO Maurita Coley; Vice President and Chief Research and Policy Officer Dr. Nicol Turner-Lee; and President Emeritus David Honig.

Since we were founded in 1986, MMTC has done its very best to advance the interests of diverse communities in media, telecom, and broadband policy debates and decisions in Washington, D.C. This is profoundly challenging work for an organization with limited human and fiscal resources. Your support and participation are much needed and always appreciated.

I hope you have a great conference and thank you for joining us.

Sincerely,

Julia L. Johnson

Julia L. Johnson
Chair, Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council
Welcome Letter from President and CEO

July 15, 2015

Greetings!

Welcome to the 13th Annual Access to Capital and Telecom Policy Conference. This year’s theme, Get Connected: Capital, Careers, Community, reflects the most important elements of entrepreneurship and community advancement amidst disruptive changes in the digital and social justice spheres.

As I approach my first anniversary as MMTC’s President, I am inspired by the diversity of our stakeholders, friends, and community. You all connect MMTC in ways that continue to evolve. I am confident that as we continue to align our goals and missions with the needs of our respective communities, we will achieve even greater levels of success for the cause of diversity in the media, telecommunications, and technology sectors.

To that end, we have assembled a stellar array of investors, entrepreneurs, law and policymakers, thought leaders, community activists, and others to help you make the connections and create the opportunities that are critical to success in a digital economy. Whatever connections you make over the next two days – whether a business card or a multi-million dollar deal – you succeed, MMTC succeeds, and our communities succeed when we connect you with opportunity. Our goal is to ensure access to capital and ownership diversity in the communications industries, and to connect you with the networks to get you started.

Over the next two days, conference sessions will raise awareness on issues ranging from:

- How to raise capital for new technology, content, and infrastructure businesses;
- How to achieve diversity and inclusion in corporate C-suites and boards, and throughout the supply chain;
- The latest in content, distribution, and deployment, and how they impact communities of color;
- How we can use technology to close the wealth gap and the digital divide; and
- The role of government agencies and how their legislative policies impact entrepreneurship and quality of life for communities of color.

I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of our many sponsors, especially our Gold Sponsors, AT&T, BIA Kelsey, and Comcast; our Silver Sponsor, Verizon; and our Bronze Sponsor, NetCommunications. You connect us to the resources we need and make this conference possible.

Once again, thank you for your support, and thank you for your presence; we look forward to working with you all to achieve diversity and inclusion in the media, telecom, and tech industries.

Sincerely,

Kim M. Keenan
Kim M. Keenan
President and CEO, Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council
The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council’s (MMTC) 13th Annual Access to Capital and Telecom Policy Conference, Get Connected: Capital, Careers, Community, convenes hundreds of media and telecom industry experts, policymakers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and investors to highlight the most far-reaching issues impacting multicultural entrepreneurs and underserved communities.

Current and former FCC commissioners, members of Congress, industry leaders, investors, and entrepreneurs share their expertise on:

- How to raise capital for new technology, content, and infrastructure businesses, with a special focus on opportunities for new entrants and incubated businesses
- How to achieve diversity and inclusion in corporate C-suites and boards, and in the supply chain
- The latest developments in the future of broadband for communities of color, including a discussion of content, distribution platforms, and deployment
- How we can use technology to close the wealth gap and the digital divide
- How FCC, FTC, and legislative policies will impact entrepreneurship, privacy, and quality of life for communities of color

As MMTC celebrates its 29th year, this year’s conference will also highlight MMTC’s new leadership, future plans to improve digital equity and ownership, and plans to deepen MMTC’s commitment to training and mentoring next-generation leaders, lawyers, advocates, and entrepreneurs.
AGENDA
DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015

8:30 AM - 6:00 PM
On-Site Registration Open
Washington Ballroom Foyer

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
MMTC Board of Directors Meeting
Scott Room

10:30 AM -11:30 AM
New Internet and Telecom Policy Task Force Meeting
Scott Room

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Pre-Conference Digital Entrepreneurs and Emerging Companies Startup Workshop
Washington Ballroom

Description: MMTC and a team of legal, finance, and startup experts with experience in the latest media, telecom, and technology issues convene a one-stop workshop on how to build a company from start to finish.

Co-Moderators:
- M. Tony Thomas, Managing Partner, SCI Ventures, Inc.
- Richard Gibbs, Associate, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Workshop Session 1: Let’s Get Lean: Overview of the Lean Startup Concept
- Facilitator: Shomari James, Executive Director of Strategy Deployment and Business Transformation, Howard University Health Services; Founder, Ataj Solutions, Inc.

Workshop Session 2: From IP to IPO: Let’s Get Legal
- Facilitators:
  - Richard Gibbs, Associate, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
  - Christin McMeley, Partner, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Workshop Session 3: From Entrance to Exit: Capital Formation and the Fundraising Process
- Facilitators:
  - Anita Stephens Graham, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Graham Communications, Inc.
  - M. Tony Thomas, Managing Partner, SCI Ventures, Inc.

Workshop Session 4: Smart Software for the Savvy Startup: The Latest Small Business Startup Software Tools
- Facilitator: Shahed Chowdhuri, Senior Technical Evangelist, DX, Microsoft

Audience Q&A

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Networking Break
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

**FCC Commissioners' Luncheon:**
From the Spectrum Incentive Auctions to the FCC Diversity Agenda – Top Issues for MWBEs

**Promenade**

**Description:** FCC Commissioners take on the challenges and opportunities presented by the agency’s current policy agenda, addressing such issues as: the state of minority broadcast ownership; how the Commission views the state of the industry; how to achieve success for the underserved in the digital age; Silicon Valley/high tech diversity; opportunities for MWBEs in the spectrum incentive auctions; Lifeline/broadband reform; and privacy and data security.

**Conference Welcome:**
- Kim M. Keenan, President and CEO, MMTC

**Moderator:**
- Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Executive Director, Tennessee Supreme Court Office of the Courts; Former Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission; Vice Chair, MMTC Board of Directors

**Panelists:**
- Hon. Michael O’Rielly, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission
- Hon. Ajit Pai, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

**Special Industry Diversity Highlights:**
- Keith Clinkscales, CEO, REVOLT Media & TV
- David S. Huntley, Chief Compliance Officer, AT&T Inc.

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

**Networking Break**

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

**Former FCC Chairs’ Plenary:**
How Congress and the FCC Can Promote Access to Capital for Diverse Businesses

**Washington Ballroom**

**Description:** Former FCC Chairs discuss some of the most controversial issues before the Commission this year, including the Open Internet, Lifeline reform, process reform, and spectrum policy. The former Chairs also provide insight on what the FCC’s agenda should look like in an era of increased diversity and inclusion and rapid expansion of the media and telecom industries.

**Moderator:**
- Deborah Lathen, President, Lathen Consulting LLC; Former Chief, FCC Cable Services Bureau; Member, MMTC Board of Directors

**Panelists:**
- Hon. Reed Hundt, Founder and CEO, Coalition for Green Capital; Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
- Hon. Michael K. Powell, President and CEO, National Cable and Telecommunications Association; Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
- Hon. Richard E. Wiley, Chairman, Wiley Rein LLP; Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
The Business Case for Diversity Part I:  
Diversity in the C-Suite, the Boardroom, and Beyond  
Washington Ballroom

Description: Leading corporate diversity chiefs, association leaders, and academic experts will address current opportunities and challenges to advancing diversity and inclusion on corporate boards, among senior leadership, and within the broader workforce. Attendees will discover the strategies that various companies are undertaking, and how the corporate landscape can be revitalized to make diversity a core business objective.

