

# SILICON VALLEY HACK FOSTER CARE SUMMIT BIOS



## SIXTO CANCEL, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THINK OF US

Sixto Cancel is the founder and CEO of Think of Us, a non-profit dedicated to leveraging technology to improve the life outcomes of foster youth aging out of the system. Sixto was selected as Forbes "Top 30 Under 30 Social Entrepreneurs" in 2017. Sixto has also been recognized by the White House as a "White House Champion of Change", a "Millennial Maker" by BET, and was named as one of the "Top 24 Changemakers in Government under 24" in the country by the Campaign for a Presidential Youth Council and Sparkaction. In the spring of 2016, Sixto and his team co-organized and executed the first White House Foster Care and Technology Hackathon. Sixto has served as a Young Fellow at Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative since 2010, where he has worked on youth engagement, asset development and permanency. Sixto currently leads a working committee that focuses on the learning of vulnerable youth demographics for Dell. He is one of the executive panel members on the National Evaluation Technical Assistance Center for the Education of Children and Youth who are Neglected, Delinquent or At-Risk in addition to serving as a consultant for the Children's Bureau via the Center for State Capacity.



## DURRELL COLEMAN, FOUNDER OF DC DESIGN

Durrell Coleman is the founder of DC Design, a social impact design firm that uses the design thinking process to solve the world's biggest problems. In his journey as a designer, Durrell has collaborated with international non-profits, large tech companies, and small businesses to create products and services that solve the problems they face. Trained in mechanical engineering (B.S) and sustainable design (M.S.), he is a two-time alumnus of Stanford University and its famous Institute of Design (the Stanford d.school). He teaches students from incredibly diverse backgrounds including refugees from Syria, Western Sahara, Palestine and Tibet, corporate executives from Sony, Oracle, and Santander and students at Stanford University and the International School of Asia in Karuizawa, Japan. He has designed products to increase the mobility of individuals with disabilities, a freshwater storage system for an island community in Indonesia and is one of the subjects of the PBS documentary: "Extreme by Design", which is currently being used as a design thinking teaching aid all over the world.



## SUPERVISOR CINDY CHAVEZ, SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Cindy Chavez represents the over 360,000 people of Central, South and East San Jose on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. She chairs the Board's Children, Families and Seniors Committee. In more than two decades as an elected official and leader of social justice non-profits and the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, Cindy has initiated efforts to achieve better outcomes for children in the County's foster care system, which include, initiating the Santa Clara County Foster Youth Task Force; providing supportive housing resources for foster youth, transition-aged youth and other populations vulnerable to the affordable housing crisis by leading the County effort with Supervisor Dave Cortese to place Measure A, a \$950 million affordable housing bond measure, on the November 2016 ballot, and increasing the number of year-round emergency shelter beds by fivefold to protect the neediest in our county. Her public service career began in the 1990's as a policy analyst covering health care, public health, human services and transportation for the Board of Supervisors. She served two terms on the San Jose City Council, where she was also Vice Mayor, and also served as executive director of Working Partnerships USA.



## MARY STUTTS, VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR COMCAST

Mary Stutts is the Vice President of External Affairs for Comcast, NBCU California and is responsible for all aspects of Comcast's government affairs, communications, community investment and Comcast's Regional Broadcast Network. Her career reflects a history of success in public affairs and communications leadership at Fortune 200 companies including Genentech, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Bayer, United Health Group and Kaiser Permanente. Mary serves on several boards including, The Global Women's Funding Network – the largest philanthropic network in the world devoted to women and girls and The Advisory Board of WorldWideWomen – a social enterprise company dedicated to building a global movement for women's and girls' equality through technology, philanthropy and advocacy. Growing up as a foster child from the age of 5 inspired her to serve several terms on the national board of directors of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for foster children. Mary has a B.A. in Communications Management from the University of Louisiana and a Master of Health Administration degree from the University of Southern California School of Public Policy. She also completed the Executive Program on Organization and Strategy at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.



## JEFF QUEISSER, CHIEF SYSTEMS ARCHITECT AT BOX

Jeff Queisser is a co-founder and the Chief Systems Architect at Box, where he is responsible for Box's core technology, architecture and infrastructure. He sold his first software at age 10 and later formed Q-Squared, a successful IT consulting company based in Seattle. Jeff studied at Western Washington University before joining Box in 2006.



