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DAVE CLAYTON

Dave Clayton is senior vice president at Strada Education Network's Center for Consumer Insights. Prior to joining Strada, he was executive vice president at the social impact marketing firm Neimand Collaborative. He has also led Harris Interactive's nonprofit and public affairs team and was on the faculty of Brigham Young University's counseling and career center.

THOMAS ISEKENEGBE

Thomas Isekenegebe is president of Bronx Community College. He was born in Nigeria, making him the CUNY president from Africa. Before joining BCC, he was president of Cumberland County Community College in Vineland, New Jersey.

TAMAR JACOBY

Tamar Jacoby is president of Opportunity America. A former journalist and author, she was a senior writer and justice editor at *Newsweek* and, before that, the deputy editor of the *New York Times* op-ed page. She is the author of *Someone Else's House: America's Unfinished Struggle for Integration*.

ERROL LOUIS

Errol Louis is the political anchor of NY1 News, where he hosts "Inside City Hall," a nightly prime-time show about New York City politics. He is a longtime CNN contributor, he writes regularly for CNN.com and he has a weekly column in the *New York Daily News*. He is also a seasoned moderator: he was a questioner in the last 2016 presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

MELINDA MACK

Melinda Mack is executive director of the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP), a nonprofit membership association made up of workforce boards, business organizations, education and training providers, economic development entities, organized labor and government agencies. Before NYATEP, she was founding director of Graduate NYC! at the City University of New York and acting director of the New York City workforce development board.

FÉLIX V. MATOS RODRÍGUEZ

Félix V. Matos Rodríguez is Chancellor of the City University of New York, the largest urban public university system in the United States. His career spans academia and the public sector. A former cabinet secretary for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, he has served as president of Queens College and of Hostos Community College. Born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, he has a B.A. from Yale University and a Ph.D. in history from Columbia University.

RICK SMITH

Rick Smith is president of the Pinkerton Foundation. Before joining Pinkerton, he spent 37 years at *Newsweek*, serving as Hong Kong bureau chief, Asian editor, editor of international editions, editor-in-chief and later chairman and CEO. His first job was driving a taxi while a graduate student at Columbia University.

KATHRYN WYLDE

Kathryn Wylde is president and CEO of the nonprofit Partnership for New York City, the city's leading business organization. Before taking over the presidency, she was founding CEO of partnership's housing and investment fund affiliates. She regularly contributes opinion pieces and commentary on urban policy issues and serves on many nonprofit boards.