Moderator:
- Brent A. Wilkes, National Executive Director, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)

Remarks:
- Ronald C. Parker, President and CEO, Executive Leadership Council

Panelists:
- Maria Arias, Vice President, Diversity and Inclusion, Comcast Corporation
- Emilio Gonzalez, Vice President for Strategic Alliances, Verizon
- Adonis Hoffman, Founder and Chairman, Business in the Public Interest--Advancing Corporate Trust and Citizenship in Society, Former Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor, FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
- Fred S. Humphries, Jr., Vice President of U.S. Government Affairs, Microsoft Corporation

The Business Case for Diversity Part II:  
Opportunities for Diverse Entrepreneurs in Infrastructure, Spectrum, Mergers, and the Supply Chain  
Washington Ballroom

Description: Leading corporate suppliers will discuss how minority- and women-owned businesses can leverage opportunities within the robust media, telecom, and tech industries. This session will explore both traditional and innovative strategies for doing business with technology providers, and how MWBEs can become part of larger telecom and infrastructure businesses.

Moderator:
- Ronald Johnson, Chairman and CEO, Solutions4Change LLC; Treasurer, MMTC Board of Directors

Panelists:
- D. Zachary Champ, Director, Government Affairs, PCIA - The Wireless Infrastructure Association
- Ajamu M. Johnson, Executive Director, Supplier Diversity and Strategic Procurement, Comcast and NBCUniversal
- Collin R. Jones, Director of Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate Development, and Strategy, Cumulus Media, Inc.
- Walter B. McCormick, Jr., President and CEO, USTelecom Association
- Hon. Timothy Alan Simon, Commissioner Emeritus, California Public Utilities Commission
Social Justice Connection Reception and Book Signing
Washington Ballroom

Description: Reception and book signing by entrepreneur, telecom lawyer, and author Eric Broyles.

Host: Kim M. Keenan, President and CEO, MMTC

Remarks:
- Faith T. Blackburne, Associate Bureau Chief, National Action Network
- George E. Curry, President and CEO, George Curry Media, LLC; Editor-in-Chief, BlackPressUSA.com
- Hon. James Todd Rutherford (D), Minority Leader, South Carolina House of Representatives, 74th District
- Antonio Williams, Senior Director of Government Affairs, Comcast

Extraordinary Service Award:
- Feidin Santana, Videographer of Walter Scott Shooting, N. Charleston, SC
- Presented by: David Honig, President Emeritus and Senior Advisor, MMTC

Book Signing
AGENDA
DAY 2: THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
**On-Site Registration Open**
Washington Ballroom Foyer

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
**Congressional, Legislative, and Intergovernmental Leaders Breakfast:**
**Congressional Action to Promote Diversity and Business Opportunities in Telecom and Tech**
Washington Ballroom

*Description:* Members of Congress, and both federal and state legislative and intergovernmental leaders discuss the policies, best practices, public-private partnerships, regulation, legislation, and executive orders that drive access to capital, technological change, job creation, and economic opportunity.

**Introduction of the MMTC Board Chair:**
- Kim M. Keenan, President and CEO, MMTC

**Welcome:**
- Hon. Julia L. Johnson, Founder and President, NetCommunications, Inc.; Chair, MMTC Board of Directors

**Moderator:**
- Nicol Turner-Lee, Ph.D., Vice President and Chief Research and Policy Officer, MMTC

**Speakers:**
- Hon. Rick Boucher, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP; Member of Congress Emeritus
- Hon. Ronald Brisé, Member and Former Chair, Florida Public Service Commission
- Hon. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), Member, U.S. House of Representatives
- Hon. Emanuel Cleaver II (D-MO), Member, U.S. House of Representatives
- Hon. Catherine Pugh (D), Maryland State Senate, 40th District; President-Elect, National Black Caucus of State Legislators
- Hon. Clifford “Cliff” Stearns, Member of Congress Emeritus; Co-Chair, New Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce
- Hon. Edolphus “Ed” Towns, Member of Congress Emeritus; Co-Chair, New Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Money and Techonomics: Financing the Capital Pipeline from Angels to IPOs**

**Washington Ballroom**

**Description:** Successful entrepreneurs and venture capitalists discuss the process of accessing capital and building a business, from early-stage institutional investment rounds to the late-stage process of going public.

**Moderator:**
- Ana Roca Castro, CEO, PreK12 Plaza; Founder, LATISM

**Panelists:**
- Matthew Burnett, Co-Founder and CEO, Maker’s Row
- William Crowder, Early Stage Investor and Startup Advisor, Comcast Ventures
- Jon Gosier, General Partner, Cross Valley Capital; Partner, Rokk3rLabs
- Ximena Hartsock, Co-Founder and President, Phone2Action
- Francisco R. Montero, Managing Partner, Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth PLC; Member, MMTC Board of Directors

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

**Networking Break**

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM

**When Creativity Meets Capital: How to Produce and Distribute Your Creative Content for On-Screen and Digital Platforms**

**Washington Ballroom**

**Description:** Leading media executives discuss how content is identified, financed, and ultimately distributed on screen and over the Web. Content creators and entrepreneurs will learn how to monetize their content through a discussion on how on-screen and digital platforms are valued and the challenges associated with financing online properties.

**Moderator:**
- David M. Porter, Jr., Ph.D., Executive Director, Walter Kaitz Foundation

**Remarks:**
- Natasha Eubanks, CEO and Creator, Young, Black and Fabulous LLC

**Panelists:**
- Mark Kang, Senior Vice President of Worldwide Distribution, The Inspiration Networks, Inc.
- Kevin McFall, Vice President, Marketing, Digital Strategy and Licensing, Johnson Publishing Company
- D’Angela Proctor, Senior Vice President, Original Programming and Production, TV One
12:30 PM - 2:15 PM

Access to Capital Awards Luncheon:  
Bridging the Wealth Gap through Technology Investment
Promenade

Description: Leaders in government and finance discuss opportunities for technology investment and the role of MWBEs in bridging the wealth gap. MMTC presents its highest awards to those who have made exceptional contributions to diversity and inclusion in the media and telecom industries.

Co-Moderators:
- Ari Q. Fitzgerald, Partner, Hogan Lovells; Secretary, MMTC Board of Directors
- Kim M. Keenan, President and CEO, MMTC

Invocation:
- Bishop Steven J. Smith, Executive Director, Public Policy Institute and Media & Telecom Project, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

Remarks:
- Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Founder, Rainbow PUSH Coalition
- Hon. Juan M. Pichardo, Rhode Island General Assembly, Rhode Island Senate, District 2

Keynote:
- Rodney Sampson, Founder and CEO, Opportunity Ecosystem; Managing Partner, Legacy Opportunity Fund; Author and Creator, “Kingonomics”

Presentation of Awards
Entrepreneurs of the Year:
- Kongsue Xiong, CEO, Asian American Broadcasting, LLC
- Xeng Xiong, Vice President and General Manager, Asian American Broadcasting, LLC

Corporate Diversity Leadership Award:
- National Cable and Telecommunications Association, Presented to Hon. Michael K. Powell, President and CEO, NCTA

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Networking Break
Investing Locally, Empowering Globally:
The Tech Landscape Beyond the Valley
Washington Ballroom

Description: Industry experts discuss challenges and opportunities tech entrepreneurs face outside of Silicon Valley in today’s digital economy. Panelists will also highlight technology policy issues that impact start-ups and entrepreneurs.

