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John Marshall is currently the Vice President for Student Services at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) in Grand Junction, Colorado. In this capacity, he reports directly to the University President and is responsible for all student services, including the University Center, Housing and Residence Life, Financial Aid, Student Life, student health clinic services, and campus safety, among others. He is also a lecturer of Political Science. Prior to his current role managing student services, Mr. Marshall served as the institution's Director of Development, responsible for all private fundraising and gift management at the University. Before joining CMU, John worked in politics and government, serving as an assistant director of a state agency, as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Governor of Colorado, as well as managing both a nationally targeted congressional campaign and a statewide gubernatorial campaign. Mr. Marshall holds a B.A. from Colorado Mesa University, an M.P.A. from the University of Colorado at Denver, and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Public Policy and Administration.

I am a Colorado native, raised right down the road from the Mile High City of Denver. My parents were a powerful example and an encouraging force who allowed me to pursue a love for athletics, the outdoors, and ultimately, politics. I was blessed to earn an athletic scholarship to play football and basketball in college where I embraced a love for my faith, academics, and intellectual challenges which sparked my pursuit of learning and catapulted me into my career. Most importantly I met my wonderful wife in college and we now have three precocious and beautiful baby girls who keep me and my wife on our toes at all times. Our family loves to spend time in the mountains, BBQ-ing, gardening, and pretty much anything outdoors. I enjoy Johnny Cash, Jay-Z, and a cold Coors Original.

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Roland McReynolds serves as the Executive Director of the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA), a position he has held since 2007. CFSA is an organization of organic farmers in North and South Carolina that advocates for organic agriculture and just food systems, provides education on sustainable food and farming, and enhances marketing opportunities for organic food. Roland is responsible for CFSA's food and agriculture policy and government relations, in addition to the overall leadership of the organization. Prior to joining CFSA, he worked in the newsletter publishing industry for nine years, focusing on health care and banking law. His other professional experience is in the area of community leadership on issues of sustainable development and land use. He is an attorney, and completed his JD at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Law in 1997.



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I grew up in Columbia, Missouri, a college town in the heart of the American Midwest. Our home was surrounded by maize and soybean farms, and my grandparents, who lived next door, grew most of our vegetables organically and raised chickens for meat and eggs. I couldn't wait to get away! So it's ironic that now I work for farmers and encourage people to seek direct experiences with the sources of their food. My wife and I appreciate Europe's rich cultural, gastronomic and historic heritage, and we lived in the south of France for 2005, with our son who was then four years old, and our daughter, who was born during our stay. I filled several journals during that year, which will be great source material for a book someday. I enjoy *ouzo*, and look forward to discovering its analogs in Baden and Montenegro.

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Danielle North serves as Director of Operations for the Detroit Public Schools' Office of Charter Schools. In this role, she is primarily responsible for monitoring schools' compliance with authorizer, federal, and state reporting requirements. Prior to this, she was professionally trained and nurtured in a grassroots setting at Warren Conner Development Coalition. This afforded her the opportunity to become co-founder of a high-performing grade 6-12 charter school with a team of residents, business leaders, community organizers and a charter management organization. She managed the project from an idea and planning phase to a charter contract award. The school will open in fall 2012. Danielle's other professional experiences include managing a neighborhood farmer's market, serving as a community liaison to a City of Detroit council member, and leasing and developing affordable housing. She's a member of the Neighborhoods Taking Action Steering Committee. Danielle holds a Bachelors of Science in Sociology from Central Michigan University and plans to enter law school in the fall of 2013.

I'm extremely passionate about my professional work in the City of Detroit because I was born and raised here and I'm a product of the public school system. The eldest of four children, I'm the epitome of a big sister, extremely protective, caring and, some say, bossy. I love to sing and write music and I'm working on a gospel album to be released this year. Most people from where I grew up don't graduate from college, establish and maintain successful careers, become homeowners, or survive. I have done all of the above and not only am I surviving – but I continue to strive for greatness. I have an amazing husband and a beautiful 2 ½ year old son. My son motivates me more than anything else in this world to continue to be a productive citizen. He deserves nothing less as an example.

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Alma Salazar is Vice President of Education and Workforce Development for the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. She oversees and directs the Chamber's education and workforce development programs and initiatives, and is also responsible



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for helping to direct the Chamber's higher education and workforce development policy. Since 2000, Alma has worked to build business and education partnerships to improve the academic achievement and life-long learning for California's students. She has demonstrated success at convening an energized, diverse group of key decision makers and people of influence to promote systems-change. Serving as an intermediary, Alma looks to create and support effective collaboration among education, business, civic and workforce development leaders to influence policies that strengthen ongoing connections among P-16, community colleges, four-year universities, business and industry. Alma graduated from California State University, Long Beach with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and a master's in public policy and administration. She is currently finalizing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership at CSULB.

Although I was born in Chicago, I was raised in California since moving to Los Angeles at the age of 7. I am the youngest of four siblings and the first American-born to two very hardworking parents who emigrated from Mexico nearly forty-two years ago. I am incredibly fortunate to live the best of both worlds; one that is deeply rooted in culture, family, and sense of belonging as well as my professional life, which affords me the opportunity to be progressive, independent and forward-learning. I am a huge fan of music, outdoor activities (especially boxing), and spending quality time with friends and family.

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I have lived my entire life in Texas, but have travelled extensively within the US and around the world since I was a teenager. I have always had a love for travel and experiencing new cultures, but always love to come home too. My husband and I share a passion for the great outdoors, especially the mountains. Hiking and skiing are my favorite activities, but since there is a shortage of mountains nearby I settle for cycling most of the time. I also have a very big heart for animals of all varieties, especially dogs. My long bike rides often involve admiring the beautiful country-side and saying "hi" to all of the cows, horses and goats that are so common in Texas. I am an avid reader and enjoy a broad range of books including non-fiction, biographies, historical books, and I do love a good novel!