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PST	EST	SESSION	LINK
11:00	**2:00**	**Welcome Remarks**	Event Room
11:10	**2:10**	**Keynote Speaker Kat Cole**	Event Room
11:25	**2:25**	**2020-2021 Campaign Highlights**	Event Room
11:30	**2:30**	**Networking in Wonder**	Wonder Link *(will be provided at the event)*
11:45	**2:45**	**10 min Break**	
11:55	**2:55**	**Career Mentor Breakout Rooms**	See section below
12:30	**3:30**	**Closing Remarks**	Event Room

Kat Cole

Former COO and President of North America for FOCUS Brands

Kat Cole is the former Chief Operating Officer and President of Focus Brands and was responsible for leading the company's seven brands and overseeing its licensing and international divisions, building revenues and profits through global licensing, manufacturing and ecommerce. Kat joined Focus Brands as President of Cinnabon and successfully drove the multi-channel business to record sales and growth, brand expansion and franchise evolution.

Prior to Focus Brands, Kat was a Vice President at Hooters of America, Inc. Kat invests in and advises founders of early stage startups, and is a Young Global Leader of the World Economic Forum, a member of the board of directors of Milk Bar, past chair of the Women's Foodservice Forum, and an active humanitarian, including on the United Nations Global Entrepreneurs Council. Kat received her MBA from Georgia State University.

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CAREER TRACK	ROOM LINK	UP TO US ALUMNI MODERATOR NAME	CAREER TRACK MENTOR (see bios below)
Economics & Finance	ROOM A PW: u2u2021	Tenzin Kalden	Clara Ford, Senior Associate Examiner at Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
	ROOM B PW: u2u2021	Bisi Oyelola	Jeanette Emery, Senior Budget Manager, Clinton Foundation
Political Science & Public Policy	ROOM A PW: u2u2021	Joseph Paul Javier	John Kester III, Senior Sustainability Manager, ADEC Innovations
	ROOM B PW: u2u2021	Eva Jungreis	Earl W. Shank, University Program Manager of Fair Labor Association
	ROOM C PW: u2u2021	Evan Malbrough	Oscar Romero, Program Director at The NYC Mayor's Office of the Chief Technology Officer
Business & Entrepreneurship	ROOM A PW: u2u2021	Wainright Acquoi	Sameera Chukkapalli, Founder and Director of Needlab
	ROOM B PW: u2u2021	Fiorella Riccobono	Nina Horne, Founder & CEO of Samara Family Services
Marketing, Communications & Public Relations	ROOM A PW: u2u2021	Andres Camacho	Kelley Maguire, Senior Marketing and Communications Associate, Clinton Foundation
	ROOM B PW: u2u2021	Shelby Lynch	Megan Maher, Digital Engagement Associate, Clinton Foundation
Science, Technology, Engineering & Math	ROOM B PW: u2u2021	Tallulah Kay	Tiffany Ta, System Program Manager, Facebook

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Economics & Finance Mentors

Jeanette Emery

Senior Marketing and Communications Associate, Clinton Foundation

Jeanette Emery is currently the Senior Budget Manager for the Clinton Foundation, responsible for internal financial reporting. While working on a BA in Political Science and BS in Mathematics from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, Jeanette interned on the Clinton Presidential Center grand opening. She held various roles at the Foundation before becoming Comptroller of the Clinton Global Initiative in NYC. In 2009, Jeanette left New York to pursue a MS in Analytics from LSU. After graduation, she worked as a financial systems consultant for several years before returning to the Foundation and earning an Accounting degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Outside of work, Jeanette is a proud Air Force brat, dog mom, music theater enthusiast, and lover of all things NOLA.

