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# The She-Suite Summit23 Virtual Experience

is a collective community of empowered leading women advancing beyond the challenges we face. We are emerging with a renewed sense of purpose and forging new paths together. The She-Suite Summit is more than an event, we are a lifelong community of extraordinary women leading on the next level. Our theme is Limitless Leadership: Unleash the Life You Want. Now

more than ever, women are leaving the workforce, overwhelmed, overextended and feeling overlooked. We are committed to bringing together a safe and supportive sisterhood for you to discover your own path to purpose, brand your authentic value and overcome every obstacle.

# Hello.

## **Hello, and welcome to The She-Suite Summit23 Experience!**

As we head into our 8th year, we once again convene during Women's History Month to celebrate all that has been, and all that is yet to come. Our female-focused platform, The She-Suite offers a suite of services to sustain women in the workplace. This virtual event experience is one of the many solutions we offer under our sister platform, The She-Suite, which is on a growth mission to empower career-driven women with a fresh and proven approach to become recognized and valued leaders.

Which leads us to the theme of this year, Limitless Leadership, Unleash The Life You Want. This virtual experience has been curated and custom-designed to empower you to become a catalyst for change to unleash limitless transformation.... Not just within yourself, but across your organization as well.

As always, our She-Suite team is committed to empowering you on this day and beyond with authentic speakers, a 90-Day Way Blueprint tool, networking sessions, special programming in our booth arena, incredible giveaways, and so much more.

I'm also thrilled to share that we will be recognizing, for the first time ever, the ground-breaking work to overcome the persistent gap with women in the workplace by honoring Boston Scientific Corporation and BAE Systems, Inc. with the inaugural She-Suite 100 Architects of Change award. These organizations have crafted new models to address the persistent gap with women in the workplace and have delivered measurable outcomes in retention, readiness, advancement, and culture transformation, and we will be honoring them at The Summit23.

Please use this guide to get familiar with our speaker lineup, plan your day and determine which sessions you will attend. Be sure to prepare to share your own stories of success and lessons learned, and explore ways to get social with us as you document and share your journey. Tag us on social media, interact in the chat, and connect with others on the platform - we want to hear from you!

This experience would not be possible without the generous and continuous support of our sponsors. The amazing companies that have joined us this year are clearly committed to investing in their female leadership, and we stand proudly with them and thank them for their unwavering support.

Thank you again for joining us today, we can't wait to help you kick off your limitless leadership journey.

**You've got this, now... Let's make it happen!**

*Melissa Dawn Sinkins*

# EVENT AGENDA

## LIMITLESS LEADERSHIP: UNLEASH THE LIFE YOU WANT

8:00AM – 8:30AM

### Virtual Networking Tables, Meet Your Match, Music by DJ Coco Spinelle

Let's get prepared for a wonderful day at Summit23! Please watch the DJ on the main stage, visit the sponsor booths, virtual networking tables or participate in 1:1 networking match.

8:30AM – 9:45AM

### Opening General Session and Keynote

Introduction and Welcome: Rajiv Satyal, Comedian & Corporate Consultant, Emcee

*Sponsor and Welcome Remarks: Celeste Warren, Vice President Global Diversity and Inclusion Center of Excellence, Merck*

### Limitless Leadership: Live and Lead Beyond any Barriers

90-Day Way - Design Your Blueprint for Change

Keynote Speaker: *Melissa Dawn Simkins, CEO, Velvet Suite | Founder, The She-Suite*

To unleash the life you want, we start with addressing what is holding us back. In this opening session, we will join together in our commitment to live and lead beyond any barriers and address the hidden barriers that stall our progress. Together, we will start to design the change you want to see over the next 90-days with The She-Suite 90-day way blueprint for change. Set your intention and use the entire summit and your plan to brand your own path to limitless leadership.

## PART I: RESET WHO YOU WERE

9:50AM – 10:35AM

### Rewrite Your Story: Define Success on Your Terms

The definition of success can be illusive. For many, success is limited by others definition or expectations. For others, there is a different path to author your own narrative. In this eye opening session, learn from leaders who broke conventional wisdom to brand their own definition of success... on their terms. Get ready to be challenged, inspired and break the limits off!

Panelists: *Jenelle Krishnamoorthy, Vice President, Head of Global Public Policy, Corporate Affairs, Merck; Eunmee Shim, President, Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center; Selena Cuffe, President, SodexoMagic*

Moderator: *Dr. Nicole F. Roberts, Founder, Health & Human Rights Strategies*

10:40AM – 11:25AM

### From Overwhelmed to Find Your Flow: The Neuroscience of Purpose and Performance

The concept of limitless leadership may be difficult to grasp when we feel in a perpetual state of overwhelm. This working session is a great opportunity to build a new awareness around the concept of flow. What is it? How to find it for yourself and most importantly how to apply flow to purpose that can fuel your performance. Dr. Manino will share heart and mind opening concepts to create new pathways for transformation. Come ready to roll up your sleeves, listen and work through ways to set your next 90-days and beyond with purpose.

*Dr. Michael Mannino, Chief Science Officer, Flow Research Collective*

Moderator: *Rajiv Satyal, Comedian & Corporate Consultant*

## PART II: REDEFINE WHO YOU ARE

11:30PM – 12:15PM

### Power Up Your Network to Achieve Your Next Career Move

The currency of the digital era is connection. Building the right connections in person and virtually can unleash powerful opportunities. In this session, hear from insightful leaders who share the anatomy of building a powerful network with proven tips and techniques that have yielded career breakthroughs. No matter if you consider yourself a networking pro or a novice, it is the time to take your connections to new levels!

Panelists: *Adu Adu, Global Head of Social Media, Logitech, ADCOLOR Conference & Award Show; Cynthia Porter, Vice President, Employee Relations, Fidelity Investments; Jill Charton, Celebrity & Personal Trainer, iFour.Life*

Moderator: *Jamie Maglietta, Freelance Line Producer, Podcast Host, & CEO, Sophia Van Ames Consulting*

11:30PM – 12:15PM

### The M.V.P. Playbook: Lessons from Playmakers Rewriting the Rules of Their Industry

At She-Suite, we say to be an M.V.P. you must lead first with mission, vision, and purpose. Those who dare to lead this way make herstory. Join this session to hear from boundary breaking leaders who have boldly crafted careers and lives in unconventional ways with purpose at the forefront of their intentions. Learn from their unconventional moves at times that have made the difference. Take away tips to create your own 90-day way playbook to win.

Panelists: *Angie Volk, Vice President of Sales, Medical Solutions Division, 3M; Maia Chaka, Educator, Professional Sports Official, National Football League; Carla Hall, TV Host and Cookbook Author*

Moderator: *William A. Simkins III, President, Velvet Suite Financial*

11:30PM –12:15PM

### **Build an Executive Brand that Rocks Your Industry**

You've worked so hard to build a track record of proven performance...now what? It's time to elevate your visibility, brand your story, and build a legacy. In this session, hear from leading executives and experts who have created a powerful executive brand and can give you insight on how to do the same. As a leading executive it's time to be limitless and explore ways to benefit from your thought leadership and expertise. Gain practical tips to get started or take your platform to the next level.

Panelists: **Lynn Smith**, Founder & CEO, Rylan Media; **Kelly Smoyer**, Vice President, Strategy & Strategic Marketing, McKesson; **Shelley Zalis**, CEO, The Female Quotient

Moderator: **Melissa Dawn Simkins**, CEO, Velvet Suite | Founder, The She-Suite

11:30PM –12:15PM

### **Executive Roundtable: Winning the Future of Work in an Era of Persistent Disruption**

For those at the frontlines of building the workplace of the future, there seems to be no reprieve from disruption. From post-pandemic fallout to the looming recession to the tightening of the labor market, disruption is all around us, and yet there are opportunities to be found. Learn from our panelists as they share their own career journey and how shaping the world of work in difficult times has been good ground for growth and transformation. Learn insights from their journey that can apply to your career path and your organization.

Panelists: **Nitika Rosa**, Global HR Leader, Solutions Enterprise Imaging, GE Healthcare; **Angela Beaudry**, Vice President of Human Resources, Mid-Atlantic States, Kaiser Permanente; **Stacey Payne**, Chief People Officer, Daily Harvest

Moderator: **Tsion Cox**, Senior Total Rewards Leader, Energizer Holdings | CEO & Founder, Inspire Every Life, LLC

12:15PM –12:45PM

### **Virtual Network Tables, Virtual Booths and Meet Your Match 1:1 Networking**

Please feel free to visit the sponsor booths in the Virtual Arena or meet like-minded individuals at the virtual networking tables in the Social Lounge.

12:45PM –1:05PM

### **The She-Suite 100 Awards and Brand Leadership Institute Alumni Recognition**

Join us for a celebratory occasion to recognize the inaugural She-Suite 100 honorees. These companies are changing the narrative on supporting women in leadership with a fresh approach through their engagement with The She-Suite Brand Leadership Institute®. We will also recognize the 2023 graduating class of alumni from the prestigious BLI experience. We look forward to honoring these trailblazers who are architecting change in a time when it is much needed for working women.

**Melissa Dawn Simkins**, CEO, Velvet Suite | Founder, The She-Suite

#### **Boston Scientific:**

**Samuel Conaway**, MBA, President, US Cardiology Sales | Chair, Close the Gap, Boston Scientific Corporation  
**Camille Gilmore**, Vice President Human Resources, Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Boston Scientific Corporation

#### **BAE Systems:**

**Dana Rixter**, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, BAE Systems  
**Emily Mathias**, Senior Advisor, DEI Education & Inclusive Development, BAE Systems

1:10PM – 2:00PM

### **The Case for Women and Manager Development to Transform Culture**

The She-Suite Brand Leadership Institute is a leadership accelerator that is bridging the gap with a fresh approach to retain, ready, and advance women as well as support their managers in their development. In this session, come learn from companies who are breaking off the old paradigms and shaping cultural transformation through both impacting women and their managers through this experience. We will discuss the challenges of building a pipeline of future-ready talent and what each organization is doing to support retention and development in this time of great transition in the workplace.

Panel Session I (1:05pm – 1:28pm): **Dana Rixter**, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, BAE Systems; **Lizette Vazquez**, Vice President, Human Resources, Ingredient; **Eugene Kelly**, Vice President Global Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Colgate Palmolive Company

Panel Session II (1:28pm – 1:55pm): **Ruchi Jalla**, Vice President, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Elevance Health; **Monica Jackson** (she/her), Vice President, Global Inclusion & Diversity, Eaton; **Beth Hoban**, Vice President – Talent Management, LMI

Moderator: **Andrea Anderson**, Director, Programs and Marketing Communications, Velvet Suite

2:05PM – 2:25PM

### **Virtual Network Tables, Virtual Booths and Meet Your Match 1:1 Networking**

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2:30PM – 3:15PM

### **Unmute Yourself: Speak Up and Own Your Value to Overcome Imposter Syndrome**

Unmute Yourself: Speak Up and Overcome Imposter Syndrome. A recent report from KPMG found that seventy-five percent of executive women report having personally experienced imposter syndrome at certain points in their career and eighty percent feel it is commonly experienced by women in corporate America. In this insightful session, learn from the experiences of accomplished women leaders and break free from self-doubt. It's time to own your value and elevate your voice beyond any boundaries.

