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SPEAKER

Sarah Sears

Achievers Under 40 – Class I

Sarah Mason Sears, founder and principal of S Design Inc., is an award-winning branding and design professional and national AIGA Fellow based in Oklahoma City. Sears speaks at local, regional and national events about how branding, design and marketing are catalysts for business and organizational growth.

Oklahoma City reveals a plethora of her work: the Boathouse District, Embark, Myriad Botanical Gardens, Red Coyote, Verbode, Valerie Naifeh Fine Jewelry, Schlegel Bicycles, Oklahoma City Community Foundation and Impact Oklahoma have all been branded or rebranded by the S Design team.

While building S Design, which offers high-level design, branding, public relations and professional writing services, Sears was an adjunct professor of design and typography for nearly a decade, sharing her craft with a new generation. Sears, the daughter of an accountant and artist, is a fine arts graduate of the University of Kansas.

In 1996, Sears founded the Oklahoma chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, known as AIGA. She served as president from 1996-1999 and as a board member and adviser for more than a decade.



SPEAKER

David Box

Achievers Under 40 – Class I

David Box is president and CEO of Box Ventures. A native Oklahoman, he has built Box Ventures and its diverse portfolio of companies from the ground up. From his beginnings as a talent agent and concert promoter to currently employing over 120 team members, Box is a true entrepreneur. He began his career in the entertainment business in 1987 as a student at the University of Oklahoma. Today, the full-service entertainment agency works with national and local bands and offers celebrities/personalities, event planning, casino gaming rentals, and DJs. His other business activities include the Greens Country Club, commercial and residential real estate, as well as sports ownership and management.

Box received a degree in arts and sciences from OU, where he served as the captain of the tennis team and was a member of Beta Theta Pi. He and his wife, Abbey, have two sons, Luke and Levi. Box is currently co-captain for the USA Gordon Trophy tennis team and plays on the senior national tennis circuit.

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and security and defense industries. Its primary clients include the federal government and business sectors that support federal contracting. CNB employs people in more than 40 states and overseas.

The mission of CNB is to grow the economy of Cherokee Nation and Oklahoma through diversification, while creating jobs for Cherokee Nation citizens. All of CNB's profits are either reinvested into job creation or tribal services.

This strategy has helped the Cherokee Nation employ a record number of people, provide more services than ever for its citizens and establish strong, lasting partnerships with the state of Oklahoma.

NOOR JIHAN ABDUL-HAQQ, M.D.

Owner and Lead Physician

Peace of Mind Pediatrics

Noor Jihan Abdul-Haqq, owner and lead physician at Peace of Mind Pediatrics, focuses on serving her entire community to the absolute best of her ability. Opening her own solo practice, independent of any hospital or large company affiliation, has been Abdul-Haqq's most significant professional accomplishment.

"Dr. Abdul-Haqq is an outstanding physician, mentor, community advocate, colleague, and leader," said Heather Johnson, executive director for the Payne Education Center. "As a community physician, Abdul-Haqq leads by being the finest example of a professional and creating a seamless system of care in her medical office."

When opening her practice, Abdul-Haqq was discouraged from accepting Medicaid patients, but she chose not to follow those recommendations. Her patient demographic includes all populations, including homeless youth, despite challenges that she has faced. "Due to Dr. Abdul-Haqq's advocacy and insistence that children deserve proper medical care, children who did not have access to medical care previously due to lack of transportation, inability to pay, chronic homelessness, or fear of exposure now have the best care available," Johnson said.

Extending her services beyond traditional medicine, Abdul-Haqq also offers community classes on nutrition, fitness and parenting. As Johnson said, "She has an innate skill to connect families in need of community resources."

Perseverance is a skill that Dr. Abdul-Haqq has mastered by balancing her career with parenthood. She birthed twins in her third year of medical school residency, and returned to work 30-hour shifts when her babies were just seven weeks old. Once established as a pediatrician, she welcomed her youngest son in 2014. He struggled with severe food allergies and could not sleep through the night.

"My most significant personal accomplishment has been raising my children," Abdul-Haqq said. "They have made me a better pediatrician, wife, and more caring family member."

Her plans for the future include opening additional pediatric-based clinics that will service all demographics. "Every child deserves the best medical care, and families deserve a physician that will go the extra mile," she said.

DiAnne Davis, chief resident in the Dermatology Department at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, said "Dr. Abdul-Haqq is the epitome of hard work and dedication. In my experience, she is one of the top-rated pediatricians serving Oklahoma."

She and her husband, Masood, have three children – 7-year-old twins Ma'isah and Ahmad and a 3-year-old son, Sufyan.



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VICTOR ACOSTA

Graphic Designer and Co-owner
The Paper Box Crafts and Designs



AGE 31

Victor Acosta believes in setting goals and working hard to achieve those dreams, especially if it means overcoming obstacles.

Born in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Acosta moved to Oklahoma City at the age of 17. Challenged with learning English as a second language, Acosta graduated from Santa Fe South High School in 2008. He went on to attend the University of Central Oklahoma, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 2014 with a major in graphic design and minors in Spanish and illustration.

Acosta is proud to be the first member of his family to graduate from college.

"Graduating from UCO is a concrete accomplishment of what I personally set as a goal, and achieved with dedication and hard work," he said.

Acosta credits his success to his parents.

"They had a dream to see me grow to be the best man I could be," he said.

Hilda De Leon Xavier, bilingual client access specialist for the Oklahoma City-County Health Department, said Acosta is an example of what can be achieved when a person continues to pursue one's goals no matter what the barrier or limitation, referring to his ability to overcome the obstacle of English as a second language.

Acosta's honors include several scholarships that helped him attend UCO to achieve his academic goals. In 2017, Acosta received a NextGen 30 Under 30 Award for his accomplishments in graphic design. He also received an Outstanding Human Rights Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Universal Human Rights Alliance last year.

"I consider myself an example of a successful, hardworking young professional in a foreign country," he said. "I have overcome many struggles to be where I am today and achieved many great things."

Today, Acosta is a co-owner and graphic designer for The Paper Box Crafts and Designs. His previous work experience includes stints with El Nacional Media Group and Bridges Strategies, as well as other freelance work projects in graphic design.

Graciela Lopez, administrative assistant with the Oklahoma City Community College Capitol Hill Center, knows Acosta through their volunteer activities.

"Victor has demonstrated that he is a phenomenal example of a good citizen who is dedicated to grow and develop in his professional life," Lopez said. "He is deserving of my respect and admiration for all the contributions that he is continuously offering to the community."

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UMIT ALPASLAN

Superintendent

Dove Public Charter Schools

Umit Alpaslan's first name means hope in Turkish, and, as superintendent of Dove Schools, he aims to bring hope to all of his students. As a junior in high school, Alpaslan had a conversation with a counselor and mentor who told him that, as a teacher, he could be hope for thousands of kids experiencing challenges similar to those he faced: poverty, instability, violence and despair.

A native of Turkey, Alpaslan was the first in his family to graduate from college. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry education in 2002 from Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey. In 2009, he earned a master's degree in education administration from Sam Houston State University in Texas.

He taught school in Turkey prior to moving to Texas, where he worked as a science teacher at Harmony Schools before ultimately being named cluster superintendent of the largest charter school system in Texas. In 2012, he was named superintendent of Dove Public Charter Schools, which has elementary and secondary schools in Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

Dove Public Charter Schools serves a student population that is more than 80 percent minority and economically disadvantaged. With more than 1,000 students on the waiting list, campus expansions are planned for both cities.

"Mr. Alpaslan serves as a mentor to those around him and constantly strives to improve the quality of education by working with educators, students and parents," said Mary Blankenship Pointer, president of the Dove Charter Schools Board of Directors. She cited almost 100-percent high school graduation and 100-percent college acceptance as just two of Dove's many accolades achieved under Alpaslan's leadership, with the next goal being 100-percent college graduation.

Alpaslan considers his most significant professional achievement to be preparing all his Oklahoma schools to earn State and National Schools of Character recognitions.

"I am very proud to be able to lead the way in transforming our schools to be places of high ethical accountability standards," he said.

Also during his tenure, the U.S. Department of Education named Dove Science Academy a 2017 National Blue Ribbon School.

"Umit is, first and last, a teacher dedicated to opening the door to the American dream for students who would have no other access," states H.E. "Gene" Rainbolt, chairman emeritus at BancFirst. "Umit is the ultimate father, the ultimate teacher and the ultimate purveyor of the American dream."

Alpaslan and his wife, Seher, have four children – Sumeyye, Rukiyye, Bahar and Muhsin.



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KIMBERLY ANDERSON

Director of Student Life

Heritage Hall School



AGE 38

In 2005, Kim Anderson returned home to Oklahoma after living in North Carolina and California. She embarked on a transitional journey as she pivoted from a career in management consulting to one in education management.

A cum laude graduate of Duke University, Anderson earned bachelor's degrees in English and sociology, along with a certificate in markets and management. She also received an MBA from the University of Oklahoma Price College of Business. A certified independent college counselor, Anderson has served on the Duke Alumni Interviewing Committee and Case Western Reserve University's Admission Committee. She has also served as the Casady School director of strategic initiatives and as a board member of the Children's Hospital Foundation.

"Kim desires to make everything she is involved with the very best," said Nathan Sheldon, head of school for Casady School, where Anderson worked immediately prior to taking her position at Heritage Hall. "Kim is, in my mind, an up-and-coming star. She values education, children, and the importance of elevating community."

Anderson is passionate about bringing the character education movement to Oklahoma as student wellness becomes increasingly important in our rapidly changing environment. Her current job is a unique blend of her aspirations and the desire that she has to assist students in their overall development.

"Traditional educational programs and support systems alone are no longer adequate to prepare students for the world that they are entering," Anderson said. "Character education that develops skills in resiliency, curiosity, grit, gratitude, self-control purpose and zest is needed."

Guy Bramble, headmaster at Heritage Hall, describes Anderson as a remarkable talent.

"She has all the skill, instinct, and character necessary for unbridled success," he said. "In a career that now spans 50 years in the independent school world, I've known few educators who bring more energy, polish, and practical intelligence to the table."

Anderson is the mother of three children – Vivien, 8; Archer, 6; and Elin, 5.

Anderson said her personal philosophy is to approach life with perseverance, bravery and authenticity.

"Work hard to finish what you start. Don't limit yourself by obstacles that exist only in your head," she said. "Be courageous and do not shrink from threat, challenge, difficulty, or pain. Speak up for what is right and act on your conviction. Be an honest person, not only by speaking the truth but by living life in a genuine and authentic way. Most importantly, never stop learning."

