

Keith Archuleta has provided over 30 years of service to businesses, schools, nonprofit organizations, churches and government agencies throughout California as an innovative leader, manager, consultant, evaluator, legislative aide, executive director, board member and volunteer.

Keith's experiences as a child, living in the projects of Denver, Colorado and then as a teenager working in the tobacco fields of segregated North Carolina, drew him as a young adult to become actively engaged in the betterment of people and the community.

For the last 16 years, through their company, Emerald Consulting, he and his wife, Iris, have been working to improve the lives of people, create healthy organizations and build sustainable communities.

Keith has been recognized for his innovative leadership throughout the Bay Area in building initiatives that foster positive community outcomes such as the Mayfair Neighborhood Improvement Initiative in San Jose and collaborative programs, such as the Elementary Arts Education Program in San Francisco, that provide educational opportunities for youth. He has assisted numerous nonprofit organizations in capacity building, fund development, and strategic planning.

His work and life experiences have been challenging and varied. For example, he has been an Assembly Fellow in the California Legislature, a volunteer in Liberia, West Africa, founder of the Youth Theatre Project in East Palo Alto and the Black Community Services Center at Stanford, Chairman/CEO of an internet-based start-up company in Silicon Valley, and Site Administrator for the Young African American Achievers Program in San Francisco.

He has served as Executive Director of several nonprofit organizations including Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Contra Costa County that recruits and trains volunteers to advocate for foster children; and the East County Business-Education Alliance, that brings east Contra Costa County business, community and educational organizations together to build strategic partnerships that support and equip students for life, post-secondary education and careers.

He is a firm believer in life-long learning. He earned two bachelor degrees from Stanford University, one in Communications with distinction and one in African and African American Studies with honors. He has also earned a Masters degree in Nonprofit Organizational Management from the University of San Francisco. His work requires constant research, reading and study, and continuous learning.

A long-time Bay Area resident, he has founded several arts and youth programs such as the Nia Community Project and the Youth Theatre Project in East Palo Alto and was the Founder/Director of the Black Community Services Center, the Black Media Institute and the Kuumba Arts Ensemble at Stanford University. He has been instrumental in developing and implementing the Work Ready Certificate program in order to equip students in six area high schools for life, post-secondary education and careers.

He has also served on the Board of Regents of John F. Kennedy University and on the Board of Directors of several nonprofit organizations, including the Center for Community Benefit Organizations of Alameda and Contra Costa County. He is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the Pittsburg Rotary Club and a graduate of East County Leadership, class of 2001.

Keith currently serves as Board President for Opportunity Junction, Vice President of Finance on the Contra Costa Council Board of Directors, Chair of the Antioch Unified School District Career Technical Education Advisory Committee, member of the DOW Community Advisory Panel, the California CASA Association, and the Leadership East County Steering Committee.

Keith and his wife Iris reside in Antioch, CA and have one son, and a grandson and granddaughter