

## Let's Get to Know our MBEs

### Carolyn Seeger

I am Carolyn Seeger, CEO of Keystone Gifts, a woman, and minority owned promotional products distributor located in Colorado. We serve small, medium, and large corporations providing creative and sustainable branded products for a lasting impression. We provide concierge service to busy executives, ensuring that the products they choose to promote their business are of excellent quality and are well received by their recipients.

### Terry Young

Terry Young has worked for a Fortune 10 information technology company, he has been a university professor, solo practice mediator and arbitrator, and is currently a Notary Public. His firm, Forever Young Associates, LLC doing business as FYA Mobile Notary provides specialty notarization services, commercial and Residential real estate loan signing services, and apostille services. During his time with the corporation, he held positions as a technician, a manager with human resource responsibilities, and a project manager, manager of project managers, and a Project Executive. Terry is a U. S. Navy veteran and volunteers at a Veterans Treatment Court. He holds a bachelor's degree in Asian Regional Studies, a master's degree in Project Management, and a Doctorate in Management.

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### Michelle L. Watley

As Founder and President of The Griot Group, Michele L. Watley offers a wide range of consulting services including strategic communications, political campaign management and general consulting, digital media, public affairs, and community outreach across various sectors. The Griot Group has the necessary tools and expertise to help clients develop impactful communication strategies, connect with, and engage communities, and build rich brand experiences. Michele is the recipient of numerous awards from respected communication associations including the International Association of Business Communicators and Women in Communications. She has also been honored by the American Association of Political Consultants (AAPC) as one of the 40 best and brightest campaign professionals under 40 years old and was named one of Campaign & Elections Rising Stars for 2017. She is the first Black and the first female operative to be honored with both national awards in the same year. Michele's work in strategic communications has garnered multiple industry awards and recognition from the International Association of Business Communicators and Women in Communications.

### Vanessa Simmons

With over twenty years of exceptional experience in the laboratory field, Vanessa Simmons has proven herself orchestrating results in a variety of drug/laboratory testing and procedures. She is the founder and owner of Mile High Drug Test Consultants, - a mobile drug testing and consulting company that focuses on the collections and testing of blood, urine, saliva, and hair, DNA testing, drug testing supply sales, and background check services. Vanessa is a visionary leader with a strong entrepreneurial background. An established Laboratory Technologist, she proffers her expertise in assisting physicians in diagnosing, monitoring, treating, and preventing disease. She has a proven track record in leading complex improvement initiatives and applying solid technical, research, and analytical abilities. Professionally, her areas of expertise lie in Laboratory Operations Management, Testing Accuracy, Interviewing, Hiring, & Training, Budgeting & Scheduling, Employee Performance Evaluation, Maintenance & Troubleshooting, Electronic Data Entry, Staff Accountability, and more. Vanessa is also a Nationally Certified Phlebotomist. In her career years, she worked in the Colorado Department of



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RC has his degree in Technical Communications and has been instrumental in developing systems for efficiency and organization of projects. He joined the company in September 1998 to help manage rapid expansion. He implemented a human resources program and has the responsibility for managing and developing warehousing, stocking technologies and systems to help clients reduce inventory and management costs. RC serves on several local boards and community groups. He is an author and mhplio lio6r sy, 2-1.8 ( se)-2.9 (.).4.4 (t)-3 (oy)AMCID 11 BDC T( 5)TJEMC /P AMCID 8 BDC 0 -1.158 TD(16)TJEM