Panelists: **Lauri Bingham**, Sr. Director, Technology, T-Mobile; **Arvenita Cherry**, Vice President of DE&I and Maximus Foundation President, Maximus; **Jami Crist**, Founder, The Radical Female

Moderator: **Allison Lavender**, Director, Global Oncology Learning Strategy, AstraZeneca

2:30PM – 3:15PM

### **The Balancing Act: Proven Strategies to Successfully Parent, Manage Life Demands and Create Time for Self-Care**

Many times, the conflicting responsibilities at work, home and beyond can test your limits. In this session hear from leading women who have found their own work life integration strategies to navigate the competing demands for their time and attention on a daily basis. Learn key takeaways from radical prioritization, delegation, to walking away from good to choose best and much more. Take steps to live beyond the limits and care for yourself as well as those around you.

Panelists: *Richelle Carey, Broadcast Journalist; Sunny Miller, CEO, HUSTLE; Diane Dietz, Former CEO, CMO and current board member*

Moderator: *Beth Shaha, BLI Success Guide | Master Life Coach, Velvet Suite*

2:30PM – 3:15PM

### **Womenetics: Preserve Your Health, Hormones and Happiness**

As a leader you are productive and making an impact within your sphere of influence. However, the pace and pressure can lead to higher levels of stress which actually can cause hormonal imbalances in our lives. In this highly informative session we will break down insights on hormonal health and steps you can take right now to reclaim your health and happiness as the foundation of your well-being.

Panelists: *Dr. Sarah Giardenelli, Naturopathic Doctor; Kayla Osterhoff, Neuropsychophysicologist & PhD Candidate, Her Biorhythm; Sonya Barnes, Founder, Sonya Barnes International*

Moderator: *Angela Baroni Berzonsky, Limited Partner, Attain Sports & Entertainment – Loudoun United Football Club*

2:30PM – 3:15PM

### **Sustainability: Beyond Programs to Measurable Cultural Transformation**

As the workplace continues to be more complex and uncertain, it's essential that DE&I build a brand beyond programs to sustainable solutions. Come learn from experts who lead this work within remarkable companies. Gain insights for HR, talent and DE&I leaders looking to hear best practices, data-driven insights and common challenges in the journey of measurable change.

Panelists: *Kristal Mooney, Senior Director, Culture, DE&I Learning, Walmart People; Rosa Santos, Vice President of HR Talent Management & Organizational Development, PepsiCo Beverage North America; KimArie Yowell, Chief Learning Officer, Rocket Central | Chief Diversity Officer, Rocket Companies*

Moderator: *Yuri Brown-Cruzat, Managing Director, Epic Inclusion Solutions, LLC*

3:20PM – 4:05PM

### **Male Allies Pay It Forward: Open Doors and Elevate Her Voice**

We believe men play a critical role in the support and advocacy of women leaders and for creating cultural transformation. It takes all of us to create the change we want to see. This session is dedicated to hearing how leading men within various organizations and their own leadership journey are giving voice to women and leading by example as an advocate of change. Each year this session is a fan favorite and always delivers great perspective and powerful insights!

Panelists: *Rene Lassauzet, Head of Brand Communications and Creative, Nestle USA; Nathan Vaughn, Chief Diversity Officer, Modivcare; Kamran Khalid, Director, Brand Marketing Early Stage Lung Cancer, AstraZeneca*

Moderator: *Kristina Partsinevelos, Nasdaq Correspondent, CNBC*

## **PART III: RELAUNCH WHO YOU DARE TO BE**

4:10PM – 4:55PM

### **How She Did IT: Real Life Examples of Living Limitless**

In this inspiring session you will hear from The She-Suite Brand Leadership Institute® alumni who will share their true and transparent journey to becoming leaders who define success on their terms and unleash the life they want. Let these insights from their journey as well as all the tips from today's speakers empower you to go BIG, put in the investment in time for yourself and defy the odds. Remember, you will use all of the tips from throughout the day to finalize your 90-day plan as a blueprint to create positive change in your career, life and beyond.

Panelists: *Akoss Schuppius, Program Manager, LMI; Desiree Pabalan, Clinical Quality Program Director, Elevance Health; Emine Donmez, Business Development Manager, Europe, Ingredient*

Moderator: *Ryan Johns, Vice President of Global Supply Chain, Eaton*

5:00PM – 5:45PM

### **The Inside Story of Limitless Leadership Behind Rent the Runway with Jennifer Hyman, Co-Founder and CEO, Rent the Runway**

In our closing session we are thrilled to welcome to The She-Suite Summit23 stage, Jennifer Hynam, CEO and co-founder of Rent the Runway. We will share her journey in business, family and her lessons in how to lead beyond the limits. You will have the opportunity to ask your questions as well. So come ready. An exciting fireside chat awaits as we wrap up The She-Suite Summit23 global experience!

*Jennifer Hyman, Co-Founder and CEO, Rent the Runway*

Moderator: *Melissa Dawn Simkins, CEO, Velvet Suite | Founder, The She-Suite*

5:50PM – 6:00PM

### **Closing Session and Grand Prize Give Away**

Join us for closing remarks and our grand prize giveaway!

6:00PM – 6:30PM

### **Virtual Network Tables + Comedy Show**

Virtual Networking plus a stand up comedy showcase with Rajiv Satyal, Comedian & Corporate Consultant

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# FEATURED SPEAKERS

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**Adu Adu**, Global Head of Social Media, Logitech | ADCOLOR Conference & Award Show

Adu currently lives in the Bay Area where he is the Global Head of Social Media for Logitech and formerly led social efforts at Google. Prior to Google, Adu led social media efforts at THX Ltd. (founded by George Lucas) where he built their social presence from the ground up. His social media campaigns have also driven brand awareness efforts for General Motors, NBA, PepsiCo, Dallas Cowboys, Spotify, AT&T, CNN, and several other organizations and Fortune 500 companies.

Adu has been recognized by local and national pr, marketing and advertising outlets, including Saint Heron (Founded by Solange Knowles), BET, CNN, American Advertising Federation, HuffPost, AdAge, Blavity and Adweek, receiving such recognitions as Adweek's feature, "100 People Who Make Advertising Great," and ADCOLOR "Rising Star Honoree." He credits his career versatility to hard work and a calling to change the world with innovative ideas "Through my artistry, I aspire to challenge my team to think outside the box, and I hope to inspire everyone around the world to push the boundaries of their creativity," Adu said.

In 2016, Adu self-published his first book, Don't Insert Title Here: The Guide Towards Creative Freedom and Success, his second book in 2018, The Threat of Creative Annihilation and his most recent book in 2022 Work In Progress: To Be Grown, Black & Creative

In his spare time, Adu teaches social media classes at Miami Ad School, hosts his podcast "A Dose of Black Joy & Caffeine" which is in its 5th season and goes back and forth with Jane Lynch on "The Weakest Link," an NBC game show that he was recently a contestant on.

\*Fun fact: 10+ years ago, Adu was an intern working for Melissa Dawn Simkins at Velvet Suite.



**Andrea Anderson**, Director, Programs and Marketing Communications, Velvet Suite

Andrea is Velvet Suite's Director, Programs and Marketing Communications and is responsible for the organization's influential She-Suite portfolio of leadership development programs and event experiences designed to advance the way women lead and live with purpose.

Andrea is an accomplished brand, marketing, and communications strategist with over 25 years of experience building brands in highly competitive and rapidly changing markets. She is a purpose-inspired, solution-focused, and results-driven leader. Before joining Velvet Suite and The She-Suite Team, Andrea worked with business leaders to identify diverse top talent as the Senior Director of Client Services at Risch Results.

Prior to that, Andrea spent four years as the Director of Marketing and Alumni Engagement for Dallas College's Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program, where she advised and helped high-growth small businesses take their businesses to the next level. With a passion and commitment to women-owned businesses, Andrea has served as a success coach for two of Babson College's Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership programs.

Andrea holds a Bachelor of Journalism from The University of Texas at Austin. She is a published author whose latest story "Erasure" is featured in Kissed By God: Stories of Love, Loss & Surviving It All, 2021. She was also a contributing author in Behind Her Brand: The Expert Edition, 2015.

In her free time, Andrea loves to travel, give back to her community, read, write, blog, art journal, and paint with fellow creatives. Sunrise, sunsets, oceans, and beaches soothe her soul.



**Sonya Barnes**, Founder, Sonya Barnes International

Sonya Barnes, Founder of Sonya Barnes International, is passionate about women and workplace wellness. After two decades as an international image and brand expert, traveling throughout the United States and globally to destinations, such as Asia and Europe, providing keynote presentations and leading engaged training and workshops to Fortune 100 companies, she recognized that, like herself, women were suffering in silence at the peak of their careers from burnout and menopause. In 2022, she launched The Extraordinary Life Institute. She dedicated her career to helping organizations and senior executive women experiencing burnout and other work-related stress implement strategies for more time and freedom to do things that create joy, meaning, and optimum work performance.

As a certified transformational life coach, her holistic approach to the three pillars of well-being includes her clients' physical, mental, and emotional health.

Sonya states, "Well-being and health are paramount, and extraordinary women deserve extraordinary lives."

Sonya has served in leadership roles on numerous Boards of Directors, including Leadership Charlotte, where she currently serves and serves as Board Chair, 2015-2016. Other board involvement includes Hospice Palliative Care, The Arts Empowerment Project, and Mitchell's Fund. With a passion for international concerns, Sonya is a founding member of The Lunch Project (TLP), a global non-profit organization serving hot lunches to children in Tanzania, East Africa, and Lily Pad Haven, a non-profit that supports girls and women out of human trafficking. In 2018, Mecklenburg Times named her one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Charlotte, NC.

As a global savant of style, she has trained dozens of stylists worldwide. She has appeared in both local, regional, and international media outlets, including Charlotte Today, Charlotte Observer, Southpark Magazine, Essence Magazine, Chicago Tribune, Good Day Vietnam, and the Moulins Gazetteer for her presentation at the famed Museum Centre National du Costume de Scène, Moulins, France.

She currently resides in Charlotte, NC, with her family.



**Angela Baroni Berzonsky**, Limited Partner, Attain Sports and Entertainment – Loudoun United Football Club

Angela Baroni Berzonsky is a Limited Partner for Attain Sports and Entertainment – Loudoun United Football Club. With over 30+ years of soccer experience both on and off the pitch as a player and coach, and with a sales and marketing career that spans a couple of decades, her leadership is one that both stimulates excellence and inspires growth. Her most recent role of ownership has propelled her commitment to investing in and cultivating the future of sport.



**Angela Beaudry**, Vice President of Human Resources, Mid-Atlantic States, Kaiser Permanente

Angela Beaudry is the Vice President, Human Resources for the Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States Region. Angela brings extensive experience as a Human Resources strategist, working across industry. Angela has a successful record of leading Human Resources functions with specialization in employee relations, labor relations, and HR Information systems. Additionally, she is highly regarded for her effectiveness in creating positive culture and driving operational excellence, design, and execution.

As Vice President for the Mid-Atlantic States region, Angela has direct accountability for leading our People Strategy, providing oversight and delivery of Human Resources solutions to our business, including culture design, change management, workforce planning, diversity and inclusion, employee wellness, and employee and labor relations. Angela has indirect responsibility for talent acquisition, training and learning programs, and total rewards.