Moderator:

Maurita Coley, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, MMTC

Remarks:

Larry Irving, President and CEO, Irving Strategies; Former Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Panelists:

Jotaka L. Eaddy, Senior Strategist and Policy Advocate
Brandon Ellis, Founding Partner and CEO, Ghost Note
Jason Llorenz, Staff Member, Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, Rutgers University School of Communication & Information
Steven C. Roberts, President and Founder, Roberts Broadcasting Company

Networking Break

Kids Who Code:
Investing in the Pipeline to Create the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow
Washington Ballroom

Description: Tech leaders and advocates discuss the importance of investing in the STEM pipeline for students of color by providing educational, mentoring, and entrepreneurial opportunities.

Moderator:

Nicol Turner-Lee, Ph.D., Vice President and Chief Research and Policy Officer, MMTC

Remarks:

Hon. Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

Panelists:

Talib I. Karim, Executive Director, Stem4US!
Allyson Knox, Director of Education Policy and Programs, Microsoft
Aaron Saunders, Founder and CEO, Clearly Innovative Inc.
Jose Antonio Tijerino, President and CEO, Hispanic Heritage Foundation
Kendrick “DJ 5Starr” Tilghman, CEO, 5 Starr Enterprise; Creator, B.E. M.O.R.E. S.T.E.M.
A Conversation with a Media Mogul: Accessing Capital and Reversing Stereotypes of People of Color
Washington Ballroom

Description: MMTC’s dynamic CEO Kim Keenan goes one-on-one with entertainment industry icon Debra Martin Chase, a former lawyer who broke the Hollywood glass ceiling to become the first African American female producer to land a production deal with a major television and film studio – the ABC/Disney film and television companies. Martin Chase will discuss everything from how she transitioned from the law to the lot and how she has been a trailblazer who helped change the stereotypes and negative perceptions of women and people of color in the media.

Interviewer:
• Kim M. Keenan, President and CEO, MMTC

Special Guest:
• Debra Martin Chase, President and CEO, Martin Chase Productions

Access to Capital Awards Reception
Promenade

Description: MMTC presents its highest awards to those who have made exceptional contributions to diversity and inclusion in the media and telecom industries.

Co-Hosts:
• Erwin Krasnow, Partner, Garvey Schubert Barer; Co-Chair, MMTC Mentoring Committee; Vice Chair, MMTC Board of Directors
• Kim M. Keenan, President and CEO, MMTC

Presentation of Awards
Hall of Fame Inductees:
• Debra Martin Chase, President and CEO, Martin Chase Productions
• Floyd Mori, President and CEO, Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
• Rodney Sampson, Founder and CEO, Opportunity Ecosystem; Managing Partner, Legacy Opportunity Fund; Author and Creator, “Kingonomics”

Extraordinary Service Awards:
• Jacqueline Clary, Director, Program Network Policy, NCTA; Former Senior Counsel, MMTC
• Jason Llorenz, Staff Member, Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, Rutgers University School of Communication & Information
Maria G. Arias  
Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion  
Comcast Corporation  
@Comcast

Maria G. Arias develops strategy and oversees the implementation of the diversity and inclusion initiatives across Comcast. Arias previously served as Vice President of Operations for Comcast Cable’s Southern Colorado systems, where she led technical operations and alternative sales channels. Prior to that, she served as Vice President of Operations for the West Division. Before joining Comcast in 2007, Arias spent time with both Adelphia Communications and AT&T Broadband in various legal and government affairs roles. Arias currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA and Congreso de Latinos Unidos.

Faith T. Blackburne  
Associate Bureau Chief  
National Action Network  
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Faith Blackburne has made a commitment to public service in government, not-for-profit, and private sectors for the past two decades. As Associate Washington, D.C. Bureau Chief, she is responsible for directing National Action Network’s public policies and legislative advocacy initiatives. Prior to joining NAN, Blackburne has held senior leadership positions at New York Stock Exchange’s Washington, D.C. Government Affairs office, and at the office of U.S. Rep. Gregory Meeks of New York. She is a member of the board of directors of the Black Women’s Agenda, and is a Co-Founder of the NAACP Leadership 500 for 35-50-year-old active members.

Kelvin Boston  
Author and TV Host  
“Moneywise with Kelvin Boston”

Kelvin Boston is a respected financial journalist, public speaker, and best-selling author who the New York Times referred to as an “out-spoken voice for economic empowerment.” He is Executive Producer and host of PBS’s “Moneywise with Kelvin Boston,” public television’s longest-running multi-cultural financial affairs series. Boston is the best-selling author of “Smart Money Moves for African Americans” (Putnam 1995) and “The Confident Millionaire” audio book (Nightingale Conant 2006). Since 2007, Boston and the Moneywise in the Community outreach program have provided financial seminars to more than 25,000 people.

Hon. Rick Boucher  
Partner, Sidley Austin LLP  
Member of Congress Emeritus

Rick Boucher is the head of Sidley Austin’s Government Strategies group, where his practice is focused on counseling clients who require the development of public policy strategies in the telecommunications, energy and the environment, and financial services industries. Boucher previously served for 28 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Virginia’s 9th District. He carved out a role as a trusted bipartisan leader in every telecommunications debate. Boucher served on both the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the Judiciary Committee, chairing the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology and the Internet.
Hon. Ronald Brisé
Member and Former Chair
Florida Public Service Commission
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Ronald A. Brisé was appointed to the Florida Public Service Commission by Governor Charlie Crist in July 2010 and was reappointed by Governor Rick Scott for a term through January 2018. He served as Commission Chairman in 2012-2013. Commissioner Brisé is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), serving as the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners’ First Vice President. Brisé previously served on the NARUC Task Force on Federalism and Telecommunications. Prior to this appointment, he represented District 108 in the Florida House of Representatives for four years.

Eric Broyles
Attorney and Entrepreneur
@ericbroyles

Eric Broyles is an investor and board member in companies operating in the enterprise software, pharmaceutical, and financial services industries. He previously served as Senior Counsel for AOL Time Warner, Inc. He also served as a judicial law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit for Chief Judge Joseph W. Hatchett. He began his career as an Associate at the Washington, D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. Broyles has represented clients pro bono, including in civil rights cases, and is passionate about sharing his wisdom and insights with youth.

Matthew Burnett
Co-Founder and CEO
Maker’s Row
@makermatthew

Matthew Burnett is CEO and Co-Founder of Maker’s Row, a factory-sourcing tool that assists designers in finding American manufacturers. Maker’s Row arose from The Brooklyn Bakery, a partnership between designer Burnett and sales and operations specialist Tanya Menendez. The Brooklyn Bakery is a line of leather goods founded in 2010 using domestic manufacturers to maintain control over quality of production and to form closer relationships with suppliers and contractors. Burnett previously designed and oversaw production for major watch manufacturers, including Marc Jacobs, DKNY, and Diesel, as well as his own independent brand, Steel Cake Watch.

Hon. G.K. Butterfield
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
North Carolina’s 1st Congressional District
@GKButterfield

Congressman G. K. Butterfield is a champion of affordable medical care, education, investments in rural communities, veterans, renewable energies, and federal programs that support low-income and middle class Americans. Butterfield serves in the Democratic leadership as Chief Deputy Whip and as Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. Prior to being elected to Congress, Butterfield served for two years on the North Carolina Supreme Court and previously served as Resident Superior Court Judge. Butterfield previously ran his own law practice for 14 years, during which time he litigated high-profile voting rights cases.
Ana Roca Castro  
CEO, PreK12 Plaza  
Founder, LATISM  
@LATISM

Ana Roca Castro’s latest startup, Prek12 Plaza is dedicated to closing the academic achievement gap particularly among at-risk students and children of recent immigrants. Castro is also the Founder of Latinos in Tech Innovation and Social Media (#LATISM), a non-profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of the Latino community through the use of tech innovation and social media. In 2008, she started her first tech venture to help businesses and organizations achieve their capacity building objectives via state-of-the-art application development. Castro previously led the implementation of Oracle Learning Management System (OLM) for the United Nations.