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ERICA BIRD

Escrow Officer

Trustmark Title

Erica Bird is a community leader who has shown strong initiative with every project she has taken on, from her career in the banking and real estate industries to her civic responsibilities in her Norman community. With interests and passions ranging from real estate development to extensive volunteer work in her community, Bird is an innovator with an innate ability to lead.

“Of all the various real estate projects I work on professionally, I am most proud of the neighborhood revitalization ventures,” Bird said.

Encouraged by the work of others such as Steve Mason in the Plaza District and Automobile Alley, Bird and her husband began a development project on Main Street in Norman that includes a new three-story building as well as Norman’s first food truck park.

“Being able to directly improve the city I live in, and make a true impactful change to the community is the most significant accomplishment that I’ve yet had in my career,” Bird said.

“Erica is passionate about performing her best, and constantly striving to improve,” said Steve Mason of Mason Realty Investors LLC. “She is a focused, smart problem-solver.” These traits also serve her well in her civic pursuits, where “her engagement shows her ongoing passion for making her community a better place,” Mason said.

One community project that Bird spearheaded is the Costume Closet, a collaboration with the Downtown Norman Fall Festival that aims to provide Halloween costumes to children who otherwise might not be able to afford them. The idea for Costume Closet was set in motion by a friend who passed away from cancer before seeing the project come into existence.

“It became a mission for me to carry on her dream,” Bird said. “I am so proud to be able to provide such a meaningful gift to the children in my community while honoring the memory of a friend.”

Norman Chief of Police Keith Humphrey said he’s observed firsthand Bird’s passion and commitment toward civic engagement.

“(Bird) has the amazing ability to lead others,” Humphrey said. “Erica is always willing to provide valuable and honest insight toward any issue presented to her. Her ability to establish and cultivate internal and external partnerships is superior.”

Bird and her husband, Gabriel, have two children, Emmerson and Amelia, and are expecting another. Her hobbies include spending time with family, attending charitable events, painting and art projects, cooking and hosting dinner parties.



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ROY BONEY

Language Program Manager

Cherokee Nation



AGE 39

Roy Boney always dreamed of pursuing his passion in the visual arts, and initially felt that college was out of his reach. Today, he has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in studio art from the University of Arkansas in Little Rock.

An accomplished artist, Boney has worked in New York at a printmaking studio and studied with world-famous artists including Robert Rauschenberg and James Rosenquist. His work and animated films have been exhibited and shown in India, France, Italy and England. He has spoken at companies such as Microsoft, Google and Apple, and even traveled as far as Australia to deliver a keynote speech at a conference.

Originally from Locust Grove, Boney said he is proud of how his education has helped him serve his Cherokee tribal community. "My most significant personal accomplishment has been developing technological solutions for the Cherokee language to be used in today's technology," Boney said.

As the language program manager for the Cherokee Nation, he has worked with Apple, Google and Microsoft to ensure that their products support the use of the Cherokee language.

"Cherokees literally text, email, and engage in social media every day using our language. It is a major component of retaining our tribal identity and culture," he says. His work extends beyond the technological realm. Boney also coordinates traditional speakers for the official translations of new words to be used across tribal government and businesses, hosts community learning courses on-site and online, coordinates quarterly meetings for the Cherokee Language Consortium, and supports the tribal departments that oversee the Cherokee Immersion Charter School and the Cherokee Master Apprentice Program.

"His work and passion in cultural preservation has greatly increased our tribal language retention efforts," said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker.

Boney's accomplishments, through his own knowledge and ability to lead and inspire others, have resulted in vastly increased usage of the Cherokee language.

"In addition to his academic pursuits in language adaptation and advancement, Roy is a vital figure in the Cherokee Nation's quest to advance Cherokee art forms and to lead Cherokee students in producing and showing their works," said Warren Neil Morton, senior adviser to Education Services for the Cherokee Nation.

A believer in the idea that everyone that you meet has something to teach you, Boney is on a quest to always listen and always keep learning.

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JESSIE BRANDT

Convention Services/Catering Sales Specialist

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa

Jessie Brandt was determined not to be a victim of her circumstances, and now she works to be the change in the lives of others.

When Brandt was a child, her inspiration came from her neighbor, Mary, who mothered her in the ways her birth mother did not – helping her get into school, teaching her about Christ and a Christian lifestyle, and helping her learn life lessons and skills, such as how to cook, clean, and be a lady.

“Mary was the mother I needed, and she did not have to be. My life could have fell to drugs, alcohol or any other unfortunate thing, but because of her, I turned out the way I did,” Brandt said.

Today, in addition to being a single mother with two children of her own, Logan and Brody, Brandt is a foster mother to sibling groups for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Since starting with the program in 2012, she has taken in 16 children to date.

“My goal is to be like Mary, to love on kids and show them that they are important, show them a glimpse of a better life, and hopefully inspire them to rise above what they were handed in life and make it great,” she said.

Brandt’s dedication and commitment to all she does sets an example to those around her, particularly at her job as catering sales manager for the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa.

“Jessie is so enthusiastic about her job and life in general,” said Stacy McKee-Redden, director of sales for Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa. “She is involved with making our community a better place, one foster child at a time, and creates a lasting impression on everyone she meets. She has done a fantastic job at maintaining the children’s connection to their families and culture, all while balancing her own personal and work life. She has such a joy and passion in helping these children and their families!”

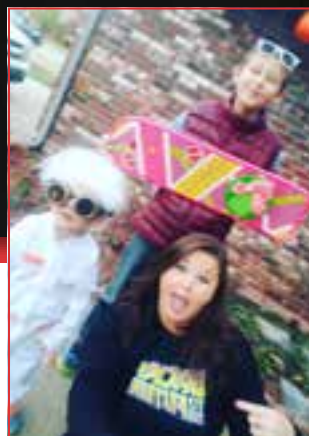
Her success in catering sales has been notable.

“Organized and diligent, Jessie quickly learned the ins and outs of the hospitality business, mastering behind-the-scenes tasks and front-of-the-house tasks,” said Victoria Roden Gessert, senior sales manager at the casino. “Jessie is dedicated and eternally upbeat. Her ability to calm angry or frustrated brides is unparalleled. (Because of this ability,) Jessie is our top-producing catering manager over weddings.”

In addition to spending time with her boys, she enjoys attending concerts and trying new foods.



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BRIAN BUSEY

President and Chief Operating Officer
Delaware Resource Group



AGE 35

When Brian Busey joined his father's company, he was only the third employee. Today, he leads Delaware Resource Group, which now has almost 650 employees with over 40 locations worldwide.

Busey began interning at Delaware Resource Group, known as DRG, at age 19. He moved on to serve as vice president of human resources and then senior vice president of human resources and operations before being named chief operating officer in 2012. Last year, he was promoted to president.

"Brian leads by example and never stops growing as a leader and as a human," said Tisha Tate, vice president of commercial development for DRG. "There is no one who works harder in our company and absolutely no one that strives for excellence more. He is a unique combination of drive, determination and graciousness."

Busey said his main influence in his life has been his father, Phil G. Busey Sr.

"I have always been inspired by my father. He started our business with nothing and was able to achieve success that allowed me to have a career path," Busey said. "When my father got sick and then was bound to a wheelchair, it was even more inspiring for me to continue to work hard and do whatever I could to take care of our companies while he was in recovery."

Outside of his role with DRG, Busey serves on the board of directors for Regent Bank.

"His business and human resources knowledge is second to none and you would never guess that he is our youngest board member," said Regent Bank Chairman and CEO Sean Kouplen.

Busey also volunteers with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and El Sistema Oklahoma. In addition, he donates his time and money to Deaconess Pregnancy and Adoption, Infant Crisis Services and Citizens for Caring Children.

Busey is a graduate of Leadership Edmond Class XXIV. In addition to being named among the 2018 Journal Record Achievers Under 40, he has been honored as a Native American 40 under 40 by the National Center for the American Indian Enterprise Development, among the 20 Under Forty by The *Business Times of Edmond* and Oklahoma City 40 Under 40 by the *Oklahoma Gazette*.

Busey has two children – Owen, 6, and Avery, 5.

"My biggest goal in life is to ensure I do everything I can to be known for my hard work and dedication to my team at work, but more importantly my children and my family," he said.

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MIRIAM CAMPOS

Branch Manager/Vice President
JPMorgan Chase



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Miriam Campos is a well-rounded professional who values education and serving her community. She is currently working toward her Doctor of Business Administration-Leadership degree from Liberty University. She completed her Master of Business Administration in 2015 from Southern Nazarene University, where she also earned her Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership in 2012.

Campos said she considers being the first in her family to get a master's degree and the first to be accepted into a doctoral program as her greatest personal accomplishment.

"It has come with sacrifices, dedication and hard work balancing a full-time professional career, community involvement and education," she said.

Most of Campos' professional career has been with JPMorgan Chase, where she began as a personal banker in 2010, then moved up the ranks to assistant branch manager before assuming her current position in 2016.

"As branch manager, I have had the opportunity to personally develop employees into leadership roles and successful long-term careers," Campos said. "I take pride in seeing my employees succeed and develop their professional skills. As a manager, I have also been given the opportunity to create inclusive cultural events. This is significant because it allows our employees to be proud of their heritage and community."

Campos has consistently exuded pride in her heritage and community in the various volunteer roles that she has undertaken. She is board member for Metro Technology Centers, representing Ward 6.

"Campos exemplifies the characteristics of a new generation of leadership ready to take their place in our city's history," said Meg Salyer, Ward 6 councilwoman for Oklahoma City.

Campos is a member of Leadership Oklahoma City's Linking OKC's Young Adult Leaders (LOYAL), Class XI. She is the board president of ONE-Our Neighborhood Empowered and a member of the Oklahoma Hispanic Leadership Association. She is Ward 6 representative on the Citizens Committee for Community Development. For more than 10 years, she has coordinated the Fiestas De Las Americas Parade in Capitol Hill. She also volunteers for the YWCA. Her efforts were rewarded in 2012 when she was named "Good Works Volunteer of the Year" by JPMorgan Chase.

"Campos is a talented and hardworking young lady who has demonstrated her passion to the community by investing her free time to serving others," said Jorge Hernández, president of Tango PR. "Her dedication and commitment have served as an example and have inspired others to follow."

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MARGARET CREIGHTON

Development Director
Positive Tomorrows

As the development director for Positive Tomorrows, Margaret Creighton has worked tirelessly to raise funds to build a new school for Oklahoma City's homeless children.