Angela reports directly to the Regional President and has a dotted line to the Sr. Vice President, Human Resources, HR Market Consulting and Labor Relations.

Most recently, Angela served as Vice President of Human Resources Operations for Ardent Health Services. Before joining Ardent Health Services, she held a National Labor Relations role for Community Health Systems Inc., and various leadership positions with Health Management Associates.



**Lauri Bingham**, Sr. Director, Technology, T-Mobile

Lauri is a Sr. Director for the Technology PMO (Project Management Office) at T-Mobile, which enables the national buildout of the 5G wireless network. Throughout her 30+ year technology career, Lauri has been passionate about technology, Project Management, process improvement and leading diverse teams. Lauri is an Advisory Board member for the University of Washington's Project Management Certificate Program. Additionally, she is a founder of the "Women in Technology" initiative at T-Mobile to promote and retain gender diversity within both Engineering and IT while also a founding leader for the Tech DE&I Alliance which works to embed DE&I within every tech team across the Organization.



**Yuri Brown-Cruzat**, Managing Director, Epic Inclusion Solutions, LLC

Yuri is the Founder and Managing Director of EPIC Inclusion Solutions. Her 25+ years of experience and expertise as a Human Capital, Diversity & Inclusion Business Executive and entrepreneur has a proven track record of designing Six Sigma based, D&I performance metrics, strategies, processes, and systems for global corporations. She is a thought leader on improving employee engagement, identifying bias within performance management and succession planning processes, building a leadership competency for inclusion, and creating a high performing work environment through inclusion. Her current role is Executive in Residence with Talmatrix, a talent insights platform where she provides business development, DEIB strategy and advisory services.

As an Executive Coach, she has supported C-Suite leaders from Ralph Lauren, Gulfstream Aerospace, and General Dynamics on their personal leadership legacy, building business specific people strategies and examining organizational effectiveness measurement strategies.

Her expertise ranges from research driven analysis, workforce enterprise strategies and leadership/BOD coaching to baselining inclusion and implementing sustainable culture change for individuals, teams, leaders, and organizations. Prior to Talmatrix, Yuri worked at Workhuman, as the Vice President of Workplace Rights and also served as an internal Chief Diversity Officer for Fannie Mae and The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Yuri completed her Bachelors of Science in Economics at University of California, Berkeley with extended studies at Oxford University's Education Abroad Program. She is a Green Belt in Six Sigma and certified in the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Assessment. Yuri has been a member of several non-profit boards, including a 7-year board member of the Ambassador Council of the YWCA Metro Chicago which services over 250,000 women and girls and a 2-year member of Black Tech Mecca, a Google inspired board to attract and retain African Americans in tech through academic, community and business networks.



**Richelle Carey**, Broadcast Journalist

Richelle Carey is an Emmy Award-winning American journalist, host and presenter specializing in international affairs and global politics. She occasionally anchors Al Jazeera's hit DC-based show The Stream, which caters to a hybrid social and broadcast media audience. Carey was previously principal presenter at Al Jazeera English in Doha, Qatar where she led the network's coverage of major world events including; a coup attempt in Turkey, military offensive in Yemen, and a global shutdown triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Carey is a thoughtful interviewer who deploys the right balance of authority and compassion with guests. She has the ability to address a diverse range of subjects, moving seamlessly between current affairs, politics, sports and entertainment. She has conducted hundreds of agenda setting interviews with thought leaders, icons and influencers. This includes Misty Copeland, the first African American female Principal Dancer with the prestigious American Ballet Theatre, her personal hero Janet Jackson and Fawzia Koofi, Afghanistan's first female deputy speaker of parliament who spent years fighting for women's rights before narrowly escaping with her life when the Taliban returned to power in 2021.

Throughout the course of her career as a journalist, Carey has been inspired by examples of phenomenal individuals who have overcome violence and adversity. This has driven her advocacy work which is centered on women and girls. She previously served as vice president of the Board of Directors at Men Stopping Violence, an organization focused on ending physical and emotional aggression against women. She is currently the co-chair of the Men Stopping Violence Advisory Council.

As a professional moderator, Carey has presided over world-class events, including the Doha Forum, a gathering of international leaders brought together to address the most pressing global challenges. Her master of ceremonies expertise spans in-person and virtual events, such as the 2020 United Nations General Assembly Action Zone event in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Her experience of being an isolated anchor in a studio talking to reporters and guests thousands of kilometers away on a remote has given her plenty of practice for the new normal.

A Texas original, Carey attended Smith College in Massachusetts before moving closer to home at Baylor University. After graduation, she began her career in television journalism as an associate producer for KPRC-TV in her hometown Houston before moving on to anchor morning news shows in St. Louis, Las Vegas, and other cities. News anchor roles include Al Jazeera America in New York City and HLN (formerly CNN's Headline News) in Atlanta. At HLN, she hosted 'What Matters', a weekly segment focused on topics important to the African-American community.

Carey has recently returned to Houston where she lives with her son.



**Maia Chaka**, Educator, Professional Sports Official, National Football League

Maia Chaka is a multi-faceted, barrier breaker with a passion for advancing the growth of women, youth, and her culture. Originally from Rochester, New York, Chaka grew up with a family first mentality, carrying that with her through her schooling and career. Although she faced unique challenges at a young age, she found that when she implemented the needs of others before hers, blessings soon followed. After graduating from Norfolk State University, Chaka began her profession in education, focusing on at-risk youth, developing programs, and originating procedures to increase school attendance and retention rates. She designed clubs to promote self-esteem, created in-school initiatives to advance academic achievement, and studied the most results-driven strategies to maintain educational encouragement. While she continued making waves in the classroom, earning awards and accolades, such as Teacher of the Year, Chaka was simultaneously making her mark on the field, officiating in conferences such as the PAC-12, Conference USA and more. In March 2021, Chaka made history as the 1st black woman to join the on field officiating staff in the National Football League. As only the 2nd woman to join the on-field officiating staff, Chaka continues to be an agent for change by devoting her time to pouring into the communities that helped nurture her growth. Chaka's story is one of inspiration, motivation, and dedication. Today, she participates in panels, forums, and conversations nationwide, to encourage people from all walks of life, while continuing to provide educational enrichment services to economically disadvantaged youth, through her non-profit Make Meaningful Change (MMC).



**Jill Charton**, Celebrity & Personal Trainer, iFour.Life

Jill Charton is an Atlanta-based celebrity and personal trainer and the founder of iFour.Life - a fitness brand focused on taking 4 percent of your day (just 1 hour) and transforming it into a more efficient, happier, healthier, more confident you. What sets Jill apart is her background in physical therapy which allows her to meet you where you're at physically, mentally, and emotionally. Jill's number one goal is to teach the foundation of functional rotation, then build and progress safely and effectively.



**Arvenita Cherry**, Vice President of DE&I | Maximus Foundation President, Maximus

Dr. Cherry joined Maximus in September 2020 and wears two very important hats - Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) and Maximus Foundation President. As VP, she is responsible for developing, leading, and implementing a comprehensive DE&I strategy in alignment with the company's mission and strategic initiatives.

Dr. Cherry's DE&I lens helps to inform her role as President of the Maximus Foundation, the company's employee-led corporate foundation. She leads corporate giving for the company and is instrumental in increasing social impact through thought leadership, engagement, and support of charitable organizations that actively uplift communities and improve the quality of life of the same under-resourced populations served by Maximus.

Dr. Cherry received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Anthropology with a concentration in Race, Gender, and Social Justice with the highest honor of Distinction from American University. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Public Anthropology, also from American University, and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Studies from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Cherry also holds a Master of Teaching Middle/Secondary Biology and Bachelor of Science in Biology from Hampton University. She completed a competitive post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in the Department of Africana Studies and with the Language, Literacy, and Culture Program and a Scholar-in Residence Program at the Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center.



**TSION Cox**, Senior Total Rewards Leader, Energizer Holdings | CEO & Founder, Inspire Every Life, LLC

TSION currently serves as Senior Manager, Total Rewards for Energizer Holdings. She has spent over 15 years working and growing companies' total rewards strategy in various industries. TSION's expertise lies within Leadership development, Total Rewards, and Well-being programs. She provides long-term strategies to ensure organizations stay competitive in the marketplace, drive profitability, and prepare for change. TSION takes a consultative approach to her work while providing customers world class experience. TSION is the CEO & Founder of Inspire Every Life, LLC, where she empowers women by giving them authentic strategies to develop greater confidence and operate authentically. She provides a framework for women to restore their power and create a vision that will allow them to fulfill their purpose. She is a strategic partner that helps her clients to optimize their gifts and talents. TSION's leadership development experience and passion for helping women find their voice serves as an integral part of her business.



**Jami Crist**, Founder, The Radical Female

I consider myself a positive disrupter with a little reckless optimism. Before joining Renegade, I spent over 15 years in marketing at brands, such as Under Armour and Super Coffee. When I looked around, as a young female growing up in a male-dominated industry, I found myself asking for forgiveness because I believed there was a better way of doing things. I carved my own path

in the growing brand of Under Armour in several roles, including event management, social media strategy, brand, and sports marketing. My superpower is to build a thoughtful understanding of how to connect with people in an authentic and meaningful way.

In my role as the sports marketing Director for the run category at UA, I lead the global strategy for all things running. I played a pivotal role in transforming awareness for the brand, turning Under Armour run into one of the top-running brands in the industry. As one of the few female sports marketing reps within the run industry, I strived to knock down barriers by helping other females in their careers, professional development, and life. After Under Armour, I joined the growing brand Super Coffee as the Senior Director of Partnerships + Investor Relations, earning "Best Brand of the Year" in 2021 by BEVNet.



**Selena Cuffe, President, SodexoMagic**

Selena Cuffe is a globally recognized entrepreneur and executive. She is co-founder of global wine importer, Heritage Link Brands, with her husband, Khary Cuffe. She also serves as President of SodexoMagic, a \$600M joint venture between NBA legend, Earvin "Magic" Johnson and Sodexo, Inc, overseeing 6,000 employees. Ms. Cuffe is a passionate activist for local, national, and global community. She is a certified mediator by Los Angeles County. Selena also serves on the Audit Committee for the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association, Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee for the Harvard Business School Women Student Alumnae Board and is a member of the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank 12th District Economic Advisory Council. In addition, Selena sits on the Overseas Studies Advisory Council at Stanford University and is Vice President Emerita of the Global Alumni Board of the Harvard Business School.

Selena received her AB from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard University. She's also mom to elementary student, Callie, middle schooler, Omari, high school junior, Kalel, a member of Jack & Jill of America, and Diamond Life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



**Diane Dietz, Former CEO, CMO and Current Board Member**

**Rodan & Fields CEO and President- (January 2016- April 2021):** Rodan & Fields was created by two Stanford-trained Dermatologists and focuses on delivering life changing skin care. During her tenure, the brand has gone from being the #6 US skin care brand to #1 in all channels/all price points in North America. She led the global expansion and growth plans to create a brand portfolio with revenue that exceeds \$1B/year and sales in excess of \$7B during her 5 year tenure. In 2016, Ms. Dietz led explosive growth with revenue up over 80% vs. prior year and EBITDA growth over 100%. She led award-winning innovation that has added over \$800 million in new product sales over the past 5 years. She led the transformation of the company's strategy- communication/brand equity, technology platform, supply chain, digital enablement and assembled a world class executive team. She expanded the board from family members to independent directors.