D. Zachary Champ  
Director, Government Affairs  
PCIA–The Wireless Infrastructure Association  
@PCIA_GovAff

D. Zachary Champ represents PCIA before the FCC, the U.S. Congress, local governments, and state legislatures. Champ’s particular focus is on distributed antenna systems and small cell solutions. He also facilitates the activities of PCIA’s Innovation & Technology Council. Champ’s legislative experience includes time spent with the General Assembly of Connecticut, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. Senate. He also held positions with TechAmerica, News Corporation, and the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Alliance (ITTA). Champ is a member of the State Bar of Connecticut.

Debra Martin Chase  
President & CEO  
Martin Chase Productions  
@DebraMChase

Debra Martin Chase is an Emmy-nominated and Peabody Award-winning television and motion picture producer whose company, Martin Chase Productions, has been affiliated with the Walt Disney Company since 2001. She was the first African American female producer to have a deal at a major studio. Her filmography includes three beloved franchises: “The Princess Diaries,” “The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants,” and “The Cheetah Girls,” as well as numerous other acclaimed films and television series. BET recently announced Chase’s new romantic sitcom “Zoe Ever After,” starring Brandy, scheduled to begin airing in early 2016. Chase is a 2015 MMTC Hall of Fame inductee.

Shahed Chowdhuri  
Senior Technical Evangelist, DX  
Microsoft  
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Shahed Chowdhuri is a Senior Technical Evangelist for Microsoft and a public speaker in the D.C. metropolitan area. He focuses on app, game, and web development and cloud training for startups, independent developers, enterprise developers, and students. With over 17 years of professional software development experience, Shahed has the technical background to mentor today’s entrepreneurs. In his current role at Microsoft, he assists startups in getting up and running on Azure, Microsoft’s cloud platform. In his spare time, he builds indie games and developer tools via OnekSoft Games and OnekSoft Labs. He is also the founder of multiple game development groups on Facebook.
Jacqueline Clary
Director, Program Network Policy, National Cable & Telecommunications Association
Former Senior Counsel, MMTC
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Jacqueline G. Clary is the Director of Program Network Policy at the National Cable & Telecommunications Association. Prior to joining NCTA, Clary held a variety of positions at MMTC including Assistant Policy Director and Senior Counsel. Clary specializes in evolving policy areas in media and telecommunications at the federal level. She has extensive experience in civil rights advocacy in the media, telecommunications, and broadband industries. Clary is a member of the New York State Bar. She is a 2015 recipient of MMTC’s Extraordinary Service Award.

Hon. Emanuel Cleaver II
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
Missouri’s 5th Congressional District
@repcleaver  

Emanuel Cleaver II is now serving his sixth term representing Missouri’s 5th Congressional District, the home district of President Harry Truman. In 2009, Cleaver spearheaded the creation of a Green Impact Zone. This zone, consisting of 150 blocks of declining urban core, has received approximately $125 million dollars in American Recovery and Reinvestment funds. Cleaver previously served for eight years as Mayor of Kansas City, where he distinguished himself as an economic development activist and an unapologetic redevelopment craftsman. Prior to being elected as Mayor, Cleaver spent 12 years on the city council of Missouri’s largest municipality.

Keith Clinkscales
CEO
REVOLT Media & TV
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Appointed in 2013 by Founder and Chairman Sean Combs, Keith Clinkscales steered REVOLT to become the third-largest independent network launch in cable television history. Reaching 50 million young adults through its digital platforms and on-air network, REVOLT is broadcast in 46 of the top 50 U.S. markets. Clinkscales’ 20-year career prior to REVOLT included roles in top leadership positions at ESPN, Chairman of Vanguard Media, and President and CEO of VIBE. Clinkscales is one of only a few media executives to have received multiple Peabody Awards and an Emmy nomination. Clinkscales is a 2015 recipient of MMTC’s Digital Media Vanguard Award.
Maurita Coley  
*Vice President and Chief Operating Officer*  
Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council  
@MauritaColey

Maurita Coley joined MMTC’s executive team in 2012, bringing over 25 years of experience in the media, communications, and entertainment industries to assist MMTC in reshaping its mission and vision to improve diversity and inclusion in a new digital economy. Previously, Coley served as Vice Chair of MMTC and as Executive Director of Capital Area Asset Builders, a nonprofit leader in asset-building and financial literacy and economic empowerment programs. She is a former partner with the Davis Wright Tremaine and the Cole, Raywid & Braverman law firms, where her practices included representing cable television programmers and operators, and minority venture capitalists. She is a former law and programming executive with the BET Cable Networks.

William Crowder  
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William Crowder joined Comcast Ventures in 2012 to lead the Catalyst Fund, which focused on investing in startups with diverse founding teams. He is responsible for identifying, executing and managing new investments while supporting existing portfolio companies for the Fund. Prior to joining Comcast Ventures, Crowder was the founder of a strategy and business development company that focused on guiding traditional media companies into the digital media arena. He previously served as Director of Strategy and Business Development at AOL, where he was responsible for restructuring the online advertising sales unit.

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George E. Curry is Editor-in-Chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) News Service, a federation of more than 200 African American newspapers for which he also writes a weekly syndicated column. His work at NNPA has ranged from covering Supreme Court litigation to covering the war with Iraq abroad. Before joining the NNPA, Curry was Editor in Chief of Emerge magazine for seven years, during which time he was elected President of the American Society of Magazine Editors, the first African American to hold that office.

Kiri Laurelle Davis  
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Kiri Laurelle Davis has produced and directed several short films that address important social issues. In 2012, Davis began production on her first feature documentary, a film that takes an inside look at youth of color, lost, exploited, and targeted within the justice system. She is also the creator of the Just Us Project, a multimedia platform that actively addresses social justice issues through media, art, and community outreach. In 2005, at age 16, Davis created the award-winning short documentary “A Girl Like Me,” which has been featured in more than 20 film festivals including the Tribeca Film Festival. Davis is a two-time recipient of MMTC’s Extraordinary Service Award, in 2007 and 2015.
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Jotaka L. Eaddy is a dedicated and seasoned policy advocate with more than 18 years’ experience. Most recently, she served as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for PayNearMe, Inc., a Silicon Valley financial technology company, that provides technology solutions for unbanked, underbanked, and cash-prefering consumers. Eaddy has advocated within various international forums including the World Conference Against Racism and the United Nations Human Rights Council. Previously, Eaddy served as Senior Advisor to the President of the NAACP, and as the Senior Field Manager for USAAction.

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Brandon Ellis is the Founder of Ghost Note, a boutique digital agency focused on helping businesses and associations market themselves through the use of new media strategies. Ellis is responsible for setting Ghost Note’s strategic direction and managing the day-to-day operations of the company. Under Ellis’s leadership, Ghost Note has grown to be one of the D.C. metropolitan region’s fastest growing agencies, embodying the next generation of minority innovators and business owners. Ellis started his career in sales and marketing working for Pfizer, Weyerhaeuser, and Eli Lilly.