"Shepherding the board of directors, volunteer leaders, and staff through Positive Tomorrows' capital campaign has by far been the most invested and passionate I've been about a project in any job I've had," Creighton said. "We are almost finished! I believe in the cause of my current job so deeply that I pour myself into it every day. I'm fiercely protective and determined that the homelessness and poverty of the students we serve should not define their futures."

Creighton said the new school will double the number of children the nonprofit can serve as well as expand its services to babies.

"No baby or child should be homeless, and this school will break the cycle of generational poverty for so many," she said.

Oklahoma businesswoman and philanthropist Judy Love, who agreed to co-chair the Positive Tomorrows campaign this past fall, said Creighton is one of the finest staff people she has worked with through her charitable activities.

"If I ask a question, she immediately has a succinct answer – any records I need she has at her fingertips," said Love, co-founder of Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores. "She is totally in tune with this campaign in every way. I really don't think we could have raised over \$10 million so far without her help. She is an excellent speaker and a wonderful ambassador for Positive Tomorrows."

Prior to joining the staff of Positive Tomorrows, Creighton worked with several other area nonprofits, including Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and Oklahoma Arts Institute. In addition, she volunteers her time with Stone Ridge Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and is active with United Way Emerging Leaders and the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She also is a member of Leadership Oklahoma City Class 36.

"Whether she undertakes a project as part of her profession or as a volunteer, she is passionate about making Oklahoma City the best community in which to live and rear a family," said Cathy Keating, chair of the Annie Oakley Society at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. "How fortunate we all are to have her commitment to her city and state."

Creighton has a bachelor's degree in dance management and a master's in business administration from Oklahoma City University. She and her husband, Shaun, have two children – Liam, 7, and Lyla, 4.



AGE 38

RYAN CROSS

Vice President - Commercial Banker

Arvest Bank



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Ryan Cross is ambitiously driven to be excellent in his career and community pursuits. Cross has been working in the banking industry since graduating from the University of Oklahoma in 2001. He is currently vice president and commercial banker for Arvest Bank.

“Ryan’s knowledge and proactive approach has made him an outstanding member of our team,” said Arvest Bank President and CEO Ron Witherspoon. “He is an excellent representation of dedication to his work and to his community, and I feel confident in Ryan’s abilities and integrity.”

Cross, who earned a finance and international business degree from the University of Oklahoma, is working toward a banking school graduate degree. He is currently enrolled in the Oklahoma Bankers Association Intermediate Banking School and will be attending the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado as a second-year student this summer.

Volunteer work is a major part of Cross’ life. He is involved with the West Oklahoma City Rotary Club, where he is past president, and has been active with both the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce. Cross also has volunteered his time with the United Way and March of Dimes, a cause close to his heart.

“I will always owe a debt to the research and advocacy of the March of Dimes,” Cross said. “My twins were born 12 weeks premature in 2005, and without the March of Dimes research of surfactant and the other lifesaving care that my twins received, they would not be alive today. I continue to be proud to give back to such a great organization.”

As the 2017 chairman for the Oklahoma City March for Babies, he helped surpass the sponsorship goal of \$75,000 to more than \$100,000 and went over the \$200,000 event goal to more than \$250,000. It was the most successful walk since 2012, with more than 6,000 walkers participating.

“Ryan Cross embodies the qualities of the perfect volunteer and board member,” said Laurie Applekamp, executive director, March of Dimes. “He leads by example, and encourages others to do the same. Ryan exemplifies all that an organization would hope to have in a leader. We are only as strong as our volunteer base, and we are thankful for the dedication and professionalism that Ryan brings to our organization. He continues to amaze me in his ambition and tireless efforts to further our mission of the March of Dimes.”

Cross and his wife, Shannon, have four children: Haley, Cadence, Morgan and Rylie.

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JEREMIAH DAVIS

Artistic Director

Oklahoma Contemporary



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Jeremiah Davis aims to change the art world in Oklahoma City.

“One major goal of mine is to increase access to arts education for Oklahomans of all ages in order to inspire the peoples of our state to unlock their creative potential to build a strong, innovative, creative and economically vibrant future,” he explains.

A strong believer in the power of education, Davis holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Columbia University in dramaturgy and script development. He has extensive work experience in New York City’s theater industry that spans almost a decade. In 2016, Davis returned to Oklahoma to be the artistic director for Oklahoma Contemporary.

Oklahoma Contemporary founder and President Christian Keesee said Davis has built a strong programming plan that will guide exhibitions, education, performances and events in the organization’s new location, which is expected to open in downtown Oklahoma City in the fall of 2019.

Davis said his role at Oklahoma Contemporary has been the most challenging and important leadership endeavor of his career.

“Since I joined the organization in 2016, we have surged past the 70-percent mark of our capital campaign, expanded attendance by almost 700 percent, and exponentially increased our fundraising capability. Additionally, we have increased the diversity of our audiences by launching key programs and forging partnerships that focus on access and inclusion.”

Keesee concurred. “As Oklahoma Contemporary grows, Jeremiah leads a focus on building an inclusive arts center that reflects the true cultural and creative diversity of our state,” Keesee said. “He envisions our new campus as a place for the community at large to gather, create and experience art. His vision for our new arts center will be key in creating a spectacular new arts education and cultural destination for Oklahoma City.”

Davis also does significant community volunteer work and has contributed in New York City and now here in Oklahoma, serving at places such as the University of Oklahoma, the Ralph Ellison Foundation, deadCenter Film Festival, Campbell Art Park Committee and the Youth Leadership Exchange.

“Jeremiah has an energy and gift to foster a culture of art in our city,” said Nathaniel Harding, president of Antioch Energy. “I know him to have good character, bringing an ethical and diligent professionalism to his work. Jeremiah is engaging, intelligent and energetic. Jeremiah impresses all who meet him.”

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WESTON DeHART

President

CMSWillowbrook

Weston DeHart's grandfather always told him, "If you sweep that floor better than anyone else, you won't be pushing a broom very long."

DeHart said those words still motivate him today.

"My grandfather was right. It wasn't long before I got to dig ditches and build concrete forms! Then one day I looked up and I was running the entire job site, which then led to managing a hospital addition while I was still in college at OSU," said DeHart, who graduated from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in construction management in 2006.

Today, DeHart is president and owner of CMSWillowbrook.

"Though my passion is still working with my hands, I found I was actually really good at leading people to complete something bigger than any one person could accomplish," DeHart said. "I still push that proverbial broom by growing my company's annual revenues from \$50 million to nearly \$150 million in the last 10 years."

DeHart said one of the most rewarding projects he has been involved with is the West Village development in downtown Oklahoma City.

Andy Burnett, one of the co-developers of the West Village, said he has great respect for DeHart's talents as well as personal character. "He has a talent for providing cost-effective solutions and working through complex approval processes to achieve success for all parties involved," Burnett said. "He also has a great heart for sustainability that puts him on the frontier of his industry."

Outside of work, DeHart and his wife, Julie, have mentored young adults through their leadership of college life groups in Edmond and Lifeskills Institute since they moved back home to Chickasha. CMSWillowbrook donated much of the construction needed to build Lifeskills Institute's 26-room, housing and learning facility.

"We now mentor members during this two-year program to help people rebuild their life from debt, drugs, or destructive lifestyles," he said. "We help them find work, manage their financial choices, and hopefully leave the program debt-free with enough savings for a down payment on their first home. It is truly a rewarding endeavor."

The DeHarts have two children – Ella Claire and Scout – and one on the way. He said nothing validates what he does more than when he takes his daughters somewhere and they ask, "Daddy, did you build this?"



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JOHN EDWARDS III, J.D.

Porter Hedges LLP, Attorney

Halcyon Works LLC, CEO and Co-founder



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Lawyer. Business professional. Visionary. Volunteer. John Handy Edwards embodies all of these titles.

Currently an attorney with Porter Hedges LLP, he began his legal career at Watts & Edwards and later joined Commercial Law Group PC in 2006. In 2016, Edwards and his wife, Sarah, along with Tim and Erin Cooper, founded Halcyon Works LLC, a co-working community in Oklahoma City. Edwards serves as CEO for Halcyon Works, which is in the process of expanding its offerings to include exclusive private offices, business incubation support and tailored business services.

“John is a businessman and a lawyer, and that is a combination that is difficult to find,” said John Garrison, executive business manager. “He has provided valuable legal counsel and work product, time and time again, on clients we mutually represent. I am also one of his clients. John is the consummate professional, and I refer him to other professionals and friends for representation and advice.”

Edwards also volunteers in his community in various roles with a variety of groups, including the Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School Alumni Council.

“For the past eight years, John has given back to school volunteering countless hours as a member of our Alumni council,” said David Morton, principal of Bishop McGuinness High School. “He currently serves as president and helps organize and direct numerous events. These events have consistently generated \$10,000 to \$12,000 annually to support our scholarship fund for students who have demonstrated a financial need to continue their Catholic education.”

Edwards also made a run for office in 2013 and 2014, when he was a candidate for state Senate. “I was probably most impressed with John when he ran for public office in the last major election cycle,” Garrison said. “He did not win, but he walked his neighborhoods to listen to his constituents and delivered his message. That takes a fortitude not many people possess.”

Edwards received dual degrees in political science and general business from Southern Methodist University. He earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Oklahoma College of Law and MBA from the OU Price College of Business.

Edwards, who has traveled extensively, is trying to reach every continent before the age of 40. He said that, through his experiences, he has been able to “get a sense of the world beyond our normal expectations, and hopefully share those lessons with my children so that they may seek to expand their horizons.”

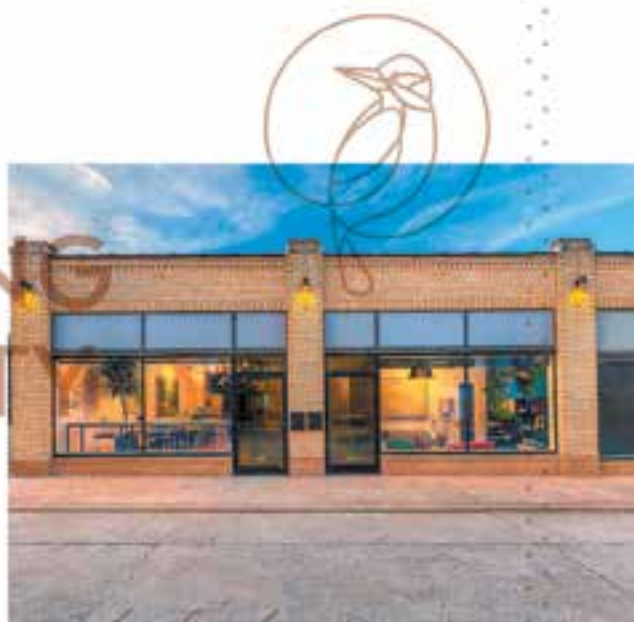
Edwards and his wife, Sarah, have three children, Estey, Colette and Jack.

