

2025 Soroptimist Women of Vision



CHANEL BROCK, Program Coordinator at College of Marin and advocate for equitable education

Chanel has spent over 10 years supporting vulnerable populations in Marin County, including CalWORKs families, single parents, individuals with disabilities, survivors of domestic violence, and first-generation students. During the pandemic, she served as a Disaster Service Worker, overseeing COVID testing sites and vaccination clinics for the County of Marin. Currently, Chanel works as a Program Coordinator at the College of Marin, where she develops and implements equity programs for student parents, foster youth, and formerly incarcerated students, empowering them to reach their educational goals. A passionate advocate for equitable education, Chanel believes that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, deserves access to learning opportunities.



FELECIA GASTON, Founder of Performing Stars of Marin, Historian and author

Felecia Gaston is the founder of Performing Stars of Marin and launched the Phoenix Project of Marin, a community center offering wrap-around services to help clients avoid or navigate the justice system. Recognized with an Innovation Award by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Phoenix Project brings together stakeholders from law enforcement, county agencies, non-profits, and businesses.

Ms. Gaston has a background in event planning, working with celebrities like Bishop Desmond Tutu, Spike Lee, Cicely Tyson, and Danny Glover, and producing the Marin City Blues and Soul Festival for 15 years. She is also a freelance writer and self-published author of multiple guides and cookbooks. In 2022, she founded the Marin City Historical & Preservation Society to preserve the community's cultural heritage. Her numerous awards include the Ruby Award (2018), KPIX-Channel 5 Jefferson

Award (2006), Marin Women's Hall of Fame (1999), and the Center for Volunteers and Nonprofit Leadership's Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence award (2020). She has been featured on ABC7 and the Hallmark Channel, and in 2015, was recognized in the Congressional Record by Rep. Jared Huffman.



ANITA GAIL JONES, Founder of Gaines-Jones Scholars, Visual artist, professional storyteller & writer

Anita is a visual artist, storyteller, and writer from Albany, Georgia, now living in the San Francisco Bay Area. She began storytelling at age five, drawing pictures to tell stories in her sister's classroom. As she grew, she developed a passion for writing, leading to her debut novel, *The Peach Seed*, set in 2012 Southwest Georgia. The manuscript was a Finalist for the 2021 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction and was published in 2023. In 2002, she co-founded the Gaines-Jones Education Foundation with her husband, Rob Roehrick, offering college scholarships to Black students in Southwest Georgia and the Bay Area in memory of her mother, sister, and father.



LISA KRISTINE, Founder of Human Thread Foundation and Humanitarian photographer

Humanitarian photographer Lisa Kristine has documented humanity across 150+ countries, advocating for causes including indigenous wisdom, global unity, and the fight against modern slavery. Through her art, she raises awareness, mobilizes resources, and sparks change. In 2017, Lisa founded the Human Thread Foundation to combat human trafficking and promote dignity. She partners with the United Nations and the 50 For Freedom Campaign. Her work has earned recognition from figures like Pope Francis, The Dalai Lama, and Amnesty International, and she received the Lucie Humanitarian Award for her impactful contributions.



CHANTEL WALKER, San Anselmo council member, Assistant Director of County Library Services, Marin County Free Library

Chantel Walker is a small business owner, elected Council Member in San Anselmo, CA, and the managing director of CWISER Ventures. With over 30 years of experience across government, nonprofit, for-profit, and philanthropic sectors, she has held roles such as foundation program director, vice president, library executive, and executive consultant. Chantel's local government work includes serving as Assistant Director of the County library system and leading initiatives in DEIB, organizational development, and staff learning strategy.

She is President of Wednesday Morning Dialogue and the Marin County Library Foundation and has served on boards including the Marin Environmental Housing Coalition and the Marin Promise Partnership. Chantel has also held leadership roles in the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Children's Creativity Museum, Women's Foundation of California, and the State Bar of California.