

## 2026 FINALIST JUDGES

### **Beth Martial**

Beth Martial is a dynamic workforce strategist and Director of the PROG Foundation and Development Center, where she leads tech-forward initiatives that connect untapped talent to meaningful, sustainable career pathways. Known for bridging philanthropy, industry, government, education, and community, Beth designs high-impact programs that expand access while upholding a clear standard of excellence, growth, and accountability.



Her leadership is shaped by both local and global experience. Beth participated in international youth exchanges in Wakayama, Japan and Bergen, Norway, and later lived in Kaiserslautern, Germany. While in Germany, she supported U.S. Military Service Members through the SFL-TAP program—equipping them with the tools, strategy, and confidence to transition into civilian careers—and served as a volunteer of the U.S. Department of State through the U.S. Embassy and Consulate as a featured speaker in the U.S. Speakers Series. These experiences, alongside her travels across Asia, Europe, and North America, have strengthened her commitment to cultural awareness, disciplined action, and meaningful contribution.

Her humanitarian efforts span the Dominican Republic, Oregon, and Utah, where she has served in roles ranging from direct service to board leadership and as a governor-appointed commissioner—while also creating pathways for others to actively engage in service.

Beth believes talent is everywhere—and that access, ownership, and follow-through are what transform it into impact. She is committed to championing emerging leaders while challenging them to rise, contribute, and fully step into their responsibility. Outside of her work, Beth finds joy in meaningful conversations, biking through the Salt Lake Valley, and dreaming up her next local or global adventure.

### **Branden Dalley**

Branden works as the Director of the Student Union at the University of Utah, where he recently completed his PhD in Education, Leadership, and Policy. His research is in the higher education finance arena with a focus on student loan debt and how debt can impact various student populations differentially. He is the founder of the Student Union Leadership Scholarship fund which has seen over \$1,000,000 in scholarships awarded to students in need. Through programs such as the Union scholarship fund, Branden strives to create awareness of the importance of community on campus. He hopes to endow many scholarships in the future that will help students in perpetuity.



## **Dean Anderson**

Dean Anderson is the Vice President of Marathon Petroleum's Salt Lake City Refinery and brings thirty years of experience in delivering safe, reliable, and cost-effective energy solutions to Utah. He is committed to making a positive impact both professionally and through community engagement. Dean has contributed to organizations including Junior Achievement, Guadalupe School, Salt Lake and Davis County School Foundations and the Utah Food Bank, supporting education initiatives and efforts to address food insecurity. Currently serving as a Board Member for Youthlinc, he actively supports Service Year, RootEd Global, and RealLife programs.

Previously, Dean served as an application judge for the Young Humanitarian Award, and he is enthusiastic about recognizing remarkable contributions within the community. He firmly believes the Young Humanitarian Award is one essential program supporting Youthlinc's mission to create lifetime humanitarians.

## **Erin Armstrong**

Erin Armstrong is a Utah native and a graduate of the University of Utah in Behavioral Science & Health and Gerontology. Her experience at the University grounded her interest in serving within her community. Erin is a Program Officer at the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation. She enjoys the many engaging associations and activities that stem from her involvement with the Foundation and its varied projects. She is a past volunteer board member at Red Butte Garden. Erin was a past board member for the United States National Committee for the United Nation Women Utah Chapter. She also has been involved in scholarship fundraising and other projects with the Young Alumni Association at the University of Utah, serving as Vice President. In her spare time, she enjoys supporting the arts, hiking throughout the state, she is a foodie who enjoys the science and art of a good meal, & spending time with family & friends.

## **Kristy Parajuli**

My name is Kristy Parajuli and I am the education coordinator/youth council advisor for Millcreek Promise. I am Nepalese-American and am from Salt Lake City. I graduated from the University of Utah with a double bachelor's degree in Political Science and Health Society and Policy. I have been a medical assistant for four years and have done many internships such as interning for the legislative session in 2024 for someone in the House of Representatives.

I have been with Millcreek Promise for about a year and a half. The Millcreek Promise mission is to mobilize and support Millcreek residents to build community, bridge divides, and lift all boats. There are four focus areas in Promise: Education, Health, Economic Well-being, and Safety. As the education coordinator, I wear a lot of different hats in this role. I attend partnership meetings with various Millcreek schools to see how the city can best support the teachers, students, and different events that the schools have going on. I am over different programs such as child supervision at Bud Bailey Apartments and Millcreek Futures. I run the education committee where we meet monthly to discuss how we can best support the youth in Millcreek and focus on the 100% graduation goal that we have in Promise. I am also the youth council advisor where there are 25 students from various high schools that join and do service projects, learn how to be civically engaged, and be a voice for the youth in Millcreek.



## **Lisa Weilenmann**



I have 20 years of experience in commercial property management; I bring a well-rounded perspective shaped by both operational expertise and financial insight. I spent 15 years managing accounting functions for Michel Investments/Best Western Realty before transitioning into my current role as a property manager over the past year and a half. This combined background allows me to approach property management with a strong understanding of both the numbers and the people behind them.

In addition to my professional experience, I served for seven years as a volunteer on an HOA board, where I developed a deep appreciation for community involvement and collaborative problem-solving.

I also work closely with the Michel Foundation and have witnessed firsthand the meaningful impact it has made both locally and around the world. My connection to humanitarian efforts is personal—my niece participated in a Youthlinc humanitarian trip that proved to be a life-changing experience. Inspired by this, I am honored to serve as a panel judge for the Utah Youthlinc Young Humanitarian Award, supporting and recognizing the next generation of compassionate leaders.

## **Nick Robbins**



Dr. Nick Robbins is Vice President of Benefits and Services for the Miller Family Office at the Larry H. Miller Company and a community leader with over two decades of experience in higher education, leadership development, philanthropy, and nonprofit partnership building. He has led programs that expand access and equity in education, strengthen families, deepen community engagement, and evaluate program impact throughout Utah—driving initiatives that increase college participation and support underserved populations. His work emphasizes strategic program design, cross-sector collaboration, and cultivating sustainable cultures of service that prioritize collective impact over individual recognition. Active on Utah boards and community coalitions, Dr. Robbins brings extensive experience mentoring youth, creating equitable pathways, and amplifying local humanitarian efforts. As a judge for the Utah Young Humanitarian Award, he is committed to recognizing young leaders whose sustained, community-focused service and collaborative spirit embody the values of Youthlinc and the George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation.

## **Ta'Mariah Jenkins**



Ta'Mariah is a dedicated scholar and current graduate student at the University of Utah, where she is pursuing a Master's in International Affairs and Global Enterprise. Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, and a proud Utah State University alumna, she now serves as a fellow with Beloved Community, a Utah-based organization focused on advancing opportunity and eliminating disparities through community economic development. Ta'Mariah's academic background in Political Science, Anticipatory Intelligence, and Nonprofit Leadership fuels her passion for addressing educational inequalities. To her, service is about recognizing shared humanity and fostering empathy to create lasting community change.

Ta'Mariah is the 2025 Utah Young Humanitarian Award college winner.