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RAY FOREMAN

Senior Vice President/Lender

First Oklahoma Bank



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Ray Foreman, senior vice president and lender with First Oklahoma Bank, has more than 13 years of experience in the banking industry. Prior to assuming his current role in April, Foreman held positions at UMB Bank, Intrust Bank and Bank of the West. He also was part of the management team that started CrossFirst Bank in Oklahoma City.

Foreman is committed to his professional development and growth.

“I have never been afraid to ask for more responsibility or take on an additional challenge at work,” he said. “I believe it is important to build a network both inside and outside the bank, and really find ways to add value and gain trust.”

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Foreman credits the military for shaping him into the man he is today.

“Joining the military helped me mature and grow and gave me the internal drive to complete college,” he said.

Foreman’s pursuit of higher education began at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in finance and master’s degree in economics from the University of Oklahoma. He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado and National Commercial Lending School at Southern Methodist University.

“My most significant personal accomplishment is being a first-generation high school and college graduate,” Foreman said. “As a passionate learner, I am so thankful for the education I received, and the lessons I learned along the way.”

Foreman is an active member of South Tulsa Baptist Church. He has a passion for global missions and spent almost a year living with his family in Romania through the Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board. He also has taken mission trips to Nepal, Jordan, Russia, Indonesia, Mexico and Canada.

In addition, Foreman serves on the board of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Bankers Association Commercial Lending School Board of Regents.

He and his wife, Becky, have five children: Parker, 15; Lizzie, 14; Tim, 10; Benjamin, 9; and Molly, 4. In his free time, Foreman enjoys golfing, fishing and watching his kids play soccer and football.

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JOSHUA HINKLE

Assistant Vice President-Treasury Management Officer
Republic Bank & Trust-Norman

Joshua Hinkle's personal philosophy is to be an influence in all that he endeavors. To that end, he has dedicated himself to serving in his community through both his professional career and civic efforts.

Hinkle works as assistant vice president-treasury management officer for Republic Bank & Trust in his hometown of Norman. With over a decade of banking industry experience as well as experience in marketing, training and customer service, Hinkle is a champion for the small business owner.

"I love working with small businesses," Hinkle said. "I always take a consultative approach, where I visit with business owners to find out what their needs are, educate them on industry terms and do pricing comparisons to make sure they are getting fair pricing, whether from our services or from a competitor."

Hinkle is also willing to go the extra mile. When road construction threatened the businesses on Lindsey Street in Norman, Hinkle started Lunch on Lindsey, an initiative that not only helped bring customers back, but also encouraged other projects focused on helping those businesses. The success of the Lunch on Lindsey program identified Hinkle as a natural fit for his role as the Norman Chamber of Commerce's mascot for Small Business Saturday and starring in its campaign leading up to the event.

"Not only have I had the fortune of working with Joshua at Republic Bank & Trust, I now experience and better appreciate more of his passion for community service and giving back to his hometown with his involvement in the Norman Chamber of Commerce," said Scott Martin, president and CEO of the Norman Chamber of Commerce. "It is evident that his heart is with our community, and it shows by the investments he makes."

In addition to being involved with the Norman Chamber of Commerce, Hinkle also volunteers with Norman Next, the Eastside Business Association in Norman, the South Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, the Dale K. Graham Veterans Foundation and the Norman Arts Council.

Hinkle is also the former president of the Moore Public Schools Foundation, taking on the role just a week after the May 20, 2013, tornado.

"In the time I was involved with the MPSF, we went from a nonprofit trying to define itself, to winning the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence's Outstanding Program Award," said Hinkle, who oversaw a fundraising explosion that went from about \$30,000 annually to raising \$1.4 million that year.

Hinkle and his wife, Chelsea, have two children, Madison and Avery.



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LANDON HISE

CEO

Cordell Memorial Hospital



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When Landon Hise took over as CEO of Cordell Memorial Hospital in 2014 at age 30, he was the state's youngest hospital CEO. Along with his new duties, he wanted the rural hospital to think outside the box and stay on the cutting edge of technology.

That goal has resulted in a 115-percent revenue growth increase during Hise's tenure. Under his leadership, Cordell Memorial Hospital implemented the first tele-hospitalist program in the state where patients at the western Oklahoma health care facility can visit with hospitalists in Oklahoma City without having to travel far from home.

"It is big for rural Oklahoma. It's big for rural America," Hise said.

Hise also oversaw the development of the first of two medical clinics that opened in Cordell and brought medical specialists to the rural area.

"We have gone from zero specialists in town, to three," Hise said. "I want to not only be the hospital of choice in our region, but all of western Oklahoma."

Hise is also involved in the community, not only in Cordell, but in all of Washita County. He is a former president of the Cordell Chamber of Commerce and works on a state level to improve rural health care.

"Mr. Hise is not only a great CEO of the hospital, but a great advocate for rural hospitals at the state Capitol," said Marie Meyer, chief financial officer of Cordell Memorial Hospital.

Hise also represented southwest Oklahoma on the State Board of Rural Health. Under his leadership, Cordell Memorial Hospital was voted a top workplace in 2014 and 2015 and has been ranked a top rural hospital in the United States the last three years.

"Mr. Hise has a patient-first philosophy and believes that if you base all of your decisions around the needs of the patient, everything else will fall into place," said James K. Downs, chief operating officer of Cordell Memorial Hospital.

Hise began his career in radiology after earning his associate degree in radiologic technology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Sayre. He went on to earn an associate degree in business and a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Columbia Southern University.

Hise and his wife, Dana, have three children – Ashli, 18; Andon, 14; and Landry, 7. His hobbies include officiating high school football and spending time with his family and attending all their sports activities.

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MARY HUCKABEE, J.D.

Attorney

Conner & Winters LLP

Mary Huckabee, who was drawn to practicing in the area of real estate since she started law school, said her greatest professional accomplishment is the development of a land use and zoning practice based on her fundamental value for community.

“It’s rewarding to see my clients’ success reflected in the landscape of our community. My colleagues and I can look out the windows of our office and see buildings going up that we helped our clients finance, lease or purchase,” said Huckabee, an attorney with Conner & Winters in Tulsa. “I am lucky to practice law in an area where I not only see the physical evidence of my work in my city and state, but also where I feel the bonds of community in my work every day.”

Huckabee received her bachelor’s degree in environmental science from Columbia University in 2008. In 2012, she earned her juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, where she received the Joel Jankowsky Award for outstanding graduate. She also served as editor-in-chief of *American Indian Law Review*.

Huckabee completed a federal judicial clerkship with District Judge James H. Payne with the Eastern District of Oklahoma.

She is a member of the American Bar Association, Oklahoma Bar Association and Tulsa County Bar Association.

Serving her community is an important part of Huckabee’s life. She was introduced to the international development organization JustHope through a mission trip with her church to Nicaragua.

“During that long, hot week we had learned about Chacraseca’s values, its challenges, and what made the members of the community love it despite the extreme difficulties of living there,” she said.

Huckabee’s involvement didn’t end there – she joined JustHope as a volunteer in Tulsa and eventually, as a board member. She has since returned to Nicaragua to work alongside the organization’s partner community in La Flor.

“In 2015, JustHope began the arduous process of obtaining NGO status in Nicaragua,” said Jennifer Payton, JustHope executive director. “Without hesitation, Mary took the lead of the process, providing her legal knowledge and expertise, navigating areas of law outside her usual scope, as well as working through the legal processes of a developing country.”

Huckabee also serves as a trustee with Phillips Theological Seminary and as a board member of the Tulsa Debate League.

In her free time, Huckabee enjoys swinging a sledgehammer and mastering the tile saw while renovating her 1924 Cherry Street bungalow.



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JARRETT JOBE

Executive Director of Leadership
University of Central Oklahoma



AGE 39

Modeling his own personal philosophy after the words of Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world,” Jarrett Jobe is living out this creed to its fullest.

“My goal is to continue to provide dynamic and engaging educational opportunities for students, while contributing my time and service to the local, state, national and international communities,” Jobe said.

Jobe works at the University of Central Oklahoma as the executive director of leadership. He is also an adjunct faculty member at UCO and at the University of Oklahoma. He considers his most significant personal accomplishment to be the completion his Doctor of Philosophy degree in political science in 2012 from OU.

“Completing the degree was a culmination of investing multiple years of time and treasure,” Jobe said. “Through this process, I was able to engage with a multitude of faculty, advisers and colleagues, who have sharpened my intellect, challenged me to pursue significant meaning in my work, and supported my advancement as an academic and leader in my communities.”

Jobe was able to complete his degree while maintaining full-time employment at UCO. While he has affected UCO in many ways, he considers his most significant professional achievement to be the development of the Global Leadership and Service Academic Study Tours for UCO. Through these programs, more than 100 students have engaged in service-focused international experiences in Peru, South Africa, Uganda, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

UCO President Don Betz said “Jobe is a community leader, who has continuously committed his life’s work to the development of education in our state, and to the ideals of leadership, service and civic engagement.

“He is an articulate, confident, intelligent leader and his commitment to service and community engagement is rarely matched. His academic and leadership experience provide the perfect blueprint for a future leader of Oklahoma,” Betz said.

Mark Kinders, UCO vice president for public affairs, said Jobe has an innate ability to communicate and connect with people.

“He has always been a fast learner, and has the ability to think about problems and issues from a distance, seeing the entire picture and potential solutions,” Kinders said. “He is a leader who uses his strengths to better those around him. Students and peers respond to him with admiration and respect. Jarrett has a desire to help others achieve their full potential, and the example he sets in his daily life serves to assist in inspiring others and developing lasting relationships.”

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MICHAEL JOHNSON, M.D.

Vice President, Medical Services/Medical Director; Physician

The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital

Michael Johnson said he has always felt compelled to serve others. He is vice president for medical services, medical director and a physician for The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital, a location where he began working at the age of 17 as a nursing assistant. He went on to pursue education and a career in pediatric medicine, which ultimately led him back to Oklahoma City.

"When many physicians were leaving Oklahoma for job offers out of state, Dr. Johnson decided to return to Oklahoma City to positively impact our state's tiniest and most fragile citizens," said Lori Boyd, chief operating officer for The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital. "He does everything that he can to relate to his patients, regularly taking time to give them a hug, visit with their family members, or treat them to a piano recital in our lobby on Friday afternoons."

