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Gaby Alvarez-Pollack, MBA, CPTD®, PCC (Past President)



Gaby Alvarez-Pollack is a learning and development expert and a professional coach focusing on strategic talent management, behavioral assessments, and organizational design. For more than 20 years, her passion for learning, growth, and strategy has helped individuals, teams, and organizations succeed by finding the perfect combination of personal meaning and business results.

Gaby creates and delivers transformational learning experiences focused on bringing individual talents and strengths to life, improving emotional intelligence, and opening paths of continuous learning and growth to support organizational goals and business strategy.

She is a Certified Master Coach, a Gallup Strengths, Emotional Intelligence, and DISC® Certified Instructor and Coach and has worked with hundreds of leaders and teams across various industries. Gaby brings insight to her work rooted in positive psychology and the neuroscience of growth mindset.

Gaby is the founder and chief learning officer at GS&L Consulting, a Certified Professional in Talent Development (CPTD), and PCC accredited. She also holds an MBA.

In the classroom of life, she spends her time at the golf course, reading a good book, and enjoying a nice glass of wine. Gaby calls San Diego and Mexico City her home, where she lives and learns with her husband Steve and their son, Lucas.

Michele Beisler



Michele Beisler is a seasoned leadership coach dedicated to nurturing both emerging and established leaders in cultivating their presence and forging meaningful connections to develop aligned and effective teams. Their mission is deeply rooted in guiding clients to explore their inner essence, facilitating the integration of body, mind, and spirit. Through this transformative inner journey, individuals rediscover their authentic selves, ready to share their unique gifts with the world.

With a profound understanding that this path demands patience and persistence, akin to traversing uncharted terrains, Michele offers skillful and compassionate guidance to support people’s personal and professional growth. Their experience has taught them that leadership is not a title, but a continuous

series of choices, accessible to all, and by embracing our authenticity, seasoned with courage and vulnerability, we can unlock our potential for profound success across all facets of life.

Michele has a bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering and has been a certified coach since 2004 as well as an International Coaching Federation (ICF) Associate Certified Coach (ACC) since 2015. She has also been studying and teaching self-development trainings since 1998.

Chuck Blohowiak, PCC



Chuck Blohowiak is an International Coaching Federation (ICF) accredited life coach specializing in business coaching, leadership coaching, and executive coaching.

Businesspeople from all levels of organizations have worked with Chuck to identify and leverage their strengths, weaknesses, and blind spots and to develop skills for future roles. Chuck builds a relationship of trust where leaders can be honest with themselves. Through discussion, observation, psychological instruments, and interviews, these leaders get a realistic sense of their skills and behaviors.

Dr. Lakisha Davis Flagg



Dr. Lakisha Davis Flagg, DrPH, MS, MPH, BSN, RN-BC, CCMP, ACC, is a retired U.S. Army Nurse Corps officer, ICF-certified executive coach, and veteran's advocate with 30 years of healthcare experience. Her expertise includes systems leadership, workforce development, and change management. While in uniform, she served in a wide range of roles including director of preventive medicine at Keller ACH - West Point Military Academy, director of public health services at Brooke Army Medical Center, executive officer for the U.S. Army Medical Corps Chief, and the U.S. Army Public Health Command's representative for the CDC's Community Preventive Services Task Force, Community Guide.

Upon transition to the civilian sector, Lakisha served as the strategy, policy, and communications program manager for the Louisiana Department of Health's Bureau of Family Health. She has been an Executive Leader Coach since 2020 and currently works in support of the Veteran's Health Administration's Office of Quality & Safety. She also serves as the board Vice President for Bastion Community of Resilience, New Orleans—an intentional community for veterans with traumatic brain injuries. In her spare time, Lakisha loves to travel and discover new music with her daughter, Taylor.

Angelica Alexander Defillo



Angelica Alexander Defillo is a life coach and leadership consultant with nearly 30 years of human resources experience supporting senior- and executive-level corporate initiatives and HR expertise in the areas of leader and employee development, diversity and culture improvement, performance management, and leading change.

Her personal journey to professional coaching began in 2014 while serving in a volunteer role as president of a nonprofit where she gained leadership experience, connection, and purposeful reach beyond the traditional scope of HR work. Participation in advocacy for social justice, diversity, equality, inclusion, and the national legislative agenda on issues affecting underserved and marginalized communities heightened her desire to expand her own personal and professional reach in a deliberate and purposeful way.

Seed of F. A. I. T. H. became her metaphor and business acronym for being in service to others toward uplift in personal ***fulfillment, abundance, inspiration, triumph, and healing***. Her life coaching practice exists for clients seeking self-actualization, purpose-driven alignment, personal development, and growth.

Clients can expect solutions-oriented support, increased awareness, and strategies for sustainable results. Legacy, impact, purpose, and personal growth are common themes of clients she helps support. She has provided a range of services over the years, including one-on-one coaching, team/group coaching, educational workshops, and leadership consulting. She is also licensed to administer Energy Leadership Index (ELI) assessments and debriefs, Positive Intelligence (PQ) Saboteur assessments, Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessments and debriefs, and a host of other tools. She especially enjoys working with organizations committed to advancing the cause of diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in our global society. She shares the belief that coaching relationships can bridge gaps in social, educational, and environmental concerns. She is proud to be among fellow certified coaches worldwide actively aiming to increase the connection of coaches to communities they serve, to create partnerships with organizations sharing parallel missions of community support, and to promote increased awareness of the benefits of coaching.

