



## **Angela Davis**

*Together We Thrive Emcee*

Angela Davis joined MPR News in November 2018 as the host of MPR News' weekday program – focusing on important issues facing Minnesotans and how the state is changing. She leads conversations that include insight from experts and the voices of listeners. Before

coming to MPR News, Angela anchored newscasts at WCCO-TV in Minneapolis and KSTP-TV in St. Paul. She has won five regional Emmy awards for anchoring and covering breaking news. Angela is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists.



## **Beth Ford**

*Together We Thrive Co-chair*

Beth Ford serves as President and CEO of Land O'Lakes, Inc., a Fortune 200 food production and agribusiness company. Since joining Land O'Lakes in 2011, she has held a variety of roles leading the farmer-to-fork business offerings. Today, she is a passionate advocate on behalf of farmers and rural America with the goal of connecting people, particularly in urban areas, to the farmers and rural communities who grow their food. Beth has been recognized by

Fortune as one of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders and Most Powerful Women and was named to Fast Company's Most Productive People and Best Leaders lists, among other honors.



## **Joan Gabel**

*Together We Thrive Co-chair*

Joan T.A. Gabel is the 17th president of the University of Minnesota, overseeing the nation's 6th largest University. She stewarded the University's first systemwide strategic plan, MPact 2025, emphasizing student success, innovation, equity, and fiscal stewardship. Under her leadership, the University surpassed \$1 billion in annual research expenditures; elevated into the top

one percent of patent-producing universities; achieved a record-setting year in private philanthropy; and deepened its work to build a more equitable and just community. She is a member of the board for the Medical Alley Association and the Minnesota Business Partnership (MBP), including the MBP's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. She also co-chairs the Association of American Universities (AAU) Advisory Board on Diversity and Racial Equity.



## **Kevin F. Warren**

*Together We Thrive Co-chair*

Kevin Warren serves as the sixth Commissioner of the Big Ten Conference and the first African American Commissioner to lead an Autonomy Five conference. Warren most recently served as the Chief Operating Officer for the Minnesota

Vikings of the National Football League. He was the highest ranking African American executive working on the business side for a team in the NFL and was the first African American COO in NFL history. Under Warren's visionary leadership, the Vikings restructured the organization, with an emphasis on broadening the executive team and promoting women to key executive positions. Philanthropy is an integral part of Warren's life, and he and his wife, Greta, served in an active role within the Minneapolis-St. Paul community. In 2012, The Warren family "adopted" Lucy Craft Laney Community School in Minneapolis; in 2017, they launched "No Doors Closed", a scholarship for first generation college students; and in 2019, Kevin and Greta formed the Warren Family Foundation with a mission to foster a culture fueled by civic leadership and youth engagement in our communities.



## **Maya Moore** *Keynote Speaker*

Maya Moore has won nearly every accolade available in sport and for her excellence on the court and her sacrifices and leadership off it, Maya is regarded among the greatest athlete activists ever. Since being drafted first overall by the Minnesota Lynx in 2011, Maya has won four WNBA Championships, was named WNBA Finals MVP in 2013, and led the U.S. to two gold medals at the 2012 & 2016 Olympics. At the end of the 2018 WNBA season, Maya announced she would be taking a sabbatical from basketball to focus her energy on

criminal justice reform through the organization she set up in 2016, Win With Justice. Specifically, she was focused on the case of Jonathan Irons, a family friend who was wrongfully convicted at 16 and handed a 50-year sentence in Maya's hometown of Jefferson City, MO. On July 1, 2020 after an arduous legal battle and consistent public pressure from Maya, Irons was granted his freedom and released from incarceration.



## **Dorothy Bridges**

### *State of the Community Address*

Dorothy Bridges is a member of US Bancorp (USB) Board of Directors. Ms. Bridges is also known for her leadership in the community and has been involved with the boards of a number of distinguished institutions, locally and nationally. She currently serves in leadership roles as chair on the boards of the Greater Twin Cities United Way, the Minneapolis Parks Foundation and as a director of the University of Montana Foundation board of trustees.



## **John Wilgers**

### *State of the Community Address*

John joined Greater Twin Cities United Way as president and CEO in May 2019. John comes to United Way after 35 years at Ernst & Young where he most recently held the position of managing partner of the Minneapolis office, successfully leading teams through recessions, turnarounds and major wins and losses. A passionate community advocate for more than 10 years, John has served in several United Way roles, including board chair, member of the executive committee of the board, volunteer, fundraiser and donor.