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For nearly twenty-five years, the Inspire Leadership Network has helped CIOs succeed in today's most challenging C-suite executive role. ArizonaCIO members grow their leadership through year-round, member-led programs and interaction. Working together, CIOs across public and private business, government, education, healthcare and nonprofit organizations collaborate, share ideas and best practices, and create enormous leadership value.

The ORBIE Awards bring together leaders facing similar challenges – and this year – the Inspire Leadership Network will grow to 30 chapters, including the first international chapter in Toronto, and 3 chapters exclusively for Chief Information Security Officers.

Security is top of mind for every leader and organization, and the same principles that have served CIOs can be applied to CISOs as well.

There is no textbook for how to be a great CIO or CISO. But relationships with other leaders facing similar challenges sharpen leadership acumen. Every leader's perspective is valuable and contributes to the conversation – and everyone wins by joining a peer leadership network.

Member-led, non-commercial programs build meaningful professional relationships with colleagues facing similar challenges, solving problems and avoiding pitfalls. Successful leaders understand the 'super-power' of trusted relationships. In any gathering of technology leaders, the answer is in the room.

Together, we are transforming our economy using technology & security, and enriching our region and our world. On behalf of ArizonaCIO, congratulations to the nominees and finalists on their accomplishments and thank you to the sponsors, underwriters, and staff who make the ORBIE Awards possible.



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Steve Reese

2023 Chair, ArizonaCIO
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Ed Dzadovsky

Executive Vice President And Chief Technology Officer
Circle K Stores Inc.

ORBIE Leadership Award recipient: Transforming the customer experience



By The Business Journals Content Studios

When Ed Dzadovsky turned 16, his father said what many parents of 16-year-olds do, "If you want to drive a car, you need to get a job."

So Dzadovsky set off in search of part-time work, landing a role at a McDonald's restaurant in his hometown of Pittsburgh. He didn't realize he was getting more than pocket money to cover his car, insurance and gas; he was starting a lifelong career.

"I loved working at McDonald's," Dzadovsky said. "I didn't think I would love it, but I did, and this curiosity on the tech side of me was always thinking about how I could use technology to help make the store experience better."

Throughout high school and college, Dzadovsky worked as a crew person and, later, a shift manager. After graduating with a computer science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, he moved into his first technology role as a regional store systems specialist.

"I went from an \$8-an-hour store manager to a salaried technology professional for a business unit," he said. "I loved operations, and I loved technology. To be able to put those two things together and deliver solutions that made a difference for people was really cool."

A few decades later, Dzadovsky is the Leadership Award recipient in ArizonaCIO's 2023 Arizona CIO of the Year ORBIE Awards. The program honors executives who demonstrate excellence in technology leadership, drive innovation and transform Arizona's leading organizations.

Dzadovsky spent 25 years at McDonald's, moving up to senior director IT delivery of global digital products. In that role, he led initiatives to roll out mobile order, payment and offers systems

to the fast-food chain's top 20,000 restaurants.

When the opportunity to lead another digital transformation came up five years ago, this time at Tempe-based Circle K Stores Inc., he jumped at the chance. Today, Dzadovsky serves as executive vice president and chief technology officer for Circle K, which operates more than 14,000 convenience and fuel stores worldwide.

Through Dzadovsky's leadership, Circle K has become a leader in innovation and technology in the convenience and fuel store industry. The company has implemented human resources and labor management applications to make things easier for store associates; introduced smart checkout, which uses computer vision and AI for fast checkout; and explored options such as frictionless stores and gas pumps.

"We like to say at Circle K, we're making it easier for our customers and our employees," Dzadovsky said. "And that (goal has) always been something that resonated with me, even as a 16-year-old employee."

However, this effort has not come without its challenges. Circle K is owned by Alimentation Couche-Tard, based in Quebec, Canada. It has grown through a robust series of mergers and acquisitions, which led to significant technical debt as each newly acquired business brought a unique set of point-of-sale systems, enterprise resource planning software and data centers.

At one point, the company had 44 combinations of its retail systems in North America alone. Dzadovsky and his team introduced the rallying cry #44istoomany.

"The number isn't 44 today; it's closer to 15," he said. "We found a way to abstract that complexity that enables us to do fun things like smart

checkout or a loyalty platform without having to do all of those configurations."

The technology team at Circle K includes 600 to 700 full-time employees distributed throughout the world. Dzadovsky encourages emerging leaders to combine their technical expertise with operational skills that allow them to use technology to deliver business results.

"We're not just looking for a coder to come in and deliver an application," he said. "We want somebody who is going to deliver an experience that makes it easy for our customers and for our employees."

That customer-centric focus is critical across the technology profession, Dzadovsky said.

"The CIO, the CTO and the tech teams were some of the heroes of Covid," he said. "They enabled an entirely remote workforce in record time, in a secure fashion. Organization after organization continually talked about how tech stepped up and delivered."