Natasha Eubanks
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Natasha Eubanks is the creator of TheYBF.com, one of the largest and most popular celebrity gossip and entertainment websites. She started the website in 2005 as a hobby while in her first year of law school. TheYBF.com is the product of her obsession with all that is Hollywood. Eubanks noticed there was a lack of Black celebrities represented by mainstream media, and decided to create a lane for celebrity news focusing on Black Hollywood. Eubanks serves as a celebrity expert on numerous television shows, and has developed TheYBF.com into a full-fledged business boasting a readership of over 30 million views per month.

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Ari Fitzgerald’s practice at Hogan Lovells focuses on spectrum policy, wireless, satellite, international communications, and Internet-related issues. He previously served for several years at the FCC as Legal Advisor to former Chairman William Kennard. Fitzgerald currently serves on the board of directors of Crown Castle International, as secretary of MMTC’s Board of Directors, and as a member of the MMTC Policy Committee. He was the recipient of MMTC’s 2006 Extraordinary Service Award, and he and his law firm have been recipients of the 2005, 2009, and 2014 Distinguished Pro Bono Achievement Awards.
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Emilio Gonzalez oversees a wide range of Verizon’s external affairs, policy, and communications matters. Prior to joining Verizon, Gonzalez served in the Clinton Administration as a Special Assistant for Policy at the U.S. Department of Education, and helped develop the successful E-Rate Program. He also served at the U.S. Commerce Department as a Policy Analyst, where he worked on Internet policy issues and authored “Connecting the Nation: Classrooms, Libraries, and Health Care Organizations in the Information Age.” Gonzalez previously served as a Policy Analyst at the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment.

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Anita Stephens Graham
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Anita Stephens Graham co-founded Graham Communications (doing business as Graham & Associates) to provide financial advisory services to lower middle and middle market companies, with a particular interest in women- and minority-owned businesses. She previously served as a General Partner at Opportunity Capital Partners (OCP), a private equity firm with $135 million of capital under management. Graham has invested in an array of sectors including publishing, radio and television broadcasting, and multimedia content providers. She previously served as the President of Renaissance Capital Corporation, and has served on the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Diversity.
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Adonis Hoffman  
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With over 25 years of legal, policy, and communications experience, Adonis Hoffman helps organizations succeed by engaging customers, investors, government, and the media. Hoffman teaches graduate courses on Marketing, Advertising and Public Policy; Corporate Communication; and Corporate Responsibility. In government, he has served as Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor for FCC Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, and as Counsel to the Committee on Foreign Affairs at the U.S. House of Representatives. He is the author of the book, "Doing Good – The New Rules of Corporate Responsibility, Conscience, and Character" (Author House, 2010).

David Honig  
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David Honig has practiced communications and civil rights law since 1983, specializing in electronic redlining and race discrimination cases, and defining the legal space at the intersection of civil rights and telecommunications law. As co-founder of MMTC and its leader for 28 years, he has represented over 80 national minority, civil rights, and religious organizations before the FCC. The National Law Journal has named him one of the 30 most influential communications lawyers. Honig also serves pro bono as chief counsel for the Florida State Conference of the NAACP and as Chair of its Legal Redress Committee. Honig is the 2014 recipient of the Everett C. Parker Lifetime Achievement Award, MMTC’s highest honor.
Fred S. Humphries, Jr.
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Fred Humphries oversees government affairs outreach on a wide range of topics ranging from privacy (including student data privacy) and security to immigration, STEM education, and cloud computing. Humphries’s professional background includes serving as Senior Policy Advisor for Congressman Richard Gephardt’s Leadership Staff in the Office of the Minority Leader, as Southern Political Director for the Democratic National Committee, and as Chief of Staff for Congressman Sanford Bishop of Georgia. In addition, Humphries worked on the staff of Governor Ned Ray McWherter of Tennessee and is the former Executive Director of Public Policy for U.S. West Communications.

Hon. Reed Hundt
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Reed Hundt is the CEO of the Coalition for Green Capital, a non-profit that advises governments on the creation and operation of green banks – government-charted finance authorities dedicated to increasing public-private investment in the new clean energy platform. He is a consultant to Covington & Burling, principally working with that firm’s communications practice group. He sits on the board of directors of Intel Corporation, as well as on the boards of a number of private firms and the Connecticut Green Bank. He was Chairman of the FCC from 1993 to 1997, and served on President Obama’s 2008-2009 Presidential Transition Team.

David S. Huntley
Chief Compliance Officer
AT&T Inc.

David Huntley is responsible for safeguarding the privacy of AT&T customer and employee information and verifying compliance with legal and regulatory requirements of every country and jurisdiction in which AT&T operates. He has more than 20 years of business and legal experience with the company. Prior to being named Chief Compliance Officer, Huntley served as Senior Vice President and Assistant General Counsel for AT&T Services. Huntley joined AT&T in 1994. He has served as General Counsel and Secretary, Senior Vice President of Mobility Customer Service Centers, and as Senior Vice President of e-Commerce and Direct Mail.

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Larry Irving heads Irving Strategies, a consulting firm providing strategic planning and market development services to international telecommunications and information technology companies. He is also the Co-Chair of the Internet Innovation Alliance. Prior to forming Irving Strategies, Irving served for almost seven years as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, where he was a senior advisor to the President, Vice President, and Secretary of Commerce, and a principal architect of the Clinton Administration’s telecommunications, Internet and E-Commerce policies and initiatives.
Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
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The Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr. is one of America’s foremost civil rights, religious and political figures. Over the past 50 years, he has played a pivotal role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice. On August 9, 2000, President Clinton awarded Rev. Jackson the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation’s highest civilian honor. Rev. Jackson has been called the “Conscience of the Nation” and “the Great Unifier,” challenging America to be inclusive and to establish just and humane priorities for the benefit of all. He is known for bringing people of all backgrounds and beliefs together on common ground.

Shomari James
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Shomari James has 15 years of experience in industrial engineering, operational excellence, lean innovation, Six Sigma DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, Control), strategy deployment, and process improvement. James leads strategic improvement teams to develop sustainable system-wide or core-process solutions to improve the delivery of health care to Howard University Health Services’ customers. He has worked in similar roles at UPS, Nestle, Peapod and Inova Health System. In addition to his position at Howard, James also owns a technical branding company, Ataj Solutions, Inc., and a real-estate company, Tree of Life Housing.

Ajamu M. Johnson
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Ajamu Johnson is responsible for leading all supplier diversity activities for one of the nation’s leading providers of media and entertainment. His duties include establishing corporate policy, strategy, and objectives that ensure maximum utilization of qualified diverse businesses in the contracting process. Johnson previously led vendor diversity and inclusion activities for the company’s cable division with a geographic footprint spanning 39 states and the District of Columbia. In his previous position at the Urban Affairs Coalition, he was instrumental in assisting a number of organizations in fulfilling economic development plans for capital construction projects.

Hon. Julia L. Johnson
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Julia Johnson is Founder and President of NetCommunications, a national regulatory and public affairs firm. She is a former Chair of the Florida Public Service Commission, the FCC’s Federal-State Universal Joint Board on Universal Service, and the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Communications for Diversity in the Digital Age. Johnson currently serves on the boards of the American Telemedicine Association and the National Urban League. She is Chair of MMTC’s Board of Directors, and is a member of MMTC’s Hall of Fame, inducted in 1999.
Ronald Johnson
Chairman & CEO, Solutions4Change LLC
Treasurer, MMTC Board of Directors

Ronald Johnson’s company, Solutions4Change, has aligned millions of procurement dollars between the telecommunications industry, minority businesses, and HBCUs. As the Commissioner/Secretary of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Johnson has assisted with the placement of billions of dollars in industrial revenue bonds. He has served as a Governor’s appointee to the Southern Technology Council, as Rector of Virginia State University’s Board of Visitors, and as Vice Chairman of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Johnson also serves on MMTC’s Board of Directors as Treasurer.