Clara Ford

Senior Associate Examiner at Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Clara Ford is a Commercial Credit Underwriter with over a decade of experience in the financial services industry. Skilled in Financial Risk, Analytical Skills, Risk Management, and Banking, Ms. Ford is a consummate professional with a BBA in Accounting, a Dual Masters' Degree focused in Applied Economics as well as Sustainability & Development from Southern Methodist University. She is also a 2020 Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) Commitment Maker and Founder of Kijiji Innovative Sustainable Solutions (KISS), a 501(c)(3) — Nonprofit organization working to alleviate Rural Poverty in Tanzania, because "it takes a Village".

Without support of mentors in my life, I would not be where I am today. I'm super passionate about human connection and how that can facilitate growth and am excited to mentor students in their journey!

Tiffany Ta

Systems Project Manager at Facebook

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Political Science & Public Policy Mentors

John Kester III

Senior Sustainability Manager,
ADEC Innovations

John has over 10 years' experience in public policy research and implementation, with a focus on sustainability. He currently works at ADEC Innovations as a Senior Sustainability Manager leading the Environmental, Social, and Governance team. John also serves as the Director of Sustainability Services for Zoned Properties where he supports business development and engages in industry associations supporting public policy changes for sustainability in the regulated cannabis market. Prior to these roles, John held positions including Sustainability Advisor at MAPEI, focusing on certification efforts and interdepartmental collaboration in the construction materials industry; and Research Associate at the Sustainability Consortium leading work in the Forestry, Packaging, and Textiles sectors. His dissertation research focused on sustainable energy policy preferences in Arkansas where his findings helped inform the recommendations of statewide non-profits responsible for energy advancement and education. John graduated from the University of Arkansas with a PhD in Environmental Dynamics; from Northern Arizona University with a Masters in Sustainable Communities; and from Denison University with a BA in Biology and Economics.

Earl W. Shank

University Program Manager
of Fair Labor Association

Earl W. Shank is a Program Manager at the Fair Labor Association (FLA), an international civil society organization focused on protecting and promoting workers' rights around the world. He leads the Association's work with dozens of colleges, universities, and an array of businesses. Earl holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of New Mexico and a Master of Public Administration from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. He is a member of the International Collegiate Licensing Association, a representative to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education and recently joined the Board of the New Mexico Society of Washington DC. Prior to his current role at the FLA, Earl spent time working at a pair of B Corporations where he honed his interest in the role of businesses as change agents.

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Oscar J. Romero Jr.

Director of Inclusive Innovation & International Cooperation

"Oscar Romero leads the inclusive innovation efforts of the NYC Mayor's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (MOCTO). His work focuses on building innovation-driven entrepreneurial ecosystems to address urban inequality across NYC by leveraging civic engagement, emerging technology, and international cooperation.

He oversees the design, management, and evaluation of global multi-stakeholder partnerships to address diverse urban development challenges in the US' largest urban economy. Ranging from issues on displacement, safety, access to social services, workforce development, access to STEAM education, access to representation, housing rights, accessible mental health services, and access to critical infrastructure."

I'm grateful for the mentors I found throughout my career that provided insights at critical life inflection points and guidance for successfully navigating work culture. Most importantly, my mentors provide a rich and safe place for self-discovery, that process of "becoming." I love passing on the same gifts that I received to folks who can benefit.

Nina Horne

Founder & CEO of Samara Family Services

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Business & Entrepreneurship Mentors

Sameera Chukkapalli
Director of Needlab

As an advanced architect and director of Needlab (Barcelona, Spain) Sameera spends most of her time drafting human and environment-centred design solutions with communities around the world. Currently, she is driven towards achieving the UN Sustainable development Goals and making sustainable design solutions reachable to all.

Sameera founded Needlab after completing her Masters and Postgraduate studies in Architecture and Robotics from IAAC. Needlab is a not for profit organisation aimed to solve problems related to habitat and urban resilience in cities and rural communities. She has completed 46 projects on 4 continents—directly impacting more than 5,000 people. She is a Yunus and Youth Fellow, FAB City Fellow, SIMP Leader, recipient of Design for all "GOOD Practice" Award and spoke at the UN-Habitat Assembly 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.