In 2018, she led the effort to partner with a world-class PE firm securing a minority investment from TPG and adding the co-founder to the Board of Directors.

Ms. Dietz was responsible for all aspects of the business- P&L, Strategy, Global Expansion, PR, Marketing, R&D, IT, Supply Chain, Social Commerce and setting the strategy for the +300,000 independent consultants. She served on the board and played a lead role in governance, strategy, compensation and succession planning.

**Board Service and Recognition:** She is on the Board of Directors for the Whirlpool Corporation (Finance and Compensation Committees) and UCSF Benioff Board of Directors. She was formerly a member of the Zoosk Board (Chair of Compensation Committee). She has also advised Jana partners (activist investor). She holds a B.S. in Marketing & Economics from Northern Illinois University.

Ms. Dietz is well known in both the consumer packaged goods and retail industries for her proven ability to drive sales and deliver dramatic improvements across a range of business metrics. She was the recipient of the Canne Advertising Bronze Lion Award in 2006, Gold Lion Award in 2007, and an Effie Award for Crest Pro Health in 2008. She was also named Ad Age Top 50 Marketers of the Year in 2007 and a CMO to watch in 2010. She was named as one of the Top Women in Grocery every year since joining Safeway (Progressive Grocer). She was recognized in 2013 as Marketer of the Year by Supermarket News. In 2019, she received an industry Disruptor award from National Retail Federation. Most recently, she has been featured in The San Francisco Chronicle as a top female in business and recently featured as one of the most influential female leaders in the Bay Area. She is a frequent speaker at the Fortune Most Powerful Women's Conference.

She lives in the Bay Area with her husband Patrick and her two daughters. She is an active fund raiser for pediatric cancer research- partnering with UCSF Benioff.



**Emine Donmez, Business Development Manager - Europe, Ingredion**

I have been working for Ingredion 3 years as Business Development Manager and responsible for FS business.

I studied Food engineering with a masters degree in Engineering in Ankara, TR. I have been working in the industry for a total of 25 years and 10 years within food manufacturing companies as R&D responsible, as QC responsible by leading teams to execute the products from ideation to the table from field to fork.

After 10 years of manufacturing experience, I was curious to know more about how the ingredients world works and entered one of the texturizers company to be responsible for the MEA region as a technical expert to provide solutions to the customers. It was an eye-opening experience for me to be on the seat of suppliers as someone coming from manufacturing. During this journey, I also worked with the ASPAC team based in China to initiate & deliver projects while exchanging the know-how as Technical lead model. I always enjoyed providing solutions & leading teams and looking at innovative approaches.

I kept on learning to educate myself so that I could provide the best version of myself to my employer as well as my colleagues, our customers, and our society so that I could really bring a positive impact.

Just before I joined Ingredion, I studied the Accelerated Management Programme in Solvay Business school to develop my skills. By 2021, I also decided to complete my studies with EMBA, and I am in the process of finishing. Better never stops.

I am highly interested in developing new skills so that I could also develop my environment. From my perspective, life is all about giving and taking. What makes us today is the knowledge, experience, positive mindset & attitude that we could share for the benefit of others.

I wake up everyday full of excitement to experience a fresh day and work on my goals with full potential. What makes me excited is the knowledge, new skills, and walking on the path together with like-minded people to provide the best with having a lot of fun. Looking forward to being the best version of myself in order to serve the best to people and to our organization that I could positively impact and touch their lives.

As hobbies, I do like hiking, biking, scuba diving, and swimming while discovering the wonderful nature in every aspect.



**Sarah Giardenelli, Naturopathic Doctor, Collective Health Center**

Dr. Sarah Giardenelli is a Naturopathic Doctor & Acupuncturist with over 12 years of clinical experience. She has special interest in integrative medicine, clinical nutrition, environmental medicine/ toxicity, pain, and chronic disease management, Chinese and Western herbal medicine, women's health, gastrointestinal health, and geriatric health. She works to help uncover root causes for patients' ongoing health challenges and provides a personalized approach to optimizing health based on lifestyle and natural medicine.

Dr. Giardenelli sees her service in the healthcare profession as an honor, part of the change to provide a better healthcare system for the community. Her passion for integrative and natural medicine stems from her own personal experience of relief from years of digestive and intestinal chaos and family experience of healing with natural medicine. This passion for improving the health of her community, one patient at a time, led to the founding her practice, Collective Health Center, in Leesburg, Virginia in 2018.

A native of upstate New York, Dr. Giardenelli currently resides in Sterling, Virginia with her husband, Derek, and adorable son, Vincent James. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, hiking, gardening, and consuming (and cooking) delicious foods.



**Carla Hall, TV Host | Cookbook Author**

Carla Hall first won over audiences when she competed on Bravo's "Top Chef" and "Top Chef: All Stars" and shared her philosophy to always cook with love. She is a trained chef who has worked in several professional restaurant kitchens in and around the Washington, D.C. area and believes food connects us all, a belief she strives to convey through her work, her cooking, and in her daily interactions with others.

Carla spent 7 years co-hosting ABC's Emmy award-winning, popular lifestyle series "The Chew", and is currently featured on the Food Network in shows such as "Thanksgiving, Holiday and Halloween Baking Championships" (judge), and "Worst Cooks in America". Her latest cookbook, Carla Hall's Soul Food: Everyday and Celebration, was published in 2018, landing on annual "Best Cookbook" lists across the country and receiving an NAACP Image Awards nomination.

Hall published her debut picture book, Carla and the Christmas Cornbread, in November 2021 with Denene Millner Books, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. Illustrated by Cherise Harris, Carla and the Christmas Cornbread is a heart-warming tale loosely based on Hall's childhood growing up in Nashville, TN, that celebrates family traditions, old and new, and also includes a child-friendly Christmas cornbread recipe perfect for the holidays.



**Beth Hoban, Vice President - Talent Management, LMI**

Beth Hoban is the Vice President of Talent Management for LMI, a federal government consulting firm headquartered outside of Washington, DC. LMI was named the #1 best place to work by the Washington Post in 2021 and Top Workplaces 2022.

Beth is a passionate talent catalyst who works with leaders and teams to optimize their skills, talents, and ideas to achieve success.

Beth has 20+ years of global Human Capital and Organizational Development and has served in Key Human Resources Roles in organizations undergoing significant growth and transformations, including Asian Development Bank, Vencore (now Peraton), Memorial Hermann Health System, Booz Allen, and a Big-5 consulting firm.

She holds a B.A. in International Studies and a M.S. in Organizational Learning.



**Jennifer Hyman, Co-Founder & CEO, Rent the Runway**

Jennifer Hyman serves as the CEO of Rent the Runway (RTR), which she co-founded in 2009 while a business student at Harvard. RTR is transforming the way modern women get dressed by enabling women to rent clothing. RTR has not only become a \$1 billion business—a valuation fewer than 20 women-owned companies in the U.S. have ever reached—but also did so when Jennifer was nine months pregnant. Jennifer is a mission-driven leader and has built Rent the Runway from an idea into a high-growth company with one of the most beloved brands in the country. Her proudest accomplishment has been able to equalize benefits for her salaried and hourly workers and to become a national advocate of business leaders' responsibility to become moral leaders. Ms. Hyman serves on the Board of Directors of The Estée Lauder Companies and Zalando, and is a Founding Member of the NYSE Board Advisory Council, which champions increased board diversity.



**Monica Jackson, Vice President, Global Inclusion & Diversity, Eaton**

Monica Jackson is vice president, Global Inclusion & Diversity at Eaton, a global intelligent power management company with more than 90,000 employees in 170 countries. In this role, she is responsible for developing and leading the global I&D strategy to achieve the company's aspirational goal to be a model of inclusion and diversity.

Prior to Eaton, Monica served as Global Diversity & Inclusion leader at General Electric (GE) Aviation. At GE, Monica also served as vice president, Human Resources (HR) at NBC Universal. Before that, she was vice president, HR, with Nielsen Holdings Company. Monica's HR career began with Procter & Gamble, where she held both corporate and line HR roles of increasing responsibility.

Monica is chair of Manufacturers Alliance Diversity and Inclusion Council. She serves on the following boards: Equity & Inclusion Advisory for the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Urban League of Greater Cleveland and Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Foundation. In 2022, she was named Chief Diversity Officer of the year by the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Monica holds a Bachelor of Arts in Finance from Clark Atlanta University and an MBA in Human Resources from Indiana University. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and an alum of INROADS and The Consortium for Graduate Study in Management.



**Ruchi Jalla**, Vice President, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Elevance Health

Ruchi Jalla is Vice President & Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Officer at Elevance Health, Inc., a Fortune 50 company and leading health care provider dedicated to improving lives and communities and making healthcare simpler.

Ruchi joined Elevance Health in 2021 to lead the DEI Strategic Framework, fostering partnerships with the Enterprise DEI Council and Senior Leadership team to develop DEI strategies and enterprise initiatives that advance Elevance Health's overall diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts internally and externally. Prior to Elevance Health, Ruchi was Vice President & Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer with BAE Systems Inc., a subsidiary of BAE Systems plc, an international defense, security, and aerospace company.

Ruchi is an experienced, award-winning DEI leader known for building top-performing teams, fostering strong collaboration between DEI and business functions, and is a frequent contributor to publications, panels, keynotes, and other events. Ruchi currently serves as a Board Trustee for The Langley School and previously served as President of the Northern Virginia SHRM Board of Directors.

In addition to earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Western Ontario, Ruchi has earned certifications as a Qualified Administrator, Intercultural Development Inventory, Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR), HR Certification Institute, SHRM Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP) for Human Resource Management, and Certificate in Human Resources Management [High Honors], Seneca College, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She lives in Northern Virginia with her husband and three children.



**Ryan Johns**, Vice President of Global Supply Chain, Eaton

Ryan Johns is Vice President of Supply Chain Management, Aerospace Group, for Eaton, a power management company.

Formerly, he was Director of Supply Chain for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) for Electrical Sector Eaton, and Director of Eaton International Purchasing Office

Ryan joined Eaton in 2007 and held positions of increasing responsibility in the vehicle business, including category management roles, program management of key product line launches, and general supply chain management and leadership roles within Eaton's vehicle businesses. In addition, he served as director of Purchasing, launching Eaton's international purchasing office in Budapest, Hungary and leading purchasing and supply chain for Eaton's Electrical Europe region as director of SCM, Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA).

Prior to joining Eaton, Ryan worked at the Ford Motor Company.

Ryan is a member of the Aerospace Industry Association's (AIA) SMC leadership committee and a member of the Eli Broad College of Business Supply Chain Management Alumni committee.

Ryan holds a bachelor's degree in supply chain management from Michigan State University and a master's degree in business administration from Walsh College.



**Eugene Kelly**, Vice President, Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Colgate Palmolive Company

Eugene Kelly is Vice President, Global Diversity, Equity & Inclusion for Colgate-Palmolive, a \$17.8 billion consumer products company serving people in more than 200 countries and territories. In this role, Eugene provides leadership to the Corporation's focus on and execution of Colgate's Global Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy. He actively supports its commitment to its' Managing with Respect principles and ensuring that Colgate operates with a most inclusive work environment for all people.

Eugene joined Colgate in 2001 as Human Resources Director, Global Finance & Legal. There, he provided HR leadership in the areas of succession planning, competencies/career tracks, staff development, performance management strategies and organizational change management. He was later named Human Resources Director, Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, where Eugene led all Human Resources initiatives for business with particular emphasis on people development.