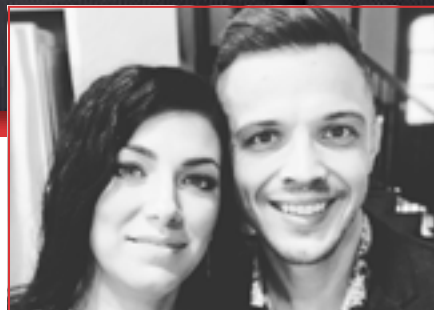
Johnson said he derives the greatest sense of professional satisfaction in using his role as a physician to touch the lives of his patients and their families.

Johnson is currently working on an MBA focused on medical management from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is also an adjunct faculty member for the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and oversees all third-year pediatric residents as they rotate through the hospital. "I feel both an ethical imperative and a professional obligation to always strive to improve what we do for the ultimate benefit of my patients, their families, my institution, and the community at large," he said.

Johnson is involved with the Pediatric Complex Care Association, a national nonprofit whose members are providers of pediatric post-acute and long-term care. The children served have complex medical needs and frequently have severe developmental delays. Johnson serves on the board and is chair of the Clinical Practice Committee.

"Although Dr. Johnson has a demanding leadership role at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital, he makes time to chair these committees, meet regularly with me and the statistician for our benchmarking project, consult with our members, and actively participate on our board of directors," said Patricia Budo, executive director of the Pediatric Complex Care Association. "Dr. Johnson has a deep commitment to the children and families our members serve, and consistently strives to ensure that our members can improve the quality of care we provide. He is innovative, creative, engaging and passionate about the work that he does."

Johnson and his wife, Kimberly, have three children, Seth, Zoe and Sophia.



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SHEENA KARAMI

Director of Corporate Communications and Public Relations
Express Employment Professionals



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Sheena Karami has a passion for serving others that, perhaps, was best demonstrated through her work at the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

During her tenure at United Way, she raised over \$3.5 million, funding vital services across central Oklahoma to help give individuals and families a chance to improve their lives.

“Due to my upbringing, I understand the importance of giving back and supporting my community, especially those searching for a hand up, not a handout,” said Karami, former Oklahoma State Charitable Campaign director for the United Way.

Karami, a first-generation American, said her parents instilled in her at a young age the importance of helping others.

“My parents came to the United States from Iran, separately, on visas in the 1970s. They left everything they knew in search of a better opportunity,” Karami said. “I watched as they went without so I never did, as they worked hard to keep quality food on the table, as they gave back to the community despite their struggles, and as they led by example the importance of hard work and earning an education.”

After leaving the staff at the United Way, Karami worked as vice president at Ackerman McQueen for four years. Last year, she assumed her current position as director of corporate communications and public relations for Express Employment Professionals at its international headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Jennifer Anderson, vice president of marketing and communications at Express, described Karami as a confident and effective leader.

“More than her accomplishments, it is her genuine and honest personality, coupled with her heart of gold, that truly sets her apart from the crowd,” Anderson said. “As a ‘friend’ first, she cares and listens to be influenced, which is undoubtedly her most impressive quality.”

Suzanne Singleterry first worked with Karami as a loaned executive at the United Way of Central Oklahoma.

“Sheena is a positive, motivating force with tremendous personal integrity,” said Singleterry, director of public affairs for Jones PR. “She is an accomplished communicator who leads by example and unflinchingly volunteers to take on the toughest challenges.”

Karami is a board member for the Junior League of Oklahoma City and a member of Leadership Oklahoma City’s Alumni Association. In addition, she is president of the Oklahoma City/Metro Area Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi.

“I aspire to lead by example,” she said, “showing others the importance of volunteerism, community participation, and living life with confidence and grace.”

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ASHA KARIPPOT, M.D.

Medical Oncologist and Hematologist
Cancer Treatment Centers of America



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A native of India, Asha Karippot attended the University of Calicut in Kerala, India, where she completed her pre-medical and medical school education. After completing her residency in internal medicine at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center-Mount Sinai Program in New Jersey, Karippot completed a fellowship in hematology and oncology at Seton Hall University and the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

Today, she is triple-board-certified in medical oncology, hematology and internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine. She has worked with Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa since 2017. She was previously employed at Cancer Care of North Texas in Plano and Hematology and Oncology at TJ Health Partners in Glasgow, Kentucky.

"I consider Dr. Karippot to be a stellar physician who is making a positive difference in Oklahoma," said Daniel Nader, chief of staff, Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa.

Jay Foley, president and CEO of Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa, said Karippot is passionate about the clinical care she provides to patients and treats them as if they were part of her family.

"Dr. Karippot believes in educating her patients while developing an integrative treatment plan tailored to each individual," Foley said. "This approach has seemed to help increase quality of life, and helps patients to feel more secure, comfortable and confident throughout their treatment journey."

Karippot is a member of several professional organizations. She has presented her work at national conferences and has authored several articles in peer-reviewed journals. She considers her most significant personal accomplishment to be the publication of an abstract in *Blood Journal*, a peer-reviewed medical journal published by the American Society of Hematology. In addition, Karippot mentors medical students, residents and nurse practitioners.

She is involved in Boy Scouts with her son and is an active member of the Parent-Teacher Association at Holland Hall, where her children are students. She also volunteers at the Hindu Temple and participates in Karuna-Compassion for Humanity, an organization that raises funds for underprivileged cancer patients in the U.S. and India. She is also a volunteer for Heart to Heart and recently participated in a coat and shoe collection for the nonprofit organization.

Karippot is married to Sudheer Nambiar, a fellow physician at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Tulsa. They have two children, 14-year-old daughter, Nayna; and 7-year-old son, Navin.

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HAZEL LONEWOLF

Chief Quality Officer
Oklahoma City Indian Clinic



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Hazel Lonewolf said she adopted her personal philosophy from her dad, who always encouraged her to expand her horizons.

“He always pushed me to be the best person I can be, and even more importantly, he pushed me to go outside of my comfort zone,” Lonewolf said. “Whether it was a new food, choosing where to go to college, or choosing a vacation destination, expanding your horizons was always the charge of the day while I was growing up.”

The philosophy has served her well. After earning her bachelor’s degree in government and Native American studies from Dartmouth College in 2003, she went on to earn her master’s degree and doctorate in public health from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. She began her career at Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service before joining the staff of Oklahoma City Indian Clinic, where she now serves as chief quality officer.

“Under her leadership, an emphasis on lean process optimization and continuous quality improvement has resulted in the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic being repeatedly recognized by the Oklahoma Quality Award Foundation,” said Daniel Molina, Oklahoma City Indian Clinic’s chief medical officer. “Her in-depth knowledge on key health issues affecting our patient population and ability to formulate targeted prevention strategies directly translates to thousands of lives saved for our community. She has astutely provided us with targeted, population-based clinical guidance that has cemented my ultimate respect for her intellect.”

Lonewolf is particularly proud of the employee recognition program she has created that is known as Care Bears. Using the patient satisfaction survey, she implemented a process whereby staff members identified by patients as having exceptional customer service are honored.

“The program continues to grow in popularity, and my greatest satisfaction is in creating a visible reminder for employees to help remind themselves how truly amazing they are,” she said.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic CEO Robyn Sunday-Allen described Lonewolf as hardworking, creative and intelligent. “She is a key to our clinic being viewed nationally as a model for American Indian health care. It is her forward-thinking and innovation that has led to an immersion in quality efforts that have surpassed other like organizations. Dr. Lonewolf is a teacher, leader and role model in her field. I know that this is just the beginning for her as she continues in her career.”

Lonewolf is married to Carlos Johnson and has a 4-year-old son, Theodore.

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Secretary of the Nation and Commerce
Muscogee (Creek) Nation



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Elijah McIntosh is the secretary of the nation and commerce for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, a Cabinet-level position with the fourth-largest tribe in the U.S. that required confirmation from the National Council.

Prior to his current job, he worked with the National Credit Union Administration as a principal examiner and for Waddell and Reed as a financial adviser. McIntosh was also in the U.S. Marine Corps from 2000-2004, attaining the rank of sergeant.

"In the Marine Corps, I was in a leadership position at a young age," McIntosh said. "I learned the greatest impact you can have is how you conduct yourself on a daily basis. Actions speak volumes above words, and words are not heard when not backed up by example."

One of McIntosh's most significant professional accomplishments has been developing financial literacy programs offered free of charge to summer youth participants and adults.

"I know firsthand how stale, unorganized and passive his department was when he started," said Jerry McPeak with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "Elijah came in and not only stopped the downward slide, but, in very short order, has made his department something others in the nation want to study and emulate. Elijah has put his own brand on it. His energy, unquestionable knowledge, commitment and dedication to the people has permeated the entire department. In fact, his influence is felt throughout the tribe."

McIntosh is also involved with the Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium as the vice chairman.

"I first met Mr. McIntosh when the Oklahoma Tribal Financial Consortium organization was being created. He immediately identified the importance of such an organization and jumped in with enthusiasm and vigor," said Victor Flores, president, Oklahoma Tribal Finance Consortium. "He has taken a leadership role on the board, led steering committee meetings and has helped craft amazingly successful meeting agendas. His leadership style is extremely accessible, and he is a very hands-on type of leader. I have always found him as someone who gives of his time and motivates others to become stronger leaders. He is a strong proponent of sharing and exchanging ideas, working together for the greater good and learning together. He is a pioneer and innovator when it comes to leading tribal nations throughout Oklahoma to gain financial and economic synergy through collaboration."

McIntosh is married to Natasha, his wife of 16 years, and they have two children, Diana and Isaac.

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TRISH McPEEK

Director of Business Intelligence
Central Electric Cooperative

Trish McPeek said she feels the greatest accomplishment when she empowers others. “I thrive when I am connecting two people or ideas together to create something bigger and better or when I see potential in someone and I learn how to unleash it,” said McPeek, director of business intelligence for Central Electric Cooperative.

“My life goal is to leave whatever I touch a little better than what it was before. I want to make a positive impact in people, my community, my church and the world around me. I want to raise my children in a generous home and teach them the value of helping those around us,” she said.

McPeek began her career working as a senior account specialist in Stillwater Medical Center’s business office before joining Oklahoma State University Foundation as senior prospect data analyst in 2014. She began working at Central Electric Cooperative last year.

In addition to her role at the Stillwater-based electric cooperative, McPeek is the Stillwater user group leader for Tableau Community.

“The Tableau Community is made up of users from across the world, from every type of organization, using data analysis to solve nearly every problem imaginable,” McPeek said. “A Tableau User Group is often the best way to learn fascinating new ways to approach data discovery.”