In today's environment, with businesses facing inflation, wage pressure, talent shortages and other economic headwinds, technologists need to step up again in a different way. "We've got to face that next frontier," Dzadovsky said. "When in doubt, you always go back to the center, which is a customer, and start working out from there."

effectiveness of our associates. I am passionate about technology innovation, leadership development and helping entrepreneurs successfully navigate the challenges they encounter as a start-up. Since retirement I have been fortunate to mentor and advise several young companies in the areas of product development, go-to-market strategy and communication.



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Theo Gibson

CIO
TPI Composites Inc.

Theo Gibson joined TPI in September of 2019 as Chief Information Officer. As TPI's CIO, Theo has been responsible for deploying the Digital Transformation strategy across the enterprise while ensuring an effective IT cost structure and technology footprint. Prior to joining TPI, Theo spent 20 years with Honeywell. Most recently, he was the Vice President of Information Technology and CIO Enterprise Applications for Corporate.

SUCCESS STORY

I have established IT as a strategy partner through an upgrade of the leadership team that is now directly aligned to the business functions. With 88 global employees, IT now has the internal capabilities to support key business initiatives - including ERP, HR, Automation/Workflows and Data Analytics. These actions to grow the internal team while eliminating high cost consulting have saved the company over \$3M/year in external spend.



Scott Hicar

SVP & CIO
Benchmark Electronics

Scott Hicar is Senior Vice President of Business Process and CIO for Benchmark Electronics. In this role, Scott has global responsibility for ensuring consistent processes, systems and infrastructure efficiently support our business and our customers globally. Scott has more than 25 years of Technology Leadership experience in transformational roles. Prior to Benchmark Scott was CIO for TwentyEighty, a corporate training company focused on sales enablement, leadership, program execution and credit performance.

SUCCESS STORY

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Hakan Yaren

CIO
APL Logistics

Hakan Yaren is APL Logistics's Chief Information Officer. Prior to APL Logistics, Hakan served as VP & Global Business Unit CIO at ABB. Hakan also served in various roles at FedEx in the US and EMEA over the course of 14 years. For the last 20+ years he has held executive leadership roles in Technology, Strategy, M&A, Product Development, and Professional Services in industries ranging from logistics to manufacturing and software development.

SUCCESS STORY

Significant amount of data is required to run today's modern supply chains. This leads to a complex decision making challenge for customers and supply chain operators. In order to sift through the noise in the data and to provide better planning and visibility capabilities, APL Logistics team have developed an augmented decision engine leveraging RPA Bots and ML models. This engine allows APL Logistics customers determine the most optimum transportation mode and network that reduces inventory costs, greenhouse gas emissions and maximizes asset utilization.



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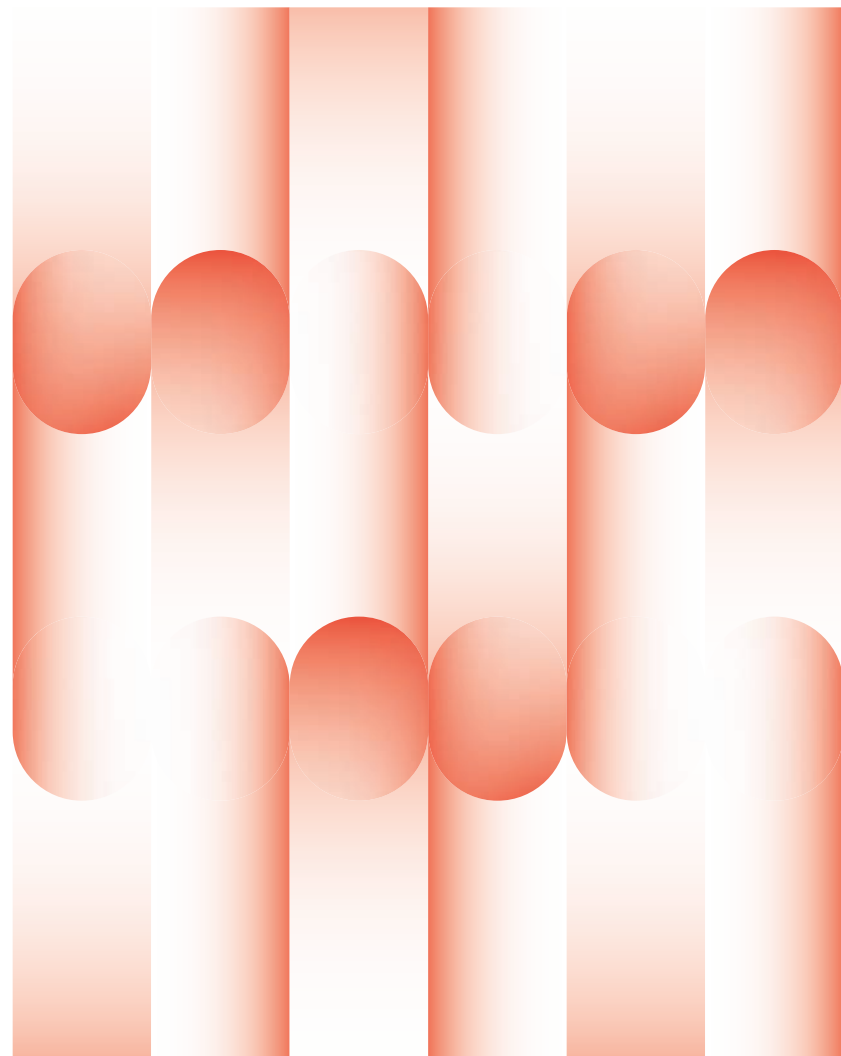