Prior to Colgate, Eugene spent four years with AOL/Time Warner where he served as Associate Director, Human Resources for Money, Mutual Funds, and Fortune Small Business Magazines

During his career, Eugene has also held Human Resources leadership positions with PepsiCo, Wendy's International and Hyatt Hotels Corporation.

Eugene has served on the Global Diversity & Inclusion Councils for the Asia Society and the Conference Board and has been recognized as a Harlem YMCA National Black Achiever in Industry and a Top Executive in Diversity by Black Enterprise Magazine. In 2015 he was named Corporate Citizen of the Year by Determine To Educate, Inc. and is a past recipient of the World Diversity Summit's Global Diversity Leadership Award, as well as the National Association of Black Accountants' (NABA) New York Chapter President's Award for 2021.

Eugene is a graduate of Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Labor Relations.



**Kamran Khalid**, Director, Brand Marketing Early Stage Lung Cancer, AstraZeneca

Kamran is a performance-oriented, pharmaceutical executive with 22 years of expertise in the industry, with 16 focused in oncology. He currently leads the US early-stage EGFRm NSCLC marketing team at AstraZeneca. Prior to AZ, Kamran was with Eli Lilly, OSI Oncology, Astellas Pharma and Supernus Pharmaceuticals leading teams across marketing, sales, and key account management. His deep passion for mentoring, developing, and inspiring others to advance and deliver exceptional results has led to award-winning performance. His commitment to empathy, authenticity and excellence has led to trustworthy relationships and influential presence. In his volunteer work, he has held leadership roles with Special Olympics and Boy Scouts of America for over 15 years.

Kamran earned his B.S. with Scholars in Neurobiology and Physiology from University of Maryland College Park. He resides in the Washington DC area with his 3 teenage sons, whom he enjoys learning from and exploring the world with.



**Jenelle Krishnamoorthy**, Vice President, Head of Global Public Policy, Corporate Affairs, Merck

Dr. Jenelle Krishnamoorthy is the Vice President and Head of Global Public Policy, Corporate Affairs at Merck & Co., with deep expertise in domestic and global health policy. Jenelle leads human and animal health teams globally and is responsible for the policy development and execution of strategic advocacy plans on cross-cutting public policy issues for all the medicines and vaccines that are produced by Merck. Prior to joining Merck in 2015, Jenelle was the Health Policy Staff Director in the United States Senate for the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee which has jurisdiction over the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health and other agencies within Health and Human Services. Dr. Krishnamoorthy first joined the United States Senate as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Congressional Fellow and worked on the Agriculture and Appropriations Committees. Prior to her role on HELP Committee, Jenelle worked at the State Department in the Bureau of South Asian Affairs on developing and advancing the United States policy priorities in the areas of health, science, technology, and the environment with countries and organizations across the globe.

Jenelle completed her pediatric clinical psychology residency and post-doctoral fellowship at Brown Medical School where she conducted research supported by the National Institutes of Health in the areas of childhood obesity and tobacco issues. Dr. Krishnamoorthy received her B.S. from Randolph-Macon College, M.S. from the University of Tennessee, and Ph.D. from Virginia Commonwealth University. Jenelle is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.



**Rene Lassauzet**, Head of Brand Communications and Creative, Nestle USA

In 2016, Rene Lassauzet relocated from Nestle Switzerland to Glendale, California to join Nestle USA (NUSA), where he became Brand Communications Manager, and then Head of Brand Communications in August 2018. In August of 2019, he took oversight of NUSA's internal Digital Agency (The LEAD), leading integration of its Brand Communications and internal creative teams and setting the overall strategy to unlock opportunities that foster greater collaboration across the two teams and external agencies to maximize the impact of its creative and advertising content across all Brands at NUSA.

Rene has been with Nestle for 17 years. Fun fact? His degree is actually in Industrial Engineering, and he joined Nestle in Mexico in 2004 in Logistics. He held that position for 1.5 years and was later promoted to a role in Supply Chain, in which he purchased process equipment for Nestle's factories.

These experiences gave him understanding and visibility into different value streams within Nestle and supported his transition to the Generating-Demand side of the Company, in Consumer Insight, where after a few years and as the head of the Brand Building the Nestle Way (BBNW) Consumer Knowledge Team, he partnered with the Communications Team to lead the implementation of BBNW framework across Nestlé Mexico's brands.

Rene's successes in Mexico prepared him to become Consumer Insight Manager for the NESCAFÉ Dolce Gusto Global Business Unit (GBU) in Switzerland, where he successfully expanded the impact of the Consumer Insight function within the GBU and across markets and made a significant contribution to the growth of the business by sitting on the GBU's Steering Committee to ensure all strategies and initiatives were consumer-centric.



**Allison Lavender**, Director, Global Oncology Learning Strategy, AstraZeneca

Allison Lavender brings over 20 years of pharmaceutical healthcare experience with AstraZeneca; strongly contributing across a variety of functions that have led to increasing responsibilities and scope throughout her tenure with the organization. More recently Allison decided to deepen her skills in the area of US and Global Oncology Learning and Development to continue to expand her knowledge and career competencies.

Throughout Allison's career, she has demonstrated a unique ability to shorten the curve and contribute to a high degree quickly and effectively. This skill has allowed Allison to broaden her impact across the enterprise with a keen focus on the patients they serve. Among being a valued contributor within the organization, Allison continues to be recognized for her performance, as being selected as the first cohort of talented female leaders in the Brand Leadership Institute Program. In addition, Allison was also nominated to participate in the CEO-sponsored Rising Leaders Development program for 2023. Allison has received numerous organizational awards, such as the prestigious President's Model of Excellence and Oncology Business Unit Awards.

As a principle, she learned from the Brand Leadership Institute, Allison set her Mission/Vision/Purpose to ensure she leads her life and career with intentionality coupled with passion.



**John G. Lewis**, Musician, JLewisMusic.com

John G. Lewis is a singer and guitarist with a silky voice and with amazing fluency on guitar. He has developed a hybrid guitar/bass sound and playing technique that produces a lush full sound to accompany his soulful tenor vocals. A linguist by training and a musician by choice, John sings in English, French, and Portuguese and performs an eclectic repertoire of Jazz, Classic R&B, and Pop Classics that he refers to as a "Neo-Lounge mix". His music is an elegant sound track for wine, romance, and passion. He performs as a soloist and with his duo and trio.



**Jamie Maglietta**, Freelance Line Producer, Podcast Host & CEO, Sophia Van Ames Consulting

Jamie Maglietta is an Emmy-nominated media expert with 20+ years' experience in national newsrooms including CNN, CNN International, MSNBC, Fox News Channel, and Fox Business. Her interest and experience in media are broad – from news and content to long-form productions at Paramount, including budgeting and production management. She works as a freelance Line Producer for Unscripted productions, offers media strategy services through her own business, and is host of the podcast, What Do You Do Exactly?, which focuses on careers in media and entertainment.

A journalist with extensive experience as a senior and supervising producer, she's helped drive content and coverage for live national programming and is a skilled and seasoned project manager. She also has global management experience of teams in New York, Atlanta, Hong Kong, Abu Dhabi, London, and the UK. Recently while juggling work and family, she also earned a master's degree from Harvard University in Business Management with a focus on corporate strategy and marketing.

Known for unbiased decision-making and an ability to offer keen insights about both sides of the political aisle, Jamie is dynamic, personable, and energetic. She loves embracing new challenges and excels at turning big, creative visions into reality. Regularly relied on at senior levels as a trusted advisor, she's adept at radical candor and courageous conversations that bring people together around ideas and drive positive results. She has helped lead strategy, coverage, and content for international shows, including Reliable Sources (CNN), been a key force in creating the look and tone for the launch of new shows and while at Fox, appeared on Foxnews.com Live as an authentic reporter, guest, and host. She also produced on-air content for affiliates and Fox's iMag.

Relationship-driven and collaborative, Jamie has an extensive network across news organizations and outlets with journalists and publicists. She has experience as a social media branding expert. Passionate about mentoring, advancing, and supporting young leaders, she has led workshops on producing and speaks to college students, most recently at the University of Michigan and at AAJA. A first runner-up as Miss New Jersey, she also volunteers as an interview coach for the Mrs. America organization. Additionally, she's an Emmy judge for the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences in the News.

A bold risk taker, Jamie traveled to Africa at 18, writing for Imagine Magazine before college, and studying in 6 countries to focus on economic diversity so she could have a strong global awareness before entering the workforce. Her TV career started in a unique way - producing and anchoring local access TV for her New Jersey High School.

Jamie lives with her husband and two kids in Georgia.



**Michael Mannino**, Chief Science Officer, Flow Research Collective

Michael is a neuroscientist and peak performance expert. He is currently Chief Science Officer of the Flow Research Collective, founded by Steven Kotler. And has been the lead peak performance coach, working with hundreds of clients, from all walks of life, from high level executives, to athletes, surgeons, students, and many more. He holds a PhD in neuroscience and complex systems, having researched networks of the human brain involved in attention, and perception, with an emphasis on the framework of embodied cognition. His expertise is in the subject of peak performance, physical and cognitive enhancement, the intersection of neuroscience and fitness, the relationship between mind and body, the science of wellbeing, as well as artificial intelligence and technology. He has studied and investigated flow science for many years. He has given many talks on flow, neuroscience of breathwork, optimal performance, and much more.

Michael also has a Master's degree in philosophy, specializing in philosophy of mind, and consciousness, as well as critical thinking. He has taught these subjects for over 10 years.

He is also currently serving on the Singularity University Miami Chapter leadership team. Additionally, he sits on several advisory boards, including the Scientific Advisory Board of Neuvana Life, a neurotechnology company involving vagal nerve stimulation; Nue.Life, a company blending digital therapeutics with psychedelic assisted therapy; and the Society for Neurosports. He is also an amateur athlete, focusing on a variety of different movement modalities, including yoga, animal flow, hand-balancing, and parkour, are among his primary flow activities.



**Sunny Miller**, CEO, HUSTLE

Sunny Miller is the CEO and founder of HUSTLE, the DMV's first and only cycling and strength boutique fitness studio. After all fitness studios were forced to close their doors in March 2020, Sunny started an outdoor cycling pop up and online fitness platform. Soon after she was approached by Amazon to open HUSTLE'S first ever brick and mortar at Amazon's HQ2 in Arlington, VA. Sunny is a Master cycling instructor, and has been in the fitness industry for the last decade. She is passionate about community building, and using movement for both physical and mental health.



**Kristal Mooney**, Senior Director, Culture, DE&I Learning, Walmart People

In 2002, I began my Walmart journey and discovered a passion for learning and people. From instructional design and facilitation to leading Merchandising Development and learning strategy, I've had the opportunity to support our corporate offices, Walmart US, Supply Chain and Sam's Club. With every position, I became a student of the business with an understanding there is an art and science to everything we do.

Today, I'm in my dream role. I'm able to partner my learning expertise with my passion for fostering a culture of belonging and purpose. I have the opportunity to create equitable learning experiences across our organization and ensure that Culture, Diversity, Equity and Belonging is embedded into Walmart's learning ecosystem.

