

Operational Supports Center of Excellence Update

A range of business and operational services that support educational excellence in local school districts.

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Update: I am thrilled to share with you the full list of members of the KRESA Foundation Board of Directors. We will be holding an orientation and onboarding session on September 5th to introduce new members to the Foundation, KRESA and their role.

Name	Employer/Affiliation	Title	Industry
Rex Bell *	Miller Davis Company	Retired Chairman	Construction Management
Nkenge Bergan	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Associate Vice President	Higher Education
Travis Cree	Stryker	Senior Manager, Biostatistics and Programming at Stryker Trauma & Extremities	Medical Technology/Equipment Manufacturing
Faye Davis	SINA	Senior Director	Communications
James Devers	Communities In Schools Kalamazoo	Executive Director	Nonprofit/Education
Nancy Gallihugh *	Kalamazoo RESA	Audiologist	Special Education
Dr. Deveta Gardner	Western Michigan University	Associate Dean, Merze Tate College	Higher Education
Kwame Gyimah	Lennon Miller PLC	Income Partner	Law/Legal
Jen Heymoss	Frontline Solutions	Director, Consulting Practice	Philanthropy/Nonprofit
Wendy Hutchison	Special Olympics/ Stryke Force	Community Volunteer	Nonprofit
Shirley Johnson *	Kalamazoo County Ready 4s/YMCA	Community Volunteer	Nonprofit
Mike McIntyre	American Village Builders (AVB)	Director of Business Development	Construction and Development
Dr. Delores Myers *	Kalamazoo RESA Board of Education	Treasurer	Education
Bridget Timmeney	Align AZO	Managing Director	Nonprofit/Research/Policy Analysis

* Indicates returning board member

KRESA Rebranding

Our rebranding process is well under way. Our partnering vendor, Circa Design, has begun an extensive community engagement process including internal surveys, focus groups, targeted interviews and a community survey available in both English and Spanish. Over 230 community members have provided input through our survey. We expect the process to be complete this fall resulting in new brand assets to align our visual identity with the Centers of Excellence (logo/brand icons, a new brand style guide and digital identity recommendations to inform revision of the KRESA website).

Save the Dates

Please mark your calendar for the following special events in the year ahead:

Targeted Assistance Grant Awards Recognition – October 10, 2024 | 5-7 PM

MiCareer Quest – October 22-23, 2024 | 9 AM – 3 PM

Career Connect Open House – December 3, 2024 | 5-7:30 PM

Outstanding Achievement Awards – April 30, 2025 | 7:15 - 10 AM

Career Connect Campus Grand Opening – May 22, 2025 | TBD