Collin R. Jones
Director of Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate Development, and Strategy
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Collin Jones leads Cumulus Media’s structuring of business development and strategic initiatives, as well as origination and execution of mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, and portfolio management. During his time at Cumulus, Jones has executed over $1 billion in transactions, including the 2013 acquisition of Westwood One and the 2012 and 2013 divestitures of multiple radio markets to Townsquare Media. He also serves as the key point of contact for investor relations for Cumulus. Prior to joining Cumulus, Jones was an investment banker with Macquarie Capital, a leading Australian-based bank, focused on M&A, debt restructuring, and capital markets transactions.

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Mark Kang serves as Vice President of Worldwide Distribution at INSP, a leading family-friendly entertainment cable TV network, reaching over 80 million homes in the U.S. Kang is responsible for all network distribution and affiliate marketing. Prior to INSP, he served as a Senior Vice President of Affiliate Relations at Sportsman Channel, working with Leo Hindery’s InterMedia Partners to lead distribution and affiliate marketing efforts. Kang began his career in finance at Morgan Stanley and worked at Tiedemann Investment as a risk arbitrageur for the hedge fund group. He has also worked as a talent agent at International Artist Agency.

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Talib Karim manages the STEM4US! team to achieve its mission of exciting the nation about STEM careers and helping to create 1 million more STEM professionals by 2023. Karim also leads a consulting firm that offers government relations and technology solutions for non-profits, businesses, and governments. A lawyer and engineer by training, he previously served as the Chief Counsel for U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, where he focused on health and technology issues. In addition, as a Senior Counsel with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Karim helped lead investigations into ending the backlog of veterans’ disability benefit claims.
Kim M. Keenan  
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Kim Keenan became the President and CEO of MMTC in September 2014, succeeding MMTC’s Co-Founder and CEO of 28 years, David Honig. Prior to taking the helm at MMTC, Keenan served as General Counsel and Secretary of the NAACP, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the world. Keenan has also served as principal of her own law firm and served in the litigation practices of two nationally recognized law firms for nearly two decades. She is a past president of the 100,000-member District of Columbia Bar and of the 60,000-member National Bar Association, the largest network of African American lawyers, judges, law professors, and law students in the U.S.

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In her ten years at Microsoft, Allyson Knox has focused on STEM, computer science, education in technology, and student privacy issues. Prior to Microsoft, she worked with the employer community on workforce issues at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, taught entrepreneurship and youth leadership classes at Michigan State University Cooperative Extension, and directed a mentoring and training partnership between Michigan State University and the Lansing School District.

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Erwin G. Krasnow has been described as a “dean of the Washington communications bar” by Legal Times, a “super lawyer of communications” by American Film magazine, and the “guru of communications law” by the Broadcast Cable Financial Journal. Krasnow, a former General Counsel of the National Association of Broadcasters, serves as a Vice Chair of MMTC and as Washington Counsel to the Media Financial Management Association. He was the Founding Director and Vice Chair of Broadcast Capital, Inc., a minority broadcast investment company. Krasnow is Co-Chair of MMTC’s mentoring program and was inducted into MMTC’s Hall of Fame in 2004.

Deborah Lathen  
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Deborah Lathen is an accomplished corporate attorney, business leader, and domestic and international policy advisor. She has enjoyed a distinguished career in both the private and public sectors. As Chief of the FCC’s Cable Services Bureau, Lathen presided over significant proceedings in the communications industry, including the AOL/Time-Warner merger. She has held legal positions with national law firms including Foley and Lardner in Milwaukee, and Keck, Mahin and Cate in Chicago. She has also held senior management positions with Fortune 500 companies, including Quaker Oats Company, TRW Inc., and Nissan Motor Corporation USA.
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Jason Llorenz is a professor, researcher and advocate with over a decade of federal and state-level policy development, strategic communications, and legal experience. His research interests focus on digital literacy and universal inclusion in the digital economy, telecommunications and Internet policy, and the role of digital and social media in the innovation economy. Llorenz’s writing appears in the Huffington Post, and he is often sought for comment on the issues facing the digital divide and universal digital inclusion. Llorenz is a member of MMTC’s Board of Advisors, and is board member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Alumni Association. Llorenz is a 2015 recipient of MMTC’s Extraordinary Service Award.

Walter B. McCormick, Jr.  
**President & CEO**  
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A respected Washington veteran with more than 25 years’ experience in telecommunications, Walter McCormick, Jr. joined USTelecom in 2001 and has led the organization’s growth into one of the top trade associations in the nation’s capital. Prior to joining USTelecom, McCormick was President & CEO of the American Trucking Association, where he oversaw a broad corporate restructuring that resulted in record dues revenues and significant legislative victories. He has also served as a member of the President’s National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee and as General Counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

Kevin McFall  
**Vice President, Marketing, Digital Strategy and Licensing**  
**Johnson Publishing Company**

Kevin McFall is an expert in leading focused marketing, product, social media and business development initiatives, while managing high-performing teams that execute against the strategies of entrepreneurial driven businesses. He currently heads marketing, digital strategy, and licensing for Johnson Publishing Company, publisher of the iconic EBONY and JET magazines. He is also the principal of Red Clay Digital, a management consultancy delivering insights that achieve key business objectives. McFall has led successful business and technology initiatives for the American Bar Association, Sara Lee Corporation, and Digital Equipment Corporation.

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Passionate about emerging technology and entrepreneurship, Erin Horne McKinney manages the Washington, D.C. government’s Tech and Innovation Sector, representing technology firms, entrepreneurs, and organizations. McKinney has nearly two decades of experience in tech policy, marketing communications, and business development. Prior to joining DMPED, she served in leadership roles with the National Association of Multicultural Digital Entrepreneurs and the National Diversity Council, a nonprofit that discusses the benefits of a multicultural environment. Her telecommunications policy work includes research positions with TechNet, NTIA, and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.
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Francisco Montero specializes in FCC regulatory counseling, corporate finance, asset and securities acquisitions, and intellectual property. Montero was a member of the FCC’s Federal Advisory Committee on Diversity and has served as Director of the FCC’s Office of Communications Business Opportunities. Montero was Co-Chair of the Technology Committee of the International Webcasting Association, and he assisted NTIA in preparing its analysis of Hispanic broadcasters. Montero was inducted into MMTC’s Hall of Fame in 2008, and he is a member of the MMTC Board of Directors and the MMTC Mentoring Committee.

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Prior to joining APAICS, Floyd Mori served as the National Executive Director/CEO of the Japanese American Citizens League. He also served as Chair of the National Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans, and has served on the Executive Council of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Mori serves as an international business consultant as President of Mori-Silva International. He previously served for six years in the California State Assembly. Mori’s political career began in 1972 when he was elected to the city council of Pleasanton, California, where he served as Mayor ProTem and later as Mayor. Mori is a 2015 MMTC Hall of Fame inductee.