My partner, Amanda Griffin, works for Gap, Inc., where I thoroughly enjoy that discount! We have three spoiled fur babies: Poppy, Willa Dean, and Jolene. We have a love for Cabo, home design, football, and impromptu dance parties.



**Kayla Osterhoff**, Neuropsychophysicologist & PhD Candidate, Her Biorhythm

Kayla is a researcher, neuropsychophysicologist, and women's health expert. She is a true pioneer in her field whose novel research and innovations are changing the landscape of feminine health.

Coming from humble beginnings, Kayla witnessed the true cost and devastation of mental illness in her family. This was the catalyst for her career in the health sciences and led her to eventually study neuropsychophysiology.

Kayla was the first in her family to attend college, earning her bachelor's degree of science in health ecology from the University of Nevada, Reno. She went on to earn her master's degree in public health and epidemiology from Nova Southeastern University and then was awarded a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While there, she served on several emergency responses and led the Global Hearts Initiative efforts in Mongolia, Africa, and Brazil.

After spending several years as a health scientist at CDC, Kayla pivoted to full-time research and pursuing her doctoral degree in neuropsychophysiology at Saybrook University. While there, she earned certifications in clinical hypnosis, QEEG brain mapping and neurofeedback, and integrative functional nutrition - bolstering her holistic view of human health and behavior.

As a woman in a male-dominant field of work, Kayla often found that she had to work in a masculine way that taxed her physical

and mental health. Later she discovered that working in this way was not only taxing, but it was unnatural and harmful for her feminine biology.

Through her research, Kayla discovered a blind spot in the understanding of female health and biology – a result of the long-standing gender gap in scientific research. She discovered that women have a very different biological rhythm than men, requiring different support and day-to-day operations in order to thrive. This discovery became the focus of her passion, research, and career.

Kayla has now dedicated her career to empowering women around the world and teaching the science of feminine biology. She believes that women are the greatest untapped resource in modern society and that it is our responsibility as a society to research and support women better.



**Desiree Pabalan**, *Clinical Quality Program Director, Elevance Health*

As an innovative solutionist and servant leader, I have been successful in executing plans and provisions to process and system defects that have threatened quality and compliance within the enterprise.

In 2021, I was named the 2nd place winner of Elevance Health's Shark Tank challenge, where I competed among medical directors and pharmacists in the Medicaid line of business. Additionally, in the very same year that my team was challenged with poor metrics, I managed to guide them towards marked improvement, yielding a 100% score in our NCQA audit.

The absolute pride of my career has been in easing the lives of patients throughout their healthcare continuum. As a former field case manager, I have been successful at bridging the gaps in an individual's care, such as ensuring that they find rides to their appointments, find discounts on their prescription medications or disease treatments, apply for, and receive grants to pay off their medical bills, and even find community resources to assist with repairing a senior citizen's roof. There is no challenge too great, and that is because my true purpose in life is that of a servant in healthcare delivery.



**Kristina Partsinevelos**, *Nasdaq Correspondent, CNBC*

Kristina Partsinevelos joined CNBC in May 2021 and serves as the Nasdaq reporter for the network, based at the Nasdaq and CNBC Global Headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. She covers the Nasdaq, semiconductors, and any related technology companies. Her reporting appears on television and CNBC's digital platforms.

Prior to CNBC, Partsinevelos was a business correspondent and economist for three years at the Fox Business Network, covering everything from technology to the White House, to the Federal Reserve and reporting in the field around New York City during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. She also reported from South Carolina in the eye of Hurricane Florence, a category 4 storm, in September 2018.

Prior to that, Partsinevelos worked for Global News in London, BNN Bloomberg (Canada's Business News Network), CTV News Channel and CBC Edmonton covering the latest financial news, including the retail, tech, and automotive sectors.

She is fluent in French and received her MBA from the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School. She also has a master's in journalism from Carleton University.



**Stacey Payne**, *Chief People Officer, Daily Harvest*

Stacey Payne serves as Chief People Officer at Daily Harvest, a company on a mission to make nourishing foods more attainable by eliminating barriers to access, cost, and time. With ready-in-minutes foods built on organic fruits and vegetables, Daily Harvest takes care of food so that food can take care of you.

Stacey has over 20 years of experience elevating organizations through transformational strategy and culture leadership. She acts as an organizational ambassador to modernize people operations, learning and development, organizational design, workforce management and performance, DE&I, and workplace sustainability. Stacey champions an inclusive leadership approach to build consensus across diverse teams and ignite actionable organizational strategy.

Stacey has spearheaded organizational transformation and people operations for leading organizations, such as sweetgreen, SoulCycle, Dig Inn, Chipotle, and Taco Bell. She earned her M.A. in Organizational Leadership and B.A. in Public Relations and Art History from Chapman University in Southern California. Stacey has a passion for HR Tech and has served on several company boards, including Orbiit, Bravelly, and Joon. She is one of the founding members of CHIEF, dedicated to executive leadership for women. She is beyond excited to join the conversation during the She-Suite Summit 2023 as we focus on unleashing our careers and living lives we love.



**Cynthia Porter**, *Vice President, Employee Relations, Fidelity Investments*

Cynthia Porter is Vice President of Employee Relations at Fidelity Investments. In this capacity, she helps ensure all associates have a safe, respectful, and cooperative work environment and a positive

relationship with the firm. She leads a Triage Team of 10 associates, who serve as the initial point of contact for managers and employees who need support in resolving workplace experience concerns.

In addition to her role within Employee Relations, Cynthia serves as a regional leader for Fidelity's Midwest region, where she supports approximately 5,600 associates in stewarding the associate

experience, career vitality efforts and internal and external brand advocacy.

Cynthia has a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Indiana State University. She lives in Cincinnati with her husband Rodney and has two adult children.



**Dana Rixter**, *Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, BAE Systems*

Dana Rixter is a thoughtful, strategic and compassionate leader with over two decades of experience leading diversity, equity, inclusion, change management and culture efforts and initiatives. Dana currently serves as the Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer at BAE Systems, Inc. where she is responsible for building trust across cultures and organizational levels and aligning people and goals to achieve business objectives.

Since joining BAE Systems in 2010, Dana has held numerous positions across the business, most recently serving as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Culture and Retention for Inc. Deeply committed to anti-racism, well-being and uplifting others, Dana co-created and led CARE (Colleagues Advancing Racial Equity) -- a multi-dimensional, award-winning effort to drive racial equity and systemic change across BAE Systems, Inc.

A frequent speaker, Dana holds a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Boston University, a Global Leadership Professional designation from the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business, an Executive Leadership certificate from The Wharton School of The University of Pennsylvania and serves on multiple advisory boards. Dana lives in Fairfax, VA with her husband and two exceptional (and exhausting) sons.



**Dr. Nicole F. Roberts**, *Founder, Health & Human Rights Strategies*

Nicole F. Roberts, DrPH, MPP is the Executive Director of Feed A Billion, an international nonprofit that feeds girls around the world and the founder of Health & Human Rights Strategies, a health care and human rights-focused advising firm in Washington, D.C. She is also the host of The Global Good Podcast. Roberts contributes to Forbes, contextualizing health, and highlighting ideas, companies and people that are changing the health landscape. Her writing has appeared in numerous journals and publications, and her talks can be found on the United Nations website and various news and sports outlets. Roberts holds a doctorate in public health from the University of North Carolina, a master's degree in public policy from the University of Chicago, and an undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri.



**Nitika Rosa**, *Global HR Leader, Solutions Enterprise Imaging, GE Healthcare*

Nitika Rosa is the Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) for GE Healthcare's Enterprise Digital Solutions business. In this role, Nitika is responsible for driving the HR agenda strategically across the global commercial, engineering, product management, and services organizations.

Nitika joined GE in 2011 and has held several positions at the company. In 2019, Nitika served as the Head of HR, GE Africa, an expansion from her role as Human Resources Business Partner, Africa for GE Healthcare. In this role, Nitika led all aspects of human resources for one of GE's key emerging markets which involved the development of the human capital strategy, enhancing the leadership pipeline, and building in-region HR capability (CoE) in talent acquisition, compensation and benefits, HR operations, learning, and expertise in labor/HR risk management. Prior to joining GE, Nitika has held several human resources leadership roles with increasing responsibility at Toyota, Bauherr Construction Civil, and Consulting at Alcatel.

Nitika holds a Master's degree in business leadership from the University of South Africa and an undergraduate degree in Marketing and Business management from Oxford Brookes. She is currently working on leadership for employee engagement certificate program through UPenn GSE. She resides in Chicago, United States with her husband and their four children.



**Rosa Santos**, *Vice President of HR Talent Management & Organizational Development, PepsiCo*

Throughout her almost 20-year career, Rosa has demonstrated a heightened commitment to aligning the talent agenda with the business priorities while fostering environments where people can have opportunities for professional growth and advancement. Prior to her current role at PepsiCo, Rosa held regional and global HR and OD roles for BP plc, The World Bank and the University of Chicago. She is known for driving innovative talent and Org Effectiveness practices to enable business transformation. She has dedicated multiple efforts in her career to advance women, creating the renowned Booth Business school program, Booth Women Advance, and co-found the ColorForward and WhatRules podcast, focused on elevating the voices of multicultural women.

She holds a Master's degree in Organizational Management Development and Leadership from Fielding Graduate University, a Master's degree in Sociology & Politics from University of Salamanca, Spain and University of East London, UK, and Bachelor's degree in Labor Law from the University of Salamanca, Spain. As a certified Executive Coach, Rosa has held her own practice, where she coached a wide array of senior global executives from the UN, The World Bank, and the InterAmerican Development Bank.

She resides in Oak Park, where she lives with her husband, son and two good old-fashioned standard poodles.



**Rajiv Satyal**, *Comedian & Corporate Consultant, FunnyIndian, Inc.*

Rajiv Satyal is a Los Angeles-based comedian/host. He's been featured by Amazon, Netflix, NPR, GQ, The New York Times, The LA Times, WSJ, and Ad Age. Rajiv has shared a stage with everyone from Dave Chappelle to Jerry Seinfeld. His videos have over 50 million online views. This University of Cincinnati engineer and former P&G marketer has done standup at more than 100 colleges. Rajiv has spoken to audiences from Fortune 500 companies to NFL players on humor, innovation, inclusion, and personal branding. He runs a consulting business called the Standpoint Agency, which helps marketers generate insights for their brands.



**Akoss Schuppius**, *Program Manager, LMI*

Ms. Schuppius is a passionate professional whose life work and dedication is uplifting those she encounters, ensuring she pays forward the support and nurturing she herself has received on this life's journey. Ms. Schuppius has over 20 years of experience leading and managing projects.

Currently working as a project management professional at LMI, Ms. Schuppius oversees the team supporting the United States Postal Service (USPS) Postmaster General's 10 Year strategic plan. In 2022, Ms. Schuppius received the Dynamo award, as part of LMI's 2022 Luminary Award and was named 2022 Women Of Color STEM Outstanding Achievement Award, Top Woman in Finance.

In her personal life, Ms. Schuppius volunteers as the Communities Chair for the Rotary Club of Rockville, which allows her to devote her time and energy to the environment, world peace, and the local community. Ms. Schuppius has also been a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. since 1995 and currently participates on the Risk Management Committee of the Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is serving a 3-year term on the Board of the Association of Alumnae of her alma mater, the University of Pennsylvania.