She is a member of the International Coaching Federation and currently serves as president of the ICF Gulf Coast Chapter. Her professional credentials include a Master of Business Administration (MBA), Senior Professional Human Resources (SPHR), iPEC Certified Professional Coach (CPC), Energy Leadership Master Practitioner (ELI-MP), and Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Qualified Administrator. She's currently pursuing Positive Intelligence (PQ) Coach certification.

She is married, actively involved in community service, and coaching in courageous pursuit of an increase in her F.A.I.T.H. community, planting the seed one client at a time. She resides in New Orleans, Louisiana, in close connection to family and friends. She enjoys travel, reading, journaling, and genealogy research.

Josh Densen, MBA, ACC



Josh Densen is a leadership and executive coach known for his expertise in driving growth and excellence across diverse industries. As the founder and CEO of Next Chapter Coaching, LLC, Josh has worked with multi-million-dollar nonprofit organizations, \$100 million foundations, and small businesses in sectors such as professional services, financial services, creative design, festival/events, and higher education.

Josh's remarkable achievements in the education and social impact sectors have earned him a renowned reputation. As the visionary leader behind Bricolage Academy, he created one of New Orleans' highest-achieving and sought-after institutions within a remarkably short span of five years. With more than two decades of experience, Josh has consistently delivered exceptional results while making a significant social impact.

Beyond education, Josh's leadership prowess extends to global organizations. He successfully established The Achievement Network's Louisiana office and provided leadership to the US and Canadian regions of High Resolves, a renowned global nonprofit. Notably, Josh developed an innovative adult education curriculum on racial literacy, showcasing his dedication to fostering positive change and advancing social causes.

Josh's educational background includes a BA from Washington University in St. Louis and an MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He has further honed his skills through a certificate in Leadership in Systems Change from the Harvard Kennedy School and a coaching certification from Rice University. With an Associate Coach Certification from the International Coaching Federation, Josh possesses expertise in various tools and assessments, including Everything DiSC, Five Behaviors of a Cohesive Team, EQi-2.0/360, and Immunity to Change.

Partnering with Josh as a coach, leadership team consultant, and workshop facilitator can revolutionize people's organizational leadership. His strategic insights and unwavering commitment to positive change will optimize their leadership growth and cultivate an innovative, service-oriented organizational culture.

Sorbrique "Sorby" Grant



When **Sorbrique "Sorby" Grant** reached her moment of clarity, she had already proven herself to be a professional problem-solver. Highly successful at turning around schools with significant challenges and empowering educators, she realized her knowledge and skills would be a powerful aid to emerging leaders who were largely unsupported, including those heading nonprofits or who are women or people of color.

Sorby currently serves as the president and CEO at Climb Hire, which prepares working adults for entry-level jobs in tech. She also operates her own practice—Farther Together—focusing on strategic planning, retreats, coaching, and consulting for individuals, nonprofits, and small businesses.

Before Climb Hire, Sorby was the chief program officer at the Center for Resilience. She has served as head of school for KIPP Public Charter Schools, principal at Achievement First Public Charter Schools, and managing director of Program for Citizen Schools. She began her professional journey with Teach for America, first as an educator, then as a bilingual content curator and Summer Institute Director.

Sorby earned her master's degree in public policy and urban planning from Harvard and her master's in Elementary Education and Teaching from Pace University. She holds a bachelor's degree in government and American studies from Cornell University. She is a Certified Executive & Leadership Coach and a member of the International Coaching Federation.

Stacy Glynn LaMorte, ACC, CMC, PCAC



Stacy Glynn LaMorte, ACC, CMC, PCAC, is an ICF Certified ADHD Life Coach. While she is relatively new to being a professional life coach, she has been helping to develop people for more than 30 years. As a CA-credentialed classroom teacher, Certified Personal Trainer, and mother of three, she has been evaluating readiness for change and helping people to develop into the best versions of themselves for more than three decades. She particularly loves helping adults with ADHD get systems in place that make their lives run more smoothly and to quiet the inner critic who loves nothing more than to sabotage those systems. This is her first ATD conference, but she is sure it won't be her last, as she loves to surround herself with like-minded people who have a passion for learning and growing.

Tara Quinn, PCC, CPCC, CDC



Tara Quinn, PCC, CPCC, CDC, is an experienced certified professional coach, facilitator, and speaker with a passion for empowering her clients to transform their lives and careers through science-based wellness practices and professional development work.

In practice since 2006, she has established a reputation as a national thought leader on the topics of corporate wellness, leadership development and training, work/life balance, career strategy and pivots, and the unique niche of career breaks, life sabbaticals, and long-term travel—and has been featured in numerous online and print media outlets including the *Wall Street Journal*, BBC Travel, *New York Magazine*, *Travel & Leisure*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and MSNBC.com. Her portfolio includes successful coaching, consulting, training, and facilitation work with a diverse roster of clients and teams with companies and organizations including Apple, Google, Gap Inc., Microsoft, Sony, PayPal, Hulu, PwC, TD Bank, Bank of America, Accenture, Stanford University, UC Berkeley, Bain & Company, McDonald's, AmeriCorps, Sephora, Levi Strauss & Co., the David and Lucille Packard Foundation, and The United Nations.

Tara holds a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) credential with the International Coach Federation and a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach (CPCC) certification through CTI. She has completed advanced training in Organization & Relationship Systems Coaching (ORSC) through CRR Global, Advanced NeuroTransformative Coaching through BEabove Leadership, and advanced Trauma-Informed Care and Coaching with Jane McCampbell-Stuart. She is a graduate of the prestigious Co-Active Training Institute and has also completed CTI's intensive year-long Leadership Development Program, now serving as a member of their Faculty of Organizational Coaching.

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