Hon. Michael O’Rielly
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Michael O’Rielly was nominated to the FCC by President Obama on August 1, 2013, and sworn into office on November 4, 2013. Prior to joining the FCC, Commissioner O’Rielly served for three years in the Office of the Senate Republican Whip led by U.S. Senator John Cornyn, most recently as Policy Advisor. He previously served as a Policy Analyst for the Senate Republican Policy Committee, and as Legislative Director in the Office of Senator John Sununu. Prior to his tenure as a Senate staffer, Commissioner O’Rielly served for eight years as a staff member on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
Commissioner Ajit Pai’s focus is on creating a regulatory environment in which competition and innovation will flourish. He is working to remove uncertainty that can deter businesses and investors from taking risks, and to revisit outdated regulations. Commissioner Pai has held several positions in the FCC’s Office of General Counsel, including Deputy General Counsel. Prior to being sworn in as a commissioner on May 4, 2012, Pai worked in the Washington, D.C., office of Jenner & Block LLP, where he was a partner in the communications practice group. Previously, he served as Associate General Counsel at Verizon Communications, Inc.

Ronald C. Parker has been with ELC since 1994, representing senior African American executives, having served on both the Council and Foundation boards. Parker, who recently retired from his post as Senior Vice President at PepsiCo, is focused on assuring that the ELC’s brand, programs, and overall impact remain strong. At PepsiCo, Parker was responsible for directing the company’s global labor relations and diversity and inclusion strategies. Prior to joining PepsiCo Bottling in 1982 as a Human Resources Manager, Parker served at Western Company of North America, where he focused on national recruitment and employee development.

Juan Manuel Pichardo was sworn in as the State Senator representing the people of Providence, Rhode Island’s Senate District 2 on January 7, 2003. He is the first Dominican American and Latino elected to the Rhode Island Senate. Among Senator Pichardo’s central issues are increasing higher education outcomes, addressing health disparities, and promoting economic opportunity. He is currently Chairman of the Housing and Municipal Government Committee and a member of the Senate Finance and Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs committees. Senator Pichardo is a 22-year Veteran and Master Sergeant of the Rhode Island Air National Guard.

David Porter oversees day-to-day management of the Walter Kaitz Foundation, including the allocation of foundation funds in support of cable industry diversity efforts and development of an industry-wide supplier diversity initiative. Porter served as the Director of Graduate Programs for the Howard University School of Business from 2003 to 2006, and as an assistant professor at the UCLA Anderson School. Porter helped develop the Executive Leadership Development Program of the National Association of Multi-Ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC), which in recent years has provided leadership training to hundreds of NAMIC members and cable executives of color.
Hon. Michael K. Powell  
President & CEO, National Cable and Telecommunications Association  
Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
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Michael Powell began his tenure as President & CEO of NCTA on April 25, 2011. Powell served nearly eight years as an FCC Commissioner, and served four years as Chairman of the Commission until 2005. During Powell’s tenure at the FCC, the Commission oversaw tremendous marketplace growth in the telecommunications sector. He worked to bring FCC regulations into the 21st Century and to recognize the move of voice, video, and data technologies away from limited analog platforms to powerful digital applications that bring more value to the public. Powell, on behalf of NCTA, is the 2015 recipient of MMTC’s Corporate Diversity Leadership Award.

D’Angela Proctor  
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D’Angela Proctor is an entertainment industry professional experienced in content creation, development, and production. Proctor provides strategic direction for all original programming and oversees all development and current production for the TV One cable television network. Under Proctor’s original programming leadership, the network has produced nine original movies that have premiered to record-breaking ratings results. In 2014, Proctor was honored by Cablefax Magazine as one of the most influential minorities in cable, and is being honored by Multichannel News in conjunction with Women in Cable Television as a 2015 Woman to Watch.

Hon. Catherine Pugh  
Maryland State Senate, 40th District  
President-Elect, National Black Caucus of State Legislators  
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Now serving her second term in the Maryland State Senate, Catherine Pugh has helped pass legislation to raise the Maryland minimum wage for working families and to give tax credits to Maryland businesses for hiring new employees. Pugh has championed increased scholarships for Baltimore youth, and in 2011 she founded the Baltimore Design School, a public middle-high school. She served as the 2010-2012 Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland and Vice President of the Women Legislators of Maryland. Pugh is also the President and CEO of C.E. Pugh & Company, a public relations consulting firm.

Steven C. Roberts  
President and Founder  
Roberts Broadcasting Company

Steve Roberts serves as President and Principal of The Roberts Companies, a privately held multi-faceted business organization that has created and managed over 60 companies within the past 30 years in real estate projects. Roberts grew a Sprint digital-affiliated television network in the Midwest into the largest private cellular and broadcast tower real estate portfolio in the U.S. Roberts has served on six public boards in the banking, manufacturing and telecommunications sectors, and serves on the FCC Advisory Committee on Diversity for Communications in the Digital Age. Roberts is a 2014 inductee into MMTC’s Hall of Fame.
Hon. Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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Commissioner Rosenworcel brings a decade and a half of public sector and private sector communications law experience to her position at the FCC. Prior to joining the FCC, Commissioner Rosenworcel served as Senior Communications Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, where she was responsible for legislation, hearings, and policy development involving a wide range of communications issues. She previously served as Legal Advisor to former FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps.

Hon. James Todd Rutherford
Minority Leader
South Carolina House of Representatives, 74th District
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J. Todd Rutherford, a former prosecutor for the Richland County Solicitor’s office, practices in the area of criminal defense in the federal, state, and municipal courts of South Carolina. Rep. Rutherford was first elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1998, and is currently the House Minority Leader. He has served on the House Military, Medical and Municipal Affairs Commission, and the House Judiciary Commission where he now sits on the Criminal Laws Subcommittee. He was an Assistant Solicitor/Special Prosecutor of narcotics and drug cases for the Fifth Solicitor’s Office from 1996 to 1998.

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Rodney Sampson is a social innovator, angel investor, published author, and consecrated bishop. Through his Episcopal affiliations with the Old Holy Catholic Church and International Bishops Conference, Sampson shapes innovative economic policy and opportunities. A serial entrepreneur, Sampson created Opportunity Ecosystem, the nation’s leading platform for minorities and under-served communities to master the investment ecosystem. He co-founded the Legacy Opportunity Fund portfolio of companies, with investments in technology, energy, consumer products, and the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Sampson is a 2015 inductee into MMTC’s Hall of Fame.

Feidin Santana
Videographer of Walter Scott Shooting

Feidin Santana is a barber based in North Charleston, South Carolina. In April of 2015, Santana made history when he filmed the fatal shooting of Walter Scott at the hands of a police officer. The incident occurred during a time of national social and political upheaval concerning police use of force, particularly force directed at African American men. The video, recorded with Santana’s cell phone and published on YouTube, launched him into the public eye and garnered him numerous national press appearances and interviews. Santana was born and spent much of his life in the Dominican Republic. He is a 2015 recipient of MMTC’s Extraordinary Service Award.
Aaron Saunders
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Aaron Saunders founded and leads Clearly Innovative, a digital solutions provider that shapes ideas into viable products and transforms clients’ existing technologies into stunning solutions. A software developer with over 25 years’ experience in the industry, Saunders is highly adept at helping organizations increase business value using mobile and web applications. Saunders is recognized as the thought leader on the Appcelerator Titanium platform. His book, “Building CrossPlatform Apps using Titanium, Alloy, and Appcelerator Cloud Services” (Wiley, 2014) was recently published and is available for purchase on all major platforms.

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Timothy Alan Simon served on the California Public Utilities Commission from February 2007 to December 2012. In 2010, Simon’s efforts led California’s investor-owned utilities to use minority investment banking firms as lead managers and book runners in their debt and preferred stock public offerings for the first time in the state’s history. Prior to his term as a Commissioner, Simon served as Appointments Secretary in the Office of the Governor, the first African American in California history to hold this post. He previously served as in-house counsel and compliance officer for a number of financial service companies including Wells Fargo and Bank of America.