As a mother of three daughters, she is a staunch advocate, friend, and nurturer. With the support of her family, close friends, and LMI, Ms. Schuppius is currently completing a doctorate in Organizational Leadership at Hood College. Her doctoral research is on Women and Advocacy.

To support her daughters, Ms. Schuppius serves on the Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) Family Engagement Advisory Team (FEAT) for the 2021–2023 term where she works with other parents to tackle issues pertinent to MCPS and advocate for families in Montgomery County, MD.

In addition to advocacy, Ms. Schuppius is a natural-born educator and a lifetime learner. A highlight of her academic career, Ms. Schuppius presented her academic paper at the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) conference in 2013 on Multiculturalism and Inclusion - Discrimination and Disabilities: Unpacking and Challenging Conceptions and Notions of Disability to Promote Inclusion in Education in Ghana, West Africa and at the Society for Organization Development and Change International Conference on The Future of Work: Remote Work and Hybrid Corporate Cultures in the US, in April 2022.



**Beth Shaha**, *BLI Success Guide | Master Life Coach, Velvet Suite*

Beth is a Master Certified Life Coach and Wayfinder with an ACC Certification from the International Coaching Federation.

She also serves as a Client Success Guide at Velvet Suite, Inc., a global brand leadership consultancy dedicated to unleashing the champion within through unmatched coaching, training and development content for the world's most fascinating companies and influential individuals.

Beth is a connector, a community builder and a guide.

Beth is a lover of people and adores sitting at the feet of others and hearing their stories. She listens and reflects - and she creates space for them from which they can grow.

Prior to Life Coaching, Beth served in numerous Development roles, planning major events for non-profit agencies including the United Way, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and the Centre County Down Syndrome Society. She found tremendous personal pride in successfully executing events and igniting the passion in volunteers by placing them in positions where they had the biggest impact and found the most fulfillment.

Beth has also worked at several colleges and universities in the areas of student engagement and development and helps students define who they are, how they want to show up in the world, and helps them to develop plans to make it happen! She is currently an Adjunct Lecturer of Freshman Year Experience for the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University.

Wherever Beth finds herself, and whatever she is doing, Beth is always on the go, making connections and impact in her community. She lives each day with values-forward living and carries out her mantra, "BE LOVE."

Beth enjoys spending time with her husband and three kids, traveling, noticing beauty, gathering around a table, and digging into a deep conversation about aligning your heart, soul and mind - all things that make her feel alive!



**Eunmee Shim**, *President, Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center*

Eunmee Shim serves as President of Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center. A nurse by trade, Eunmee has a rich history in healthcare leadership. Prior to making southern Prince George's County her professional home in August 2019, Eunmee served as Chief Strategy Officer for Adventist HealthCare, where she oversaw new business initiatives for one of the longest-serving healthcare systems in the D.C. region. As Chief Strategy Officer, she worked with Adventist HealthCare's boards and executives to support the development of the organization's strategic plan.

Eunmee joined Adventist HealthCare in 2011 and served first as the Chief Operating Officer at Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center. Under her leadership, the hospital achieved numerous honors for quality care and performance. Eunmee has also served as an Executive Fellow for the national Baldrige excellence program and continues to help lead Adventist HealthCare's Baldrige initiative. She has over 35 years of clinical, operational, and leadership experience with a track record of accomplishments in the areas of clinical innovation, strategic planning, business development, operational management, physician network building, and transforming an organization.

Eunmee holds a Master of Science in Nursing Informatics from Columbia University School of Nursing, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Sahmyook University in Seoul, Korea.



**Melissa Dawn Simkins**, *CEO, VelvetSuite | Founder, The She-Suite*

Melissa is affectionately known as "The First Lady of Personal Branding." As a pioneer in personal brand leadership with a proven track record of advising Fortune 100 organizations, CEOs, CHROs and influential executives on future-ready leadership, she is passionate about leadership from the inside out. As a mother, wife, and executive her mission is to empower future ready leaders to lead with your whole life® as a purpose-driven playbook to work and well-being for accelerated performance.

She is CEO of Velvet Suite® ([www.velvetsuite.com](http://www.velvetsuite.com)) an award-winning leadership innovation firm advancing the future of profit through people. Most notably, she is Founder of The She-Suite®, the female-focused platform of Velvet Suite. The She-Suite exists to be the architect of a brand new model for the modern world of work for women all around the world ([theshesuite.com](http://theshesuite.com)). The She-Suite Brand Leadership Institute® is the only leadership readiness SaaS platform community with proven results to ready, retain and advance all women and women of color who work for large enterprises. The She-Suite Summit is a global annual virtual experience designed to unite women and allies from around the world.

Melissa is a sought after global keynote speaker, author of the book *Brand Me* and has been a contributor to Inc.com and a frequent guest on media outlets such as CNN, Fox Business News, CNBC and more. Above all, her most prized accomplishment is being wife to Will and mommy to her son, Kingston, and bonus sons Kevin, Shunn, and Amari



**William A. Simkins, III**, *President, Velvet Suite Financial*

William A. Simkins III is a trusted wealth advisor and President of Velvet Suite Financial LLC. Simkins has over 20 years of proven performance in comprehensive financial services, including retirement, business planning, life insurance, and employee benefits. His practice uniquely serves high net worth individuals as well as small to midsize businesses with a concentration in qualified and non-qualified retirement plans. Simkins discovered his passion for his career and earned his life and health insurance license his junior year in college.

Simkins' career in comprehensive insurance and investment planning began at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in 2001. Simkins found early success in his financial service practice and was recognized as the top in his class for client acquisition. He went on to obtain his Certified Financial Planner Certificate from Virginia Commonwealth University. Soon after, Simkins transitioned to Mass Mutual Financial Group where he achieved the Blue Chip Council (top five percent of Mass Mutual representatives) and Top of the Council as well as received the highest industry award in insurance and financial services through the Million Dollar Round Table

Simkins has spoken at numerous industry and agency meetings on the inclusion of protection and qualified planning into agency practices. He is a member of the greater Washington National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He has also served as the Board of Education Chair for the Capital Region National African American Insurance Association.

He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Morehouse College in 1995. As a student-athlete and scholar, William is married to Melissa Dawn Simkins and has four sons Kingston, Kevin, Shunn and Amari. William coaches youth and high school basketball and is a member of Grace Covenant Church in Chantilly, Virginia.



**Lynn Smith**, *Founder & CEO, Rylan Media*

Lynn Smith is a National Media Expert, Consultant, Keynote Speaker, and host of "StrollerCoaster" a parenting podcast brought to you by Munchkin, the world's most loved baby brand in the world.

Previously, she spent 15 years as a news anchor at TODAY Show, NBC News, MSNBC, and CNN Headline News.

In 2021, Smith left TV News to launch her company Rylan Media, which takes her media insight and expertise to tackle corporate and individuals greatest branding and communications challenges. She advises leaders on how to develop, craft and communicate a compelling message as well as how to take that message to powerful platforms in the media and any video platform.

Smith is also the founder of The Green Room, Crush it on TV and Crush it on Video, an immersive on-demand program to help experts craft, pitch, and book media appearances. It doesn't matter if you are booked, it matters if you are GOOD on TV, and that's what she helps her clients do.

In 2022, she released her e-book Confidence Quotient: Proven techniques to increase your self-confidence and decrease the self-doubt holding you back.



**Kelly Smoyer**, *Vice President, Strategy & Strategic Marketing, McKesson*

Kelly is the Vice President of Strategy and Strategic Marketing for Strategic Accounts at McKesson, a Fortune 9 company. She is a veteran in the healthcare industry with a proven track record of success through 20+ years of Strategy and Strategic Marketing experience as a people leader.

She currently serves as the National Chair for McKesson's Women Empowered (WE) ERG. In this role, Kelly not only leads the board, but drives the WE vision, "where women thrive at work and in life." Through her work with WE, Kelly can not only collaborate with other career women but be a thought leader and drive change at McKesson.

Brand building is a core strength of hers. Whether it's for a large corporation or a personal brand, Kelly has a unique perspective on the importance of building a strong brand and evolving it over time for career success.

As a people and ERG leader, Kelly has helped a diverse range of people expand and develop their network and brand. Being a mentor, sponsor and coach are an aspect to people development and career advancement that she excels at doing.

Kelly is a proud alum of The Ohio State University and currently resides in Dallas, Texas.



**Nathan Vaughn**, *Chief Diversity Officer, Modivcare*

Nate Vaughn is the Chief Diversity Officer for Modivcare. Mr. Vaughn has nearly twenty years of healthcare industry experience that encompasses a multitude of roles in commercial, operations, finance, and Human Resource leadership. He joined Modivcare in December 2020 from Sodexo Healthcare, where he was Vice President, Sales. Prior to that, Mr. Vaughn held various leadership roles at B. Braun Medical, General Electric Healthcare and Stryker Medical. Mr. Vaughn began his healthcare career with Pfizer.

While at GE, Mr. Vaughn was selected to the Corporate Leadership Staff program (CLS), which led to his participation in a world-class rotational leadership training designed to help high-achieving professionals hone their skills and prepare for senior management roles. As part of the program, he had the opportunity to complete projects across the many GE Healthcare business segments throughout the world and study firsthand the intricate strategy formulations that occur behind the scenes to drive exponential growth and revenue.

Mr. Vaughn holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance and Human Resource Management from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville as well as a Master of Science (MS) in Management from Liberty University. Actively involved in multiple philanthropic community activities throughout his hometown of New Jersey, Mr. Vaughn serves as a Board member of the Plainfield YMCA and the Hillside Avenue Historic District Association. He is also a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



**Lizette Vazquez**, *Vice President, Human Resources, Ingredion*

Lizette is responsible for HR strategy and execution and works closely with the leaders in her areas of responsibility in Innovation, Sweeteners, Finance and Global Shared Services, IT and Digital Transformation, Legal and Corporate Strategy, and M&A. She focuses on building out our innovation capabilities, digital transformation, and shared services function. Lizette joined Ingredion from Johnson & Johnson, where she was Head of the company's Global HR Talent and Corporate Functions. Other Johnson & Johnson experience includes HR director roles at the Enterprise Customer Group and DePuy Synthes HR Solutions, where she helped shape the HR strategy for growth and developed innovative GTM approaches. Lizette also worked for Bristol-Myers Squibb as HR Director and as HR Vice President for Orion Capital Companies. Lizette holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Columbia University. She also is the founder of the Vazquez-Jefferson Scholarship Fund, which supports the education of girls in financial need.



**Angie Volk**, Vice President of Sales, Medical Solutions Division, 3M

Angie Volk is a seasoned veteran of the Medical Device industry, spending 22 years at Boston Scientific before moving to Becton Dickinson and then 3M. She has a diverse functional background including R&D, Marketing, Medical Affairs, Sales, Sales Operations and Sales Leadership. She received her BS in Mechanical Engineering from North Dakota State University and MBA in Marketing from the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management. She is currently National VP of Sales for 3M's Medical Solutions Division. Angie was fortunate to be one of Melissa's first Women in the Spotlight participants, where she "discovered" her WHY: to support, encourage and show other women that they can succeed with grit, courage, and resilience.



**Celeste Warren**, Vice President, Global Diversity & Inclusion Center of Excellence, Merck

As the leader for Merck's Global Diversity and Inclusion Center of Excellence, she is responsible for working with Merck's global leaders to advance and embed diversity and inclusion throughout the organization to enhance the employee experience and maximize business performance.