She is currently working on the "House for all" initiative which is a transdisciplinary based methodology that combines primacy of science and practice to sustainably solve the societal problem of secondary and tertiary homelessness. "House for all" is a finalist of Fast Company world changing ideas 2020.

Nina Horne
Founder & CEO of Samara Family Services

Nina Horne is founder and CEO of Samara LLC, a service/online platform transforming access to mental health support for college students. With more than twenty years experience in the educational, social, and policy environments in a variety of roles—teaching, educational product development, policy innovation, grant-making, and evaluation—Nina is focused on ensuring that all families have access to lives of dignity, meaning, and happiness.

Formerly a strategist focused on founding, building, and supporting large-scale initiatives for improving lives at the international, federal, state, and local levels, she served as Invited Expert to the U.S. Delegation to the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an Expert Advisor to the International Standards Organization, and consultant to the State Department, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the United Nations. In those roles, Nina developed policies and tools to protect human health and the environment around the globe. As a city commissioner, Nina spent 8 years grantmaking more than $150 million and overseeing evaluation of hundreds of youth development programs. Nina enjoys teaching meditation, dancing, and hiking with her family.

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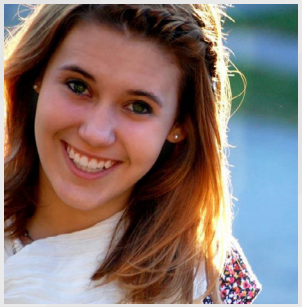
Marketing, Communications & Public Relations Mentors



Kelley Maguire

Senior Marketing and Communications Associate, Clinton Foundation

Kelley started her career at Hillary for America in Brooklyn HQ during her freshman year of college and joined the Clinton Foundation as an intern for the press team in her junior year. Since 2017, she's worked in a variety of roles across the Foundation and currently serves as a senior associate on the communications and marketing team. Bostonian by blood, New Yorker by choice, Kelley attended New York University, where she studied hospitality, tourism, and event management.

Megan Maher

Digital Engagement Associate, Clinton Foundation

Megan Maher is currently the marketing and digital engagement associate with the Clinton Foundation. Previously, she has held several positions at the Wildlife Conservation Society including communications intern, animal care associate, and digital marketing coordinator for events, campaigns, photography, and production. Megan also worked for the New York Mets as a photo intern where she took pictures of game day activities and helped with digital asset management. Megan holds a BA in Communications/Media Studies and MS in Interactive Media from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. In her free time she likes to travel, read books of all kinds, and spend time outdoors with her camera.

We often hear about the value of creating and putting your work into the public forum, and in my experience the mentorship I have received is the reason people have the confidence and skills to do so! Having another person genuinely care about your success is a significant asset to achieving your goals and amplifying your impact!

John Kester III

Senior Sustainability Manager at ADEC Innovations

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Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Mentors

Tiffany Ta

System Program Manager, Facebook

Tiffany Ta got involved in Net Impact during college and helped start the first undergraduate chapter at Santa Clara University in 2016. During her tenure as a Net Impact Chapter Leader, she participanted in Up to Us for multiple years. After graduating in 2018 with a major in Management Information Systems and a minor in Sustainability, Tiffany landed a job at Deloitte in Tech Assurance, and quickly realized it wasn't the right career path for her.

She then pivoted to a start up called Plume doing Technical Project Management / Product Management work, and is now at Facebook as a Systems Project Manager in the Legal and Partner Operations sector working on customer experience. Tiffany hopes to pivot again to social impact work in the near future!

The Up to US competition was one of the most collaborative and hands-on experiences of my undergraduate career. It provided extensive opportunity to interact with faculty and administrators as mentors. Those interactions formed the foundation for strong relationships that continue to exist today.

Earl W. Shank

University Program Manager of Fair Labor Association