Her civic involvement includes serving on Stillwater Smart Community Source’s Leadership Council and the Young Professionals of Stillwater Board. She also volunteers with the Payne County United Way, Life Church and Relay for Life-Stillwater. In addition, McPeek is a graduate of Leadership Stillwater Class XXIII.

“(McPeek) is among a group of Stillwater’s finest leaders working toward creating an engaging environment that begins a ripple effect for achieving greater results for the community,” said Michelle Perzee, chief operating officer of Central Electric Cooperative.

McPeek’s professional and community efforts have earned her recognition as one of Oklahoma’s Nextgen Under 30 and Stillwater’s Emerging Leaders Under 40. In 2015, she received OSU Foundation’s Rookie of the Year award.

She has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business administration from Colorado Technical University.

“If I could change just one person’s life the way so many have changed mine, then I would know I have followed out my purpose,” she said.

McPeek and her husband, Daniel, have two children – 7-year-old Emery and 3-year-old Olivia. In her free time, she enjoys attending spin class and taking Sunday naps.



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BANSARI MEHTA

Medical Practice Administrator

Retina Vitreous Center



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Bansari Mehta has known she wanted to work in health care since she was just 8 years old, growing up in India.

Originally trained as a respiratory therapist, Mehta went on to earn her master's degree in health administration and policy from the University of Oklahoma in 2010.

She describes herself as "an efficient medical practice administrator who understands the nuances of health care and is willing to spread cost-effective ways and means of making health care a better commodity." In her role with Retina Vitreous Center, Mehta oversees 25 employees, including three physicians, in five locations. She is also the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives' West Central regional lead for four states.

"I have been instrumental in meeting and exceeding operational goals for projects across varied health care administration specialties with my strong program development, implementation, and performance improvement background skills," Mehta said. "I have implemented various groundbreaking policies and procedures at RVC. I am constantly training and mentoring my employees to be excellent leaders who will take their leadership skills wherever they go. My biggest professional achievement has been to connect, train and impact my employees who inspire me to be a better leader."

Mehta's achievements with best practices were duly noted by her peers, and she was asked by senior executives to share her experiences in a webinar for the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives.

"I have always found her to be exceptionally ethical, compassionate and hardworking," said Bill Bryant. "As Oklahoma develops an identity that is increasingly global in its outlook, Bansari represents the best of our culture and community. She is widely regarded as a thoughtful, generous, hardworking and intelligent individual. She is active in the community and serves on several nonprofit boards."

One of Mehta's volunteer positions is with Toastmasters International. John Fanelli, president of the Mid-Del Toastmasters Club, said, "Ms. Mehta is a highly articulate, hardworking, well-rounded individual that I am pleased to be associated with."

In addition, she has been involved with the United Nations locally through the U.N. Association of Oklahoma City and has served as a youth mentor for the U.N. Youth Assembly in New York City. She is also active with Shot@Life, Suited for Success and Stand against Racism. Mehta is a United Nations-USA Emerging Leaders Fellow and also a New Leaders Council fellow.

Mehta speaks seven languages and enjoys adventure sports, archeology, astronomy and air flight.

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LUCY LAMBERT NOVOTNY

Project Manager

Manhattan Construction Co.

Lucy Lambert Novotny is the fourth generation in her family working in the construction industry, as she has followed in the footsteps of her father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Currently a project manager with Manhattan Construction Co., she has more than 10 years of experience in the industry throughout her tenure at Manhattan Construction Co. and previous work with JE Dunn Construction. She has been a part of industry award-winning projects including the McBride Orthopedic Hospital Medical Office Building and First Baptist Dallas New Campus.

Jason Cobb, senior vice president at Guernsey, worked with Novotny on the construction of the Oklahoma City Airport Trust's \$36 million Consolidated Rental Car Facility from 2014-2016.

"During the course of this high-profile and very challenging project, I observed Lucy to be an intelligent, hardworking and dedicated team player," he said. "Lucy demonstrated an ability to professionally navigate often very divisive issues and collaborate on mutually beneficial solutions. Lucy has a clear commitment to her team and profession, and I appreciated Lucy's steadfast approach to doing the right thing for the betterment of the project, and, ultimately, the city of Oklahoma City."

Novotny is currently involved with the interior restoration of the state Capitol.

"Lucy's unwavering commitment to her community, as well as her natural talent and ability, is literally transforming the landscape of our great state," said Kyle Nelson, Manhattan Construction's Oklahoma City vice president. "Nowhere is this more evident than in her role as the project manager on the high-profile, historic restoration of our state's Capitol building. Every step of the way, she performs with professionalism, expertise and relentless commitment. We are extremely proud to have Lucy represent our culture of uncompromising dedication."

Novotny is involved with various professional groups related to her field, including the Associated General Contractors of Oklahoma Education Foundation and the National Association of Women in Construction.

"In the 10 years that I have been a professional in this field, it has been important to me to overcome old stereotypes and transform how the industry views women in construction," she said.

Novotny and her husband, Derek, have an infant son named Brian. She considers being a mother to be her most significant personal achievement. Her hobbies include the gym, travel, boating on the lake and spending time with her family.



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TREVOR S. PEMBERTON, J.D.

District Judge

Oklahoma County District Court



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Oklahoma County District Judge Trevor Pemberton counts his current job as his great professional achievement.

“The appointment is a culmination of hard work, gained respect of peers, grace and God’s favor,” said Pemberton, who is serving as the youngest district judge in Oklahoma County.

Pemberton began his legal career as an attorney with Foliart Huff Ottaway & Bottom, where he represented hospitals and other health care providers in the defense of medical malpractice claims. He later practiced at Mulinix, Ogden, Hall, Andrews & Ludlam and then at a newly formed firm called Hall & Ludlam before joining Hayes Magrini & Gatewood. His practice included civil litigation as well as family law and estate planning.

In 2017, he was named special judge for the Oklahoma County District Court, presiding over a family and domestic docket. In January, he was appointed by Gov. Mary Fallin to his current role of district judge.

Pemberton said he considers retired judges Bryan Dixon and Roger Stuart as two of his main judicial influences.

“Like them, I do not seek notoriety or praise for holding the position of district judge, yet instead, I seek to honor the office and treat fairly all who come before me,” Pemberton said.

“In his time as a judge, Judge Pemberton has proven himself to be a sound jurist – respectful, fair-minded and conscientious,” said Oklahoma County Special District Judge Sheila D. Stinson. “His calm and measured demeanor was particularly well-suited for the family bench, and it serves him well now for the civil bench.”

Pemberton embodies the public servant spirit on the bench as well as in the community, Stinson said. He is a board member of Salt and Light Leadership Training, a member of the Oklahoma City Downtown Exchange and a volunteer with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

His honors include recognition as an American Registry Top Young Lawyer in 2012 and 2013, receiving an AV peer rating through Martindale Hubbell, and being listed among the National Academy of Family Law Attorneys Top 10 Family Law Attorneys Under 40 in Oklahoma in 2014 and *Oklahoma Super Lawyers*’ Rising Stars from 2012-’17. He also is a graduate of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Citizens’ Academy.

Pemberton earned his law degree from Oklahoma City University, where he graduated with honors in 2008. Prior to that, he received his bachelor’s degree in sociology-criminology from the University of Oklahoma in 2005.

Pemberton’s hobbies include hunting, cycling, exercising, water skiing, wakesurfing and reading.

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R. LUKE REBENITSCH, M.D.

Refractive Surgeon, Owner and Medical Director
ClearSight Center



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R. Luke Rebenitsch, best known as Dr. Luke, is a leader and innovator in the field of ophthalmic surgery. As owner, medical director and refractive surgeon at ClearSight Center in Oklahoma City, Rebenitsch has dedicated himself to improving the vision of all of his patients.

"I believe in the value of human life," Rebenitsch said. "Therefore, I believe it is our duty to better ourselves as well as to improve the overall human condition."

Rebenitsch has challenged himself to be highly educated. After obtaining an undergraduate degree in chemical engineering, he completed medical school and a residency in ophthalmology. He later did a refractive surgery fellowship at Durrie Vision in Kansas City and undertook extra training in Baltimore. He also graduated in September 2016 from the Physician CEO Program in the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He started practicing in North Dakota with the opening of two refractive surgery centers in the state, then came to Oklahoma to join ClearSight in July 2015, becoming the owner at the start of 2018.

"Luke is one of the most outstanding eye surgeons that I have known in 37 years," said Gary Wilson, who practiced with Rebenitsch from 2015-2017.

Rebenitsch has many professional affiliations in ophthalmology, including the Refractive Surgery Alliance, where he serves on the executive committee. He has published numerous research articles, as well as presented national and international lectures and videos and made national meeting panel appearances. He has also received many recognitions and awards throughout his schooling and professional career.

"I worked closely with a collaborative group of well-known surgeons across the United States and abroad to develop and perfect the vision correcting technique of combined LASIK and KAMRA," Rebenitsch said. "In addition to being integral to this surgical technique's perfection, I also was the first surgeon in the United States to successfully perform 100 of these corneal inlays after FDA approval."

Ophthalmologist Guy Kezirian from SurgiVision Consultants Inc. commended Rebenitsch's integrity. "He is a natural leader with a great following of younger ophthalmologists, who look to him for guidance and support. I anticipate his leadership will continue to grow, and will have a very positive impact on refractive surgery and the many people he serves," Kezirian said. "He has worked hard to achieve his position, and continues to strive to scale, teach and serve. Rebenitsch is one of the engines behind the growth of refractive surgery, and his contributions benefit the entire profession."

Rebenitsch and his wife, Kristin, live in downtown Oklahoma City.

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MIKE ROBINS

Executive Director

Leadership Exchange Academy

Mike Robins moved to Oklahoma in 2014. Shortly thereafter he helped launch an Oklahoma-focused nonprofit called the Leadership Exchange Academy, where he serves as executive director and manages the program's operations.

“(Leadership Exchange Academy) provides opportunities for emerging leaders to learn about good government practices and the public policy process, while increasing the vision of growth based on free enterprise,” said J. Larry Nichols, chairman emeritus of Devon Energy Corp. “Mike is not new to helping others find their voice and footing in the public policy arena. Mike has a long history of helping business, public policy, nonprofit and community leaders achieve their goals.”

Robins values the career opportunities that he has had to be a trusted adviser. Early in his professional path, he worked as a research assistant with Steven R. Covey, who is best known as the author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Robins' contributions are acknowledged in Covey's book *The 8th Habit*.

