

Setting the Table for More Diverse Nonprofit Boards 2019



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About the Speakers



Michaela Ayers
Founder
Nourish

Michaela Ayers, a social justice facilitator turned entrepreneur, is revolutionizing the way individuals, organizations, and communities think about diversity, equity, and inclusion. Michaela is the founder of Nourish - a social impact consulting firm that drives cultural change through experiential learning and human connection. Bringing people together to form a community over a meal, she moves people out of their comfort zones into candid conversations and nourishing experiences that cultivate inclusive cultures. With a background in corporate training, Michaela brings a fresh and creative lens to events, professional development workshops, and strategic initiatives that help businesses improve the way people work together.



Florangela Davila
Managing Editor
Crosscut

Florangela Davila is the managing editor at Crosscut. She also oversees arts and culture coverage and hosts the daily “Crosscut Now” news highlight show on KCTS9. And she’s the chair of the race and equity committee at Cascade Public Media. A longtime Seattle journalist, she covered race and immigration as well as newsmaker profiles at The Seattle Times, where she worked for 14 years and earned local, regional and national awards. She’s also a former arts contributor to KNKX-FM and Seattle magazine. For five years, she orchestrated and programmed the eclectic Ampersand Live show, which brought arts, culture and environment storytellers to the stage. A passionate arts advocate, she serves on the board of On the Boards, the Seattle-based performance arts organization and The Westerlies, a NYC-based brass quartet.



Sara Jones
Senior Manager
Boeing, HorizonX

Sara Jones is a Senior Manager in Boeing, HorizonX. She leads a team of innovators responsible for deploying rapid test & learns and proof of concepts to create new disruptive solutions - business models, services, and products - that serve Boeing’s customers, grow the core business and help create a future that brings flight closer to home. Prior to Boeing, she worked in corporate strategy and management consulting, developing research-driven business and customer strategies for Fortune 100 companies, including Microsoft, T-Mobile and Nordstrom. She also has extensive experience in the start-up sector as a founder and mentor. Sara serves as a VP on the Board of Trustees of Pacific Northwest Ballet and was recently honored in Puget Sound Business Journal’s “40 Under 40.” She received a BA from NYU and an MBA in Venture Creation and Finance from University of Michigan.



Sarah Pierre-Louis is a graduate of Cornish College of the Arts. As a theater major, she had the opportunity to participate in an internship with ACT Theater. Today she continues with her passion to inspire by serving as the team developer and career coach for Tableau Software's marketing department. As a champion for Diversity and Inclusion, Sarah serves on the company's council and contributes her experience to ensure an innovative and diverse working environment. In professional and personal life she is grateful to spend her time helping others realize their dreams through coaching and development. Sarah also volunteers for Rainier Scholar program and she is on the board of ACT theater.

Sarah Pierre-Louis
*Marketing Career Coach/
Team Development*
Tableau



Fred Rivera is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the Seattle Mariners. Before joining the Mariners, Fred was a Managing Partner of the Perkins Coie law firm's Seattle office and a partner in the firm's Commercial Litigation group. Prior to that, he was a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, and Vice President in charge of corporate-wide internal investigations at Fannie Mae. Fred is active in bar association and community organizations, having served in several board leadership positions including ArtsFund, United Way of King County, Downtown Seattle Association, and the King County Board Foundation. He is a past Board Member for The Martinez Foundation and Rotary Boys & Girls Club, and Advisory Board Member, Washington Leadership Institute.

Fred Rivera
*Executive Vice President &
General Counsel*
Seattle Mariners



Hannah Won is an arts advocate and choral performer in the Seattle area. She currently performs with and serves as an officer on the board of Seattle Pro Musica, an acclaimed choral group whose Artistic Director received The Mayor's Arts Award in 2018 for the organization's work to make the practice of choral music more accessible and inclusive. She also serves on the board of Ballyhoo Theatre, an organization that provides musical theatre training to children and young adults, and formerly served on the board of the Pocket Theatre.

Hannah Won
*Arts Advocate/
Self-Employed*