**JONATHAN WEINBERG, MSW, SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM MANAGER III**

Jonathan Weinberg has over 30 years of experience as a social worker and has worked directly in almost all facets of the child protective services system. His credentials include a B.A. in Psychology, from UC San Diego, and a Master of Social Work from SF State University. Currently, he is a Social Services Program Manager III with the Santa Clara County Department of Family & Children's Services, where he is responsible for the Dependent Intake Bureau. Jonathan is also a standing member of the Santa Clara County Child Death Review Team. He is an Adjunct Professor at San Jose State University and spent eight years as a faculty member of the Forensic Human Services Social Work program, a joint venture between SJSU, Santa Clara County DFCS and the Juvenile Court Dependency system, teaching both Assessment & Intervention and Testifying As An Expert Witness courses.



**MARY FULLER, CO-FOUNDER AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, HACK THE HOOD**

Mary Fuller provides leadership for strategic development, operations, and building support for Hack the Hood. She draws on her 14 years experience in building capacity for organizations engaged in promoting the arts, community development, youth organizations, and public/independent media. Before co-founding Hack the Hood, Mary served as the Director of Communications and Development at Lao Family Community Development in Oakland and Asian CDC in Boston. As an independent consultant she's worked with groups like Oakland Local, Planting Justice, Museum of Children's Art, Shareable.net, and STEAM Exploration Lab (STEM education startup). In each of the past three organization's where she's led development efforts, her organizations have grown between 2x to 10x in under 2 years. She holds a master's degree in Arts Administration from Boston University, and a B.A. from Southwestern University. She is a visual artist and a foster to adopt parent of two beautiful kids.



**DELRISHA WHITE, PERSONAL & ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT COACH, SILICON VALLEY CHILDREN'S FUND**

Delrish White is a foster youth alumni who earned her Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Media Studies at Bennett College, in Greensboro, NC. While attending Bennett, Delrish studied abroad in Shanghai, China, received a full tuition presidential scholarship from Educational Testing Service (ETS), was twice nominated and recognized by the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges committee, and was recognized by Goldman Sachs as a woman in business to keep up with. In addition to her many accomplishments, Delrish's proudest, and most challenging role in college was serving as the president for the entire student body.

Delrish has spent her early career dedicated to education. She worked as an elementary education teacher in Miami-Dade County for three years. Shortly after moving back to San Jose, Delrish was an Instructional Coach who developed aspiring Literacy teachers at Breakthrough Silicon Valley. Today, Delrish uses her experience as a former foster youth at Silicon Valley Children's Fund, where she coaches current and former teenage and young adult foster youth on how to finish high school strong and how to develop concrete plans for post-secondary education.



**BRIANA SALDIVAR, FOUNDING HUB MEMBER**

Briana is a former foster youth who entered care at the age of 2 years old, where she remained until she was emancipated out at 18. Briana grew up living with her grandmother, in various foster homes, group homes, and at one point, in a shelter. At age 18, before AB12 extended foster care went into effect, Briana emancipated (aged out) of the foster care system and was left with no where to go. Being forced to find her way, she landed her first job as a Founding Member of The Hub, a community and resource center dedicated to serve current and former foster youth ages 15-24 years old. Briana is currently the last of the founding members to be employed at The Hub. She is also a full-time student and mother of two beautiful, intelligent daughters.



**CARL GUARDINO, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP**

Carl Guardino, one of Silicon Valley's most distinguished business and community leaders, is the President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a public policy trade association that represents more than 400 of Silicon Valley's most respected employers. Carl has been the Chief-Executive of the Leadership Group since January 1997. Known throughout the region as a consensus builder, he has championed a number of important issues, especially in the areas of transportation and housing. As a housing advocate, he co-created the Housing Trust Silicon Valley, which has helped 20,000 families afford homes in high-cost Silicon Valley by raising more than \$90 million in voluntary contributions.

Carl was born and raised in San Jose and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from San Jose State University, where he is a Distinguished Alumnus. Carl is married to Leslee Guardino and in their spare time, they compete in marathons, triathlons and duathlons. They have two daughters, Jessica and Siena.