“They allowed me access and accountable opportunities to collaborate with their team,” Robins said of his once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. “It was a foundational experience that taught me in the infancy of my career that there are three constants in life: change, choice and principles.”

Robins has also been influenced strongly by former President George W. Bush. Robins was the associate director for the White House Office of Speechwriting during Bush's term, and was a content editor for Bush's post-presidency memoir, *Decision Points*.

“I will always be grateful for the trust, opportunities and lessons I learned while serving on his staff,” Robins said.

Robins' additional work experience includes working for the American Red Cross National Headquarters as federal relations liaison, director at the Financial Services Roundtable, confidential liaison for the Mitt Romney Presidential Transition Readiness Team and founder of Michael Robins Consulting LLC. He is a member of the Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce and a volunteer for the Boy Scouts of America.

“Under Mike's day-to-day direction, LEA is reaching Oklahoma's emerging leaders and helping them have exceptional opportunities to exchange ideas, discuss the Oklahoma public policy process and increase their vision,” said former U.S. Rep. Dan Boren. “Mike knows how to roll up his sleeves and pour his heart into his passions.”

Robins and his wife, Lisa, have a 20-month-old son, Matthew, and another baby boy due this summer. Robins' hobbies include cheering on the Thunder and traveling.



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TRALYNNA SCOTT, J.D.

Attorney

Cherokee Nation Businesses



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As if working full time while pursuing a law degree and a master's degree simultaneously was not stressful enough, Tralynna Scott learned she was pregnant with twins during her last year of the joint degree program.

"My daughters were unfortunately born premature, and stayed in the hospital for several weeks. During those weeks, I worked, studied, and learned to be a new mom in their NICU room," Scott said. "Suddenly, my final year seemed impossible. However, with the support of my husband (Brandon) and through sheer determination, I graduated with honors the following spring. My 9-month-old twins were in attendance."

Today, Hadley and Hagan are 5 years old.

In addition to her juris doctorate and master's in taxation from the University of Tulsa, Scott has a bachelor's degree in accountancy from the University of Notre Dame. In 2015, she received a master certificate in human resources from Cornell University.

A citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Scott has dedicated her entire career to serving the tribe. She held positions including investment analyst and financial analyst before assuming her current role as an attorney with Cherokee Nation Businesses. She focuses on corporate and tribal taxation, employment law, tribal gaming protections and compliance issues for multiple business units located in 48 states.

"Ms. Scott is a driven individual who has worked with Cherokee Nation Businesses (CNB) for more than 12 years, and has consistently risen to meet new challenges over the course of CNB's growth," said Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker. "Ms. Scott is truly an exemplary leader and candidate, as she has helped shape many of our corporate business practices."

In addition to her work with the tribe, Scott serves as chairman of the Tulsa Indian Community Academy, is a member of the Native American Alumni of Notre Dame Board of Directors and volunteers with Tulsa Lawyers for Children. She also has served as a keynote speaker at a national Native American Women's Leadership conference.

"I always try to leave things better than I found them," Scott said. "This is what drives me both personally and professionally. In particular, this philosophy is what drives my volunteer work with children and education. My only goal is for the next generation to be better than we are."

In her free time, Scott enjoys playing dress-up with her daughters, making dinner with her husband and continuously redecorating her home.

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JOHN SEMTNER

Principal

FSB Architects + Engineers

John Semtner has a servant-leader attitude he said he learned from his parents and hopes to carry forward with his own children.

“I have watched my mother and father give back to the Oklahoma City community for decades,” he said. “My wife and I are dedicated to giving back to Oklahoma, and I hope we can inspire our children to do the same.”

Returning as a principal of FSB in 2018, Semtner first interned at the firm 19 years ago. The past six years Semtner served as a principal at ADG. He previously worked as an engineer at FSB and Lockheed Martin.

“John is one of the top young engineers in Oklahoma, and FSB is proud to have him lead our civic market as principal,” said FSB President and CEO Gary James. “He is one of the youngest principals ever at FSB.”

Semtner earned a bachelor’s degree from Lehigh University in 2002 and a master’s degree from the University of California at Berkeley the following year.

He is a member and former board member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. When Semtner served on the ASHRAE board, he focused his involvement in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) activities and the funding of those programs for K-12 students.

His community involvement includes serving as board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County and chairman of its Strategic Planning Board. He also is a volunteer with Festival of the Arts, United Way of Central Oklahoma and Santa Fe Family Life Center. Perhaps Semtner’s most impactful work has been with the Arts Council Oklahoma City, where he is the All Access Arts Committee chairman and the organizer for the Arts Partnership for Oklahoma City Public Schools. The Arts Partnership is a collaboration of 17 organizations with a common goal of providing arts education to OKCPS students.

“John is bright, extremely detailed, and passionate about the Arts Council and all of our programs,” said Peter Dolese, executive director of Arts Council Oklahoma City. “His latest achievements, as chairman of the All Access Arts Committee, have helped produce arts programming for more than 800 young school kids (this year) in the Oklahoma City public school system.”

Semtner and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Zach and Katherine. His personal time is spent volunteering and focusing on activities with his two young children.



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AMY BUCHAN SIEGFRIED

Co-founder

Last Night's Game



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Driven to break down stereotypes, Amy Buchan Siegfried founded Last Night's Game with her brother, Scott, in November 2015. Since then, the company has amassed readers worldwide, while receiving press from local, national and international outlets.

Prior to that, her career spanned multiple industries and continents, including a stint overseas in Singapore. Her seven years with the Arizona Diamondbacks inspired her to start Last Night's Game, after seeing her friends' lack of sports knowledge setting them apart at work – in a negative way. A native of Las Vegas, Siegfried attended Arizona State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in communications in 2003.

"As co-founder of Last Night's Game, she empowers those who don't know a lot about sports with a free, tri-weekly publication that covers the trending topics in sports in an easy-to-understand, fun way. Her reach isn't simply statewide, but international," said Emily Avants, human resources training, recruiting and strategic planning manager for Mill Creek Lumber and Supply.

"As a third-generation entrepreneur, I've always strived to pave my own way," Siegfried said. "If there's one point that I continually drive home to myself and to others it is that hard work is integral, but when you push yourself outside of your place of contentment, you will realize that you are more capable than you've ever realized."

Siegfried presented at TedxOU in 2017 and Phoenix Startup Week in 2018, and was a women's entrepreneur panelist at the 2018 Lion's Den Dallas Fort Worth Conference. She is a published author, having written for *Be Refreshed – A Year Of Devotions For Women In The Workplace*, *Edible Tulsa* and *Stilettoes on the Glass Ceiling*. Additionally, she has been a mentor and judge for a variety of national and global groups, including the Tulsa StartUp Series, Love's Entrepreneurs Cup and McCloskey Business Plan Competition. She also is involved with Irish Angels, 1 Million Cups, Association for Women in Communication and Leadership Oklahoma (Class 31).

The Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation drives the Tulsa StartUp Series and the foundation's chief operating officer, Meredith Peebles, said her staff is grateful for Siegfried's expertise, professionalism, thought partnership and drive.

"She approaches her personal success as an entrepreneur as a catalyst for her contributions to the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Tulsa," Peebles said.

Siegfried and her husband, Raegen, are chairs for the 2018 Spotlight on San Miguel event, benefiting the San Miguel School in Tulsa. The couple also founded Makan Tulsa, a quarterly culinary dinner club.

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EMILY SUTTON

Meteorologist

KFOR-TV

Whether it's storm chasing or competing in triathlons, Emily Sutton doesn't back down from a challenge.

"I started storm chasing in college for the thrill and it led me to my career," said Sutton, who is a meteorologist with NBC's Oklahoma City affiliate KFOR. "I'm always trying to set new goals and push the limit."

Sutton, who joined the 4Warn Storm Team in December 2009 as the first female meteorologist, was also the first female meteorologist at her previous television station, WCYB-TV in Bristol, Virginia.

"I'm very passionate about women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and like to encourage little girls to explore this field," said Sutton, who said she aspires to be the first female chief meteorologist in the Oklahoma City television market.

"As I worked alongside Emily for eight years, it became apparent that she puts herself in danger to save others," said Linda Cavanaugh, former co-anchor for KFOR's evening newscasts. "She is dedicated to the science of meteorology, but more importantly, to the potential it has to save lives."

After delivering the weekday morning newscasts, Sutton serves as a regular speaker for the television station's Weatherschool in addition to her storm chasing duties.

"At heart, Emily is a teacher, mentor and a role model," said Mary Ann Eckstein, director of media for the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum and former KFOR senior vice president of news. "Emily makes weather thrilling and informative in her regularly scheduled Weatherschool talks...Emily is making a connection to students in classrooms today – our science and technology leaders of tomorrow."

In her spare time, Sutton enjoys competing in triathlons for charity. She participated in her first triathlon, the Oklahoma Redman Half Ironman Triathlon, in 2011 and raised \$6,000 for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

"I loved raising money for a bigger cause but did not have a direct connection to leukemia and lymphoma," said Sutton, whose aunt was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia months later. "It was like God pushed me toward this cause for a reason."

Sutton, along with co-worker Scott Hines and 10 others, competed in the Ironman Arizona in 2014. The Oklahoma group raised \$200,000 for The Go Mitch Go Foundation, a local nonprofit benefiting cancer research and patient services.

Sutton is married to Michael Zurmehly, a Moore firefighter.

"My main goal in life is to live it," she said. "Take advantage of every opportunity, cherish every relationship and love others."



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WENDY THOMPSON

Manager of Indirect Tax Accounting
Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores



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Wendy Thompson began her career with Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores in 2008 after graduating from Oklahoma State University with a bachelor's degree in finance and a minor in accounting. She has made steady progress through promotions within Love's, where she is now the manager of indirect tax accounting.

"During Wendy's tenure at Love's, she has demonstrated a focused desire for leadership, and has progressed in her responsibilities and career," said Tom Kirby, corporate manager of career development for Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores. "Wendy is a difference-maker to the accounting department at Love's."

Thompson attended the Leadership Development Academy in June 2014 at Francis Tuttle and is an October 2017 graduate of the American Institute of CPAs Leadership Academy. She has her certified public accountant designation and her verified global management accountant certification. Wendy received the Oklahoma Society of CPA's Trailblazer award in 2016. She also was awarded with the Love's Customer Commitments Best Overall Presentation in 2015.

"Wendy has most certainly made a significant difference in her profession and the community in her young career," said Shane Wharton, chief financial officer and executive vice president of accounting and administration for Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores. "She knows how to lead by working side-by-side with her co-workers and other business leaders as a partner. One could describe her as a compassionate person with a competitive spirit. When she sets her mind to accomplish something, it will happen."