Bishop Steven J. Smith
Executive Director, Public Policy Institute and Media & Telecom Project
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Rainbow PUSH’s Public Policy Institute and Media & Telecom Project focus on influencing progressive public policy toward political, economic, technological, and social justice for workers, women, and people of color. Bishop Smith previously served as Director of Marketing and Communications for the Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore. He has also served as the Senior Pastor of three congregations in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area: Church of the Lord’s Harvest, Cathedral of Life, and Summit Point Church. He serves as a Bishop in the Beth-El Churches of Christ and as President of its General Board of Presbyters. Smith is a 2014 recipient of the MMTC Extraordinary Service Award.

Hon. Clifford “Cliff” Stearns
Member of Congress Emeritus
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Hon. Cliff Stearns represented Florida’s 6th Congressional District from 1989 to 2013, where he served with distinction for 24 years. He was a prominent member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, having served as Chair of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee and as the Republican Leader on the Communications and Technology Subcommittee. Stearns is currently the Executive Director and a member of the International Advisory Council of APCO Worldwide, where he provides recommendations for clients in the telecommunications, Internet, and cybersecurity fields. He is also Co-Chair of the MMTC New Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce.
Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate  
Executive Director, Tennessee Supreme Court Office of the Courts  
Former Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission  
Vice Chair, MMTC Board of Directors  
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As an FCC Commissioner from 2006 to 2009, Deborah Taylor Tate was a policy leader in international media, telecommunications, and broadband policy. Tate was a co-recipient of the 2009 World Telecommunications and Information Society Day Laureate award for her international work regarding the education and protection of children online. She is currently serving on the National Aspen Institute Task Force on Learning and the Internet, and is serving as a senior adjunct scholar at the Free State Foundation. In January 2015, Tate was named Director of the Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts. Tate has been a Vice Chair of MMTC since 2009.

M. Tony Thomas  
Managing Partner  
SCI Ventures, Inc.

Tony Thomas is a veteran venture capital investor who has been intimately involved in building media and communications companies for over 17 years. Prior to joining SCI Ventures, Thomas was a General Partner at Syncom Venture Partners, a venture capital fund with $450 million in capital under management. He served as a director for a number of Syncom’s portfolio companies including T3Media, Voyages North America, and SpotLikes. Thomas previously served as an Investment Analyst for the Southern California Edison Retirement Plan, where he was primarily responsible for a $150 million private equity portfolio and a $500 million international equity allocation.

Jose Antonio Tijerino  
President & CEO  
Hispanic Heritage Foundation  
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Jose Antonio Tijerino heads the Hispanic Heritage Foundation (HHF), an organization that inspires, prepares, connects, and positions Latino leaders in the classroom, community, and workforce to meet America’s priorities. Tijerino has led the 28-year-old nonprofit for 14 years and has developed an innovative, sustainable model for Latino leadership in 10 “priority” fields which features a network of 100,000 vetted students and young professionals. Tijerino was director of public relations for the Fannie Mae Foundation and previously the Manager of Corporate Communications for Nike Inc.’s marketing department where he also served as a media spokesman.

Kendrick “DJ 5Starr” Tilghman  
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Hon. Edolphus “Ed” Towns  
Member of Congress Emeritus  
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Hon. Ed Towns represented New York’s 10th Congressional District from 1993 to 2013 and previously represented New York’s 11th Congressional District. Over the course of his distinguished 30-year career in Congress, Towns brought millions of dollars to a wide range of projects in the Borough of Brooklyn and the City of New York. In 2010, Congressman Towns inaugurated the Congressional Social Work Caucus, providing a platform on the Hill for more than 600,000 social workers throughout the United States who positively impact the lives of the elderly, the disadvantaged, children, and veterans.

Nicol Turner-Lee, Ph.D.  
Vice President and Chief Research and Policy Officer  
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Nicol Turner-Lee is responsible for designing and implementing MMTC’s research and policy agenda. Before joining MMTC, she was President and CEO of the National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC), a national membership association that educates, advocates, and empowers for multi-ethnic diversity in communications. Prior to NAMIC, Turner-Lee was Vice President and the first Director of the Media and Technology Institute for the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. She was recently appointed to the U.S. State Department’s Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy.

Hon. Richard E. Wiley  
Chairman, Wiley Rein LLP  
Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
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Richard Wiley heads the firm’s 80-attorney Communications Practice, the largest in the nation, representing a number of major communications-oriented organizations, including Verizon, AT&T, and Credit Suisse. As Chairman of the FCC (1974-1977), he fostered increased competition, reduced regulation, and EEO compliance in the communications field. Wiley played a pivotal role in the development of HDTV in the U.S., serving for nine years as Chairman of the FCC’s Advisory Committee on Advanced Television Service. Wiley is a senior advisor to the MMTC New Telecom and Internet Policy Taskforce, and was the 1998 recipient of the Everett C. Parker Lifetime Achievement Award, MMTC’s highest honor.

Brent A. Wilkes  
National Executive Director  
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Brent Wilkes manages the operations of LULAC, the nation’s largest and oldest Hispanic organization. LULAC addresses national policy, legislative advocacy, program development, and resource development in the Hispanic community. Wilkes is widely credited with strengthening LULAC’s programs, advocacy efforts, events, and revenue since opening LULAC’s National Office in Washington, D.C. in 1996. He also serves as Vice Chair of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda, a nonpartisan coalition of major Hispanic national groups. Wilkes was inducted into MMTC’s Hall of Fame in 2012.
**Antonio Williams**  
**Senior Director of Government Affairs**  
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Tony Williams’s work at Comcast has focused on developing relationships, communications strategies, and community outreach campaigns that engage and excite people about technology and media. He works with local and state elected officials, intergovernmental associations, third parties, regulators, and community-based organizations to develop policies, regulations, and practices that encourage technological innovation and economic growth. Before joining Comcast, Williams worked for Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN), managing legislative communications strategies while overseeing constituent communications.

**Kongsue Xiong**  
**CEO**  
**Asian American Broadcasting, LLC**

Kongsue Xiong is an advocate for a better life in America. He has promoted higher educational and social resources through partnership with a variety of officials, business leaders, educators, and community leaders to help the Hmong people assimilate into American culture. Xiong is also heavily involved in radio broadcasting. He co-founded the Minneapolis radio station KFXN-AM 690 “Hmong MN Radio” and serves as the CEO for the station’s licensee, Asian American Broadcasting, LLC. Xiong previously worked as a Parent Educator and Empowerment for the Minneapolis School District. Xiong, along with his partner Xeng Xiong, are the recipients of MMTC’s 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

**Xeng Xiong**  
**Vice President and General Manager**  
**Asian American Broadcasting, LLC**

Xeng Xiong’s driving passion is to encourage people in his community to prosper in the United States, and to demonstrate that business entrepreneurship pays off. Xiong has been involved in the broadcast business with his partner Kongsue Xiong for the past three years, serving as owners and operators of KFXN-AM 690. A successful and prolific entrepreneur, Xiong has operated an insurance agency for 27 years, and he also owns and serves as general contractor for a construction business. He also operates a real estate investment company, which buys and restores homes for sale or rent. Xiong, along with his partner Kongsue Xiong, are the recipients of MMTC’s 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2015.
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In MMTC’s public interest and civil rights law practice, we have represented 80 national organizations in selected proceedings before the FCC, the federal courts of appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Our clients have included essentially all of the traditional civil rights organizations (including the NAACP, National Urban League, LULAC, NCLR and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition), professional and trade organizations such as the National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals, religious organizations, unions and many other organizations interested in fostering diversity and equal opportunity and in closing the digital divide.

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