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## BAC-4911

<b>Board Name</b>	Denver College Success Corporation	<b>Status</b>	In Process
<b>Salutation</b>	Mrs.	<b>Type</b>	Appointment
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<b>Other boards or commissions served</b>			

### Work and Home Address

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<b>Work City</b>	Denver	<b>Home City</b>	Denver
<b>Work State</b>	CO	<b>Home State</b>	CO
<b>Work Zip</b>	80205	<b>Home Zip</b>	80212

### Additional Information

<b>Are you a registered voter?</b>	Yes	<b>Gender</b>	Female
<b>If so, what county?</b>	Denver	<b>Other Gender</b>	
<b>Denver City Council District No</b>	1	<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>	African American
<b>Occupation/Employer</b>	Syntrinsic Investment Counsel	<b>Other Ethnicity</b>	
		<b>Objection to appointment?</b>	No
		<b>Special Information</b>	

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# Akasha Absher

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## SUMMARY

*Strategic leader with over 20+ years of finance, corporate strategy, and nonprofit experience bridging the gap between philanthropy and financial capital. Seeking an opportunity to lead an organization that directs financial, philanthropic, and intellectual capital to create transformational impact.*

## CAREER EXPERIENCE

**Syntrinsic Holding Company – Denver, CO**

**2013 - Present**

Principal and Lead Designer, Syntrinsic Social Capital (2018 – Present)

- Launched and innovated a new affiliate consulting business, Syntrinsic Social Capital, to align capital with client's missions and create greater community impact.
- Developed investment programs for endowment portfolios and donor advised fund platforms.
- Identified impact investment opportunities, educated Board of Directors, Staff, Committee members, and donors, and facilitated opportunities for collaboration and co-investment.
- Educated and coached national foundations on working with Board of Directors and stakeholders to create a strategy for investing with impact. Authored whitepapers and presented at national conferences and meetings.

Chief Consulting Officer, Syntrinsic Investment Counsel (2016 – Present)

- Influenced investment decisions for \$500mn in assets by educating and empowering clients and their Board of Directors.
- Drove strategic direction of a \$1.5 billion firm, by defining the Consulting Group's mission and vision and tripling the team size.
- Increased clientele 60% while maintaining a 98% retention rate through fostering relationships with Board of Directors of national nonprofits and local community involvement.
- Cultivated strong relationships with client's Board of Directors through responsiveness, accountability, accessibility, and integrity.
- Improved stakeholder confidence and created revenue generating opportunities by developing the stewardship model for several donor advised fund platforms.
- Increased Syntrinsic's presence in the community by participating in the local nonprofit community and nonpartisan forums. These organizations drove responsible policy and philanthropic decisions related to economic development, fiscal affairs, education, healthcare, the environment, and infrastructure.
- Solicited to present at national conferences, client's Board meetings, and workshops on nonprofit stewardship platforms. Topics included creating a donor advised fund platform, endowment investing, impact investing, board governance and fiduciary responsibility.
- Led the strategy for attracting, retaining, empowering, and educating the Consulting Group.
- Chair of Syntrinsic's Impact Committee and voting member of the Investment Committee.

Consultant, Syntrinsic Investment Counsel (2014-Present)

- Advised community foundations, private foundations, nonprofits, and private clients on strategically investing and aligning resources with visions and missions.
- Guided clients through creating investment and financial policies, identifying current or target financial resources, clarifying business objectives, and crafting investment strategies designed to meet the needs of the business and their donors.

Associate Consultant, Syntrinsic Investment Counsel (2013 -2014)

- Identified client's investment objectives to craft investment policies and portfolios.

**Phoenix Foundation – New York, NY** **2011 - 2013**  
**Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson**

- Led the strategic planning process, creating mission, vision, governance structure, and prioritizing initiatives.
- Evaluated local grantees through financial and program due diligence to ensure effective and impactful grant making.
- Participated in and presented at local charity events to raise community awareness and promote the Foundation.

**Lucidus Capital Partners/Caxton Associates, LP – New York, NY** **2006 - 2013**  
**Portfolio Manager and Trader (2012-2013)**

- Managed and traded \$100mn of long/short capital primarily focused on liquid bonds, single name credit derivatives, credit indices, and equities.
- Drove idea generation, portfolio construction, and investment strategies.

**Investment Analyst (2006-2011)**

- Identified relative value, cross asset class, and event driven trading opportunities across loans, bonds, credit derivatives, and equities.

### **PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE**

**JPMorgan Chase and Co. – New York, NY**  
**Vice President, High Yield Research**

**Enron Corp. – Houston, TX**  
**Associate**

### **EDUCATION AND LICENSES**

**Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan, Masters in Business Administration**  
**Clark Atlanta University, Bachelors of Arts in Finance**  
**FINRA, Series 65**

### **PHILANTHROPIC LEADERSHIP, COMMUNITY INVOLVMENT, AND AWARDS**

<b>Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation - Board Member (present), Finance Committee Member, Leadership Denver Program Graduate (2015), Leadership Exchange Program Attendee (2015-2018)</b>	<b>2015 - Present</b>
<b>Colorado Charter Facility Solutions – Secretary, Board Member</b>	<b>2017 - Present</b>
<b>Colorado Forum - Alternate Member</b>	<b>2016 - Present</b>
<b>Rose Community Foundation - Professional Advisors Council</b>	<b>2017 - Present</b>
<b>CEDS Finance - Credit Committee Member</b>	<b>2018 - Present</b>
<b>Colorado Succeeds – Board of Advisors Member</b>	<b>2016 - Present</b>
<b>DBJ Award - Who’s Who in Impact Investing Award</b>	<b>2017, 2018</b>
<b>Women’s Foundation of Colorado - Co-Chair PEP Committee</b>	<b>2015 - 2016</b>
<b>Florence Crittenton of Colorado – Board Member</b>	<b>2015 - 2017</b>