Ms. Warren joined Merck in 1997 and has held numerous positions of increasing responsibility within the organization.

She has been recognized for her work in diversity, equity and inclusion including: Black Enterprise's "Top Executives in Global Diversity and Inclusion", Savoy Magazine's "Most Influential Women in Corporate America", Diversity Global Magazine's "Influential Women in Global Diversity", Diversity Woman Magazine's: "Elite100" List

She serves on the boards of RWJBarnabas Health Systems and "All In Together" and Paradigm for Parity. She is also a member of CNBC's Workforce Executive Council and World 50's Inclusion and Diversity Impact Community.

Celeste's articles on diversity, equity, and inclusion have been featured in numerous national and global publications, and she has had the opportunity to speak at various events across the world.

Celeste attended the University of Kentucky where she earned her B.S. degree. She received her master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University.

She is the wife of John Warren and the mother of two children, Christina-Celeste and John Steven, Jr.



**KimArie Yowell**, Chief Learning Officer, Rocket Central | Chief Diversity Officer, Rocket Companies

KimArie Yowell is Chief Diversity Officer of Rocket Companies and Chief Learning Officer of Rocket Central – the centralized hub for the Rocket Companies FinTech platform.

In these roles, she is responsible for team member development programs along with the diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies for the businesses that are part of Rocket Companies. This includes the learning and development initiatives, post-secondary education programs, career development, diversity and inclusion programming and organizational effectiveness.

KimArie has more than 25 years of experience in client service, sales and corporate education. She has an intense passion for team member growth and helping organizations thrive. She also firmly believes that one's ability to create a dynamic and high performing team rests on their ability to be inclusive.

Rocket was in the top 10 on Forbes magazine's list of America's Best Employers for Diversity in 2022. The company has also ranked #1 on Essence magazine's 10 Best Workplaces for African Americans and has been included on Fortune magazine's list of Best Workplaces for Diversity since the list's inception in 2015.

KimArie has received several awards and accolades, including being named one of Michigan Chronicle's Women of Excellence (2020), Savoy Magazine's "Most Influential Women in Corporate America" (2019) and "40 Under 40" by the Michigan Chronicle for her exceptional achievements and community service (2018). In addition to her roles at Rocket Companies, she serves on Siena Heights University's Board of Trustees.

KimArie earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Wayne State University. She also earned a Master of Arts in Adult Education and Training, a Master of Business Administration, Master of Management and Administrative Sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas. Most recently, she completed her Doctorate in Education at the University of Pennsylvania.



**Shelley Zalis**, CEO, The Female Quotient

Shelley Zalis is the CEO of The Female Quotient, an equality services company that creates platforms for women and solutions for organizations committed to closing the gender gap in the workplace. Through its signature Equality Lounge® at key industry conferences around the globe, Zalis and the FQ are connectors for the largest global community of mission-driven business leaders.

Zalis is a pioneer for online research, becoming the first female chief executive ranked in the research industry's top 25. Today, Zalis works with Fortune 500 companies, impact organizations, and conscious leaders to advance equality in the workplace. A firm believer in giving back with generosity, Zalis is a proud mentor to women around the world.

Zalis authors a Forbes column that provides virtual mentorship for women in middle management. She is co-founder of #SeeHer, a movement led by the Association of National Advertisers (ANA) to increase the accurate portrayal of women and girls in advertising and media.

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NETWORKING SESSION	8:00 TO 8:30	12:15 TO 12:45 PM	2:05 TO 2:25PM	6:00 TO 6:30PM
	<p>This booth will highlight the management and successes of our Women's Network. At Merck, diversity and inclusion are not just words - they are the reason we are able to deliver on our promise of Inventing For Life. And so, we foster a globally- and locally-diverse workforce of employees from different backgrounds, perspectives and cultures, who can freely bring their fresh points of view to our work. Since we exist to discover and innovate to save and improve lives, wherever needs arise, we must reflect the world we wish to help.</p> <p>One way we foster diversity &amp; inclusion internally is through Employee Business Resource Groups. The Women's Network at Merck is one of these groups. Visit our booth throughout the day to learn about The Women's Network Group at Merck.</p>			
	<p>Come join us for a Q&amp;A with Dr. Eleisha Flangan, MD, FACS, a minimally invasive general surgeon with Adventist Medical Group at Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center (FWMC). A talented specialist, Dr. Flanagan is dedicated to patient-centered care and serving her community. A native of Fort Washington, MD, she has returned home to join FWMC's growing team of surgical specialists working to improve health care outcomes and reduce inequities in southern Prince George's County, MD.</p>			
	<p><b>Mindful Morning</b></p> <p>Join a Kaiser Permanente mindfulness expert to arrive in the present moment and create a deeper awareness within, so that you can unwind the mind, and connect with the She-Suite Summit experience.</p>	<p><b>Midday Pulse Check</b></p> <p>Take advantage of this midday check-in to process what you've learned so far and debrief your experience and insights with attendees. This session will help you get a jump-start on creating your 90-day plan.</p>	<p><b>Stress Busters for Leaders in Everyday Situations</b></p> <p>Fitness expert Laurent Amzlag is one of the most well-known and entertaining speakers in the fitness and wellness industry. He will host "Stress Busters for Everyday Situations" a session that will feature tangible wellness practices and benefit all those managing stressful lives. This session features: Two effective deep-breathing techniques that will help you lower your stress levels in less than 1 minute. A library of de-stressing stretches and exercises everyone can do from a chair. No equipment or fitness attire is needed. A fun health/wellness trivia game. Laurent has been featured on ABC, The Dr. Oz show, The CW, Elle magazine, and more.</p>	
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	<p>Join our networking session to connect with members of McKesson's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team and members from our employee resource group. Learn more about our initiatives and commitment to achieving our diversity, equity and inclusion goals both inside and outside the company.</p>			
	<p><b>Meet the Suite</b></p> <p>Stop by our booth to say good morning and to Opt-In to be eligible to win prizes and giveaways throughout the day.</p> <p>Participate in our demographic survey and enjoy a cup of coffee on us!</p>	<p><b>Join the Conversation!</b></p> <p>Calling all BLI Alumni! We want to hear from you about your Limitless Leadership experience, stop by The She-Suite booth for a facilitated conversation about your personal brand and leadership style.</p>	<p><b>Meet our BLI Alumni</b></p> <p>Learn about the Brand Leadership Institute experience from our amazing BLI Alumni. All incoming Spring 2023 participants, please join us to learn about the journey you are about to begin!</p>	

<b>NETWORKING SESSION</b>	<b>8:00 TO 8:30</b>	<b>12:15 TO 12:45 PM</b>	<b>2:05 TO 2:25PM</b>	<b>6:00 TO 6:30PM</b>
	<p><b>Set Your Intention for the Day!</b></p> <p>Join us in our booth to start your day off with mindful breathing and intention setting for the day.</p>	<p><b>Cognosante Attendees</b></p> <p>Fuel connection and your career by learning more about Employee Resource Groups.</p>	<p><b>Open Meet &amp; Greet</b></p> <p>The Cognosante team will host an open networking session. Please stop by for conversation and networking.</p>	
	<p><b>General Dynamics Attendees</b></p> <p>Please grab your coffee and join us at the General Dynamics booth to kick-off The She Suite Summit23 with your colleagues.</p>	<p><b>General Dynamics Attendees</b></p> <p>Please grab lunch and join us in the General Dynamics booth for conversation and networking.</p>	<p><b>General Dynamics Attendees</b></p> <p>Spend the afternoon at the General Dynamics booth for conversation and networking.</p>	<p><b>General Dynamics Attendees</b></p> <p>Keep the party going at the General Dynamics booth for send-off conversation and networking.</p>
	<p><b>Better Breakfasts</b></p> <p>Breakfast is key to fueling the busy day ahead when you're up against school, work, and the demands of life!</p> <p>But what makes a balanced breakfast, and how can you ensure you're getting what you need?</p> <p>Join GoGo squeezeZ® and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Jamie Lee McIntyre, to learn how to make breakfast with the right combination of nutritional building blocks while keeping it easy and tasty!</p>	<p><b>Smart Snacking</b></p> <p>From the work desk to the classroom, to the practice field- Snacks can make or break those challenging moments that occur between meals during a busy day.</p> <p>Join GoGo squeezeZ® and Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Jamie Lee McIntyre, as she shares her "Smart Snacking" hacks for school, afternoon, and sports. You'll leave with the know-how to power everyone with energy and essential nutrients to tackle the task-list of the day!</p>	<p><b>Functional Nutrition with GoGo squeezeZ®</b></p> <p>Meeting specific nutrient needs for brain development, cognitive functioning, gut health, and immune support can be challenging for families with children – make it simple with GoGo squeezeZ®.</p>	<p><b>Picky Eating</b></p> <p>Picky eating is a normal part of growth and development but can be challenging for parents and families.</p> <p>Join Registered Dietitian-Nutritionist, and mom of two, Jamie Lee McIntyre to learn simple ways to combat picky eating in your kitchen at home. Turn the dining table from a battlefield to a place of family communication and nourishment!</p>
	<p><b>Open Networking</b></p> <p>Open networking session hosted by Mars, Incorporated. Please stop by for conversation and networking.</p>	<p><b>Full Potential: Mars' Platform for Gender Action – Justin White</b></p> <p>Full Potential – the Mars platform for action on gender across our own workplaces, sourcing communities and the marketplace.</p> <p>Justin will share what we're doing, what we're learning and what's ahead with an added focus on gender in sourcing in particular.</p>	<p><b>Open Networking</b></p> <p>Open networking session hosted by Mars, Incorporated. Please stop by for conversation and networking.</p>	
	<p>At Squire Patton Boggs, we have taken a comprehensive approach to Diversity, Equity &amp; Inclusion (DEI), to ensure that all of our people throughout the firm feel welcomed and have equitable opportunities to belong, succeed, thrive and fully and fairly achieve their career objectives. DEI runs throughout all that we do. Meet Members of our Global DEI Team, who will be running sessions on life at a global law firm, discussing the importance of inclusion, how to utilize data to drive real change, the power of ERG's and DEI initiatives at the firm.</p>			
	<p><b>Meet and Greet Networking</b></p> <p>Join the women of BAE Systems, Inc. for networking, connection, and the opportunity to learn about the work we are doing around inclusive leadership!</p>			
	<p><b>Learn about LMI</b></p> <p>Pop into our booth to learn more about the LMI culture, and how our organization is leading the way in empowering a future-ready, high-performing government.</p>	<p><b>LMI Attendees</b></p> <p>Calling all LMers! Bring your lunch and hear from our new She-Suite Brand Leadership Institute cohort. They will lead us in a conversation on career, leadership, empowerment and purpose.</p>		

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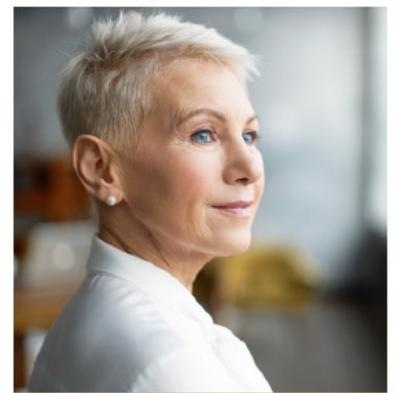
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