Thompson has a variety of professional affiliations and civic engagements, including being a LOYAL OKC Class XII graduate and a United Way Emerging Leader. She also is a member of the Young Accounting Professionals, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Young Professionals in Energy. In addition, she serves as treasurer for the Children's Advocacy Center of Oklahoma and for Thoroughbred Athletes, a group she has volunteered with since 2013. She has also volunteered with Junior Achievement and the Regional Food Bank of Central Oklahoma.

In 2015, Thompson and her horse competed against 10 other horses and trainers across the Midwest in a Trainers Challenge for Thoroughbred Athletes. The task was to take an unwanted ex-racehorse and train it for 120 days in another discipline so it could find a new home. Thompson and her horse, Miss Zanjero, won the \$10,000 prize in March 2015, beating out professional trainers, all while juggling her work and family commitments.

Thompson lives on a farm in Arcadia with her two children, Jeremiah and Madelynn.

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MOIRA WATSON, J.D.

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Hall Estill Attorneys at Law



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Moira Watson is a shareholder for Hall, Estill, Hardwick, Gable, Golden & Nelson PC, a position she began in 2016. She also teaches two commercial law courses at the University of Oklahoma College of Law.

“Moira’s students find her compelling, intelligent and approachable, and her courses incredibly insightful and useful,” said Rebecca Hamrin, associate director of Public Interest and Pro Bono Programs and Career Development, OU College of Law. “Moira’s students consistently comment that her teaching prepares them for the day-to-day realities of a law practice. Her firsthand experience is invaluable to our students. The most notable qualities about Moira, and the ones that set her apart from her peers, are her integrity and authenticity. She is kind, hardworking, and incredibly intelligent, yet also relatable at the same time. This is a rare combination, and Moira uses these talents to consistently provide first-class legal services to her clients, while also committing to the teaching and mentoring of the future leaders of Oklahoma.”

Watson earned her bachelor’s degree from Rice University and her juris doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In 2015, she earned her Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford.

“Finishing a doctorate at the University of Oxford while maintaining an active law practice is my greatest professional accomplishment to date,” Watson said. “This doctorate was a passion project. Each line of that dissertation is the result of careful and painstaking research dictated by my own standards and hopes for the work.”

Watson is a member of Hall Estill’s Recruiting Committee and Planning Committee. She has been a member of Downtown Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29 since 2017 and is the co-founder and president of the Oxford Society of the Great Plains, which she started in 2016. Watson has also been a board member for the Susan G. Komen Central and Western Oklahoma chapter since 2017.

“I knew she would be a great asset to our board, bringing her legal expertise, her commitment to women’s issues and her willingness to engage her firm in our mission,” said Lorna Palmer, executive director for Susan G. Komen Central and Western Oklahoma.

Watson is a native of Weymouth, Massachusetts, and met her husband, Ben, while at Oxford. Her hobbies include traveling and reading as well as exploring Oklahoma City.

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While maintaining her active Banking/Commercial Finance legal practice, Moira also teaches courses at The University of Oklahoma College of Law. Moira is active in the community as the co-founder and president of the Oxford Society of the Great Plains, a board member for Susan G. Komen Central and Western Oklahoma, and a member of the Downtown Oklahoma City Rotary Club 29. We suspect there may be a cape under her blazer!

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SUMMER WESLEY, J.D.

Owner/CEO

Hopoksia



AGE 37

Summer Wesley is exceptionally educated, an asset that has aided her throughout all of her endeavors. She earned her doctorate in law from the University of Oklahoma in 2013, when she also received a master's degree in Native American studies. She also has a master's degree in administrative leadership and a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from OU.

Since 2012, Wesley has been the owner and CEO of Hopoksia LLC, which provides research, writing, editing, and social media management services to individuals, legal practitioners, and businesses in various fields. She also serves on the board of Live Indigenous OK and is client coordinator for Aianli Law Firm.

"Summer is a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and is an exceptionally gifted advocate who has used her voice to raise awareness about issues impacting the Native community and women, especially those impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault," said Sarah Adams Cornell, co-founder of Matriarch Inc. "Her attention to detail, professionalism and reliability to complete assigned tasks make her invaluable. Women in Matriarch seek her out for advice and leadership, and she lends her assistance without hesitation. She has the ability to gracefully, quickly and thoroughly analyze, address and solve problems. Summer is an incredibly humble woman whose generosity, work ethic, and love of all people have made her known in and outside the Indian Country as a much sought-after leader in our community."

Wesley's honors include receiving the Norman Human Rights Award in 2016 and being named among the Big 12 Women of Influence by Cleveland County Lifestyle Magazine in 2017.

L. Rain Prud'homme-Cranford, a faculty member at the University of Calgary and San Francisco State University, has had Wesley speak to her class on several occasions.

"Wesley's position as an educator, lawyer, mother and an activist gives her the ability to approach community members with a vision of interconnectivity, holistic dialogue and practical application," Prud'homme-Cranford said. "She is an unprecedented educator for my students, particularly in courses on law and policy, who is able to answer questions, not only on the history of legal matters, but the how/why and practice of the law. This positions Summer as a leader when it comes to legal education, activism and community service."

Wesley has five children: Lane, Chahta, Honesty, Eve and Jordan. A registered artist with the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, she specializes in photography and jewelry making.

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ELIZABETH WINDEL

Principal Architect

SDG Architects

Elizabeth “Beth” Windel strives to live up to her greatest potential and encourages others to do the same.

She is the founder and principal architect at SDG Architects in Ardmore, which began in 2006 as Southern Design Group LLC. Prior to that, she spent six years as an architectural intern and project coordinator with Miles Associates in Oklahoma City. She holds a bachelor’s degree in architecture with a minor in construction science from the University of Oklahoma, where she graduated summa cum laude in 2003.

“Beth has incredible talent that makes her one of the finest architects in our great state,” said Ginny Bass Carl, senior director of development, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. “She is a bold visionary who works her magic so that function and form are combined to create art for many to enjoy where they live or work.”

Windel serves on the Professional Advisory Board for the University of Oklahoma Division of Architecture, Ardmore Historic Preservation Board and the Oklahoma Coalition for Affordable Housing. In 2015, she was appointed by Gov. Mary Fallin to the Board of Governors of the Licensed Architects, Landscape Architects and Registered Interior Designers of Oklahoma.

“The most rewarding aspect of my involvement with the Board of Architects has been creating an endowed scholarship,” Windel said. “The scholarship promotes licensure with the hope that many of the recipients will choose to remain in Oklahoma, providing a talented workforce for our growing state. I have had the chance to speak to recipients of the scholarship, and it is inspiring to see all that they are accomplishing. Spending time with these students has made me realize that of all the volunteer work I’ve done, and buildings I’ve designed, this scholarship will have the most lasting impact on the profession.”

Windel is a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class 30. She also is a coach with Girls on the Run of Southern Oklahoma. In 2011, Windel and a friend founded the southern Oklahoma council of the organization that teaches running to third- through eighth-grade girls. She is a past board president and past board member.

“I credit much of the confidence I have, which has taken me a long time to build, to being a part of this organization,” said Windel, who is past president and a former board member of the organization. “I am incredibly thankful to have the chance to bring this program to so many girls in Ardmore and the surrounding communities.”

Windel has three children, Ethan, Miles and Mollie.



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AIMEE YARBROUGH

Operations Officer
Citizens Bank of Edmond



AGE 35

Aimee Yarbrough, operations officer for Citizens Bank of Edmond, said she strives to be an active leader and contributor at her home, work and in the community.

"I have built my career with one company and with one goal in mind," said Yarbrough, who has been with Citizens Bank of Edmond since 2003. "I wanted to contribute to shaping my company, my bank, into a community-centered and focused, coveted organization."

"Aimee is a leader among management and all team members, displaying a maturity in temperament and ability beyond her age," said Fawn Sachleben, senior vice president and chief lending officer for Citizens Bank. "She shares her knowledge freely with co-workers, and is always available to provide thoughtful guidance and instruction to others. Also, she willingly assumes additional responsibilities as needs arise, and has performed them with excellence. She possesses logic and patience as she works with all areas of the bank. Her versatility is a true asset to our institution."

Yarbrough earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2005. She is a graduate of the Leadership Edmond Class XXIV in 2008-2009, Francis Tuttle's Leadership Development Academy in 2014-2015, and the Institute for Emerging Leaders Class II in 2016. In addition, she is a board member of the Edmond Public Schools Foundation and Edmond Family Counseling. She also serves as treasurer for her homeowners association.

Yarbrough has been the volunteer chair for Heard on Hurd since 2015, coordinating more than 20 volunteers to help with the monthly street festival that sees more than 25,000 visitors in downtown Edmond at each of the events.

Citizens Bank of Edmond President and CEO Jill Castilla, who has spearheaded Heard on Hurd, said Yarbrough has a servant heart.

"(Yarbrough) has become a cheerleader of the event throughout the bank and the community," Castilla said. "Aimee is a thoughtful leader who consistently strives for the betterment of our products and services. I am honored to have her on our team, and thoroughly enjoy working alongside her."

Yarbrough and her husband, Kenny, have a 9-year-old son, Cooper, and a 5-year-old daughter, Claire. In her free time, Yarbrough enjoys rest and relaxation.

"Snuggling up on the couch to enjoy movie night with my family is one of my favorite things," she said.

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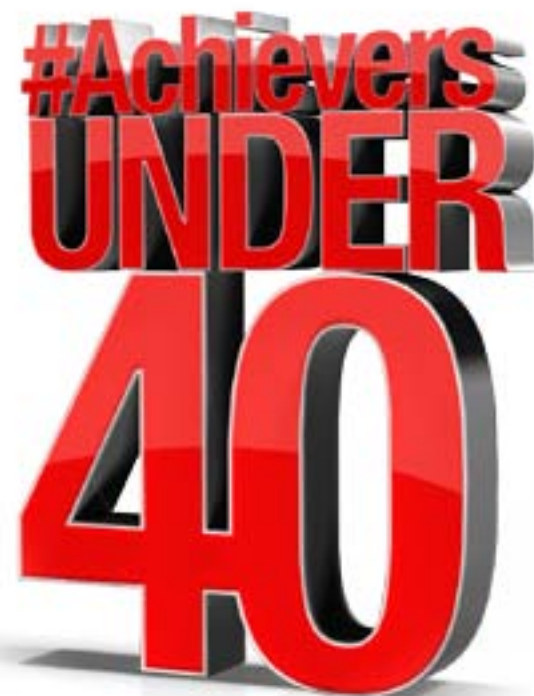
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