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Gary Desai

EVP & CIO
Discount Tire

Gary Desai is EVP & CIO of Discount Tire. Gary brings more than 25 years of information technology leadership experience to Discount Tire, including IT expertise in manufacturing, distribution, automotive service and retail sectors. Throughout his career, Gary has been an early adopter of technology, leading Fortune 500 companies and organizations. Gary has led teams of global professionals ensuring clear visions and goals leading to team and technology success.

SUCCESS STORY

Company has experienced operational instability and three CIO turnovers in last six years leading to low IT employee morale and misalignment with business. Most critically the point of sale system has limited the revenue growth of the company. My greatest accomplishment has been to provide stability to the system by moving it to an external cloud based provider, while designing a new cloud native, API based state of the art POS system. Also built a strong portfolio management practice in partnership with business executives and a high virtual touch engagement model with IT employees to increase the morale and productivity.



Michelle Ferrara

VP & CIO
Arizona Public Service Company

Michelle Ferrara is Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Arizona Public Service (APS). Michelle is responsible for the company's Information Technology (IT) infrastructure, including planning, architecture, development and operations, and for managing the digital challenges faced by a major electric utility. As an Information Technology executive with 30 years of experience, Michelle has an extensive background leading large, multi-site operational support teams and delivering key IT projects and initiatives.

SUCCESS STORY

I was fortunate to join APS after 30 years in IT, including 22 in the utility industry. My first priority was to re-structure the IT organization to align with key business needs. This bolstered our strategy with clear outcomes, sustained measurements and strengthened stakeholder relationships. I then developed strategic focus areas to enhance business value, sustain operational rigor, improve the employee experience and effectively manage costs while advancing technology. Our goal is to be a trusted partner and to help achieve the APS mission of serving customers with clean, reliable and affordable energy.



Gunjan Goel

CIO
ST Engineering North America, Inc.

Gunjan Goel serves as the Chief Information Officer of ST Engineering North America, Inc. (STENA) with overall responsibility of IT. In this current role Gunjan has been tasked to consolidate IT across the STENA BUs under one umbrella with functional alignment to STENA CIO and operational alignment to the BUs. Gunjan has 25 years of business and technology leadership experience globally in Fortune 500 companies and startups.

SUCCESS STORY

ST Engineering North America operates in Aerospace, Satcom, Land Systems, Urban Solutions, and Digital Systems across the U.S., Belgium, and Singapore, with a presence in 50 cities across 22 states in the U.S. The company's IT strategy, roadmap and execution, which incorporates People, Process, and Technology, has been crucial in bringing together different STENA businesses, leveraging the scale of ST Engineering to drive growth, boost operational efficiency, and strengthen business continuity and cybersecurity, aligning with ST Engineering's Vision and Values.



Lev Gonick

CIO
Arizona State University

Lev Gonick currently serves as the university chief information officer at Arizona State University. An educator, technologist, and smart city architect, Lev has been teaching, working, and living on the Net for more than 25 years. Prior to ASU, Lev was co-founder and CEO of DigitalC, the award-winning non-profit organization enabling and celebrating innovation, collaboration, and productivity through next generation broadband networks, big open data solutions, and Internet of Things for public benefit.

SUCCESS STORY

Lev has advanced community success through human-centered technology strategy. Overseeing ~1,000 staff at Enterprise Technology, Lev and team enable the technology experience for ~200k students, faculty and staff. Lev has catalyzed a creative-creator tech environment. With ASU's Digital Backpack, students leverage the tools characteristic of the workforce of the future; and, Learning Futures is a living laboratory where they experiment with emerging technology. To advance digital equity across Arizona, he's also fostered partnerships and infrastructure. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recently voted to provide ASU and our collaborators \$34.6 million for broadband advancement.



Bianca Lochner

CIO
City of Scottsdale

As CIO for the City of Scottsdale, Bianca Lochner combines her passion for public service and the power of technology to transform the way government delivers to the community it serves. Focused on modernizing infrastructure and digitizing government, Bianca ensures all IT priorities align with a vision of a vibrant, safe, sustainable, and inclusive city thriving on innovative technology. Throughout her career, Bianca led multiple digital transformations and innovations in education and the public sector.

SUCCESS STORY

With more than 1 million people visiting the Waste Management Phoenix Open, the world's premier golf tournament, the Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale is a city within the city each day of the event. Scottsdale IT GIS team developed an innovative digital map application, showing the real-time location and status of the first responders on site. When every second counts, the application helped public safety command staff to dispatch the crews nearest to each incident, and it provided first responders in the field with advanced maps of the venue so they can find the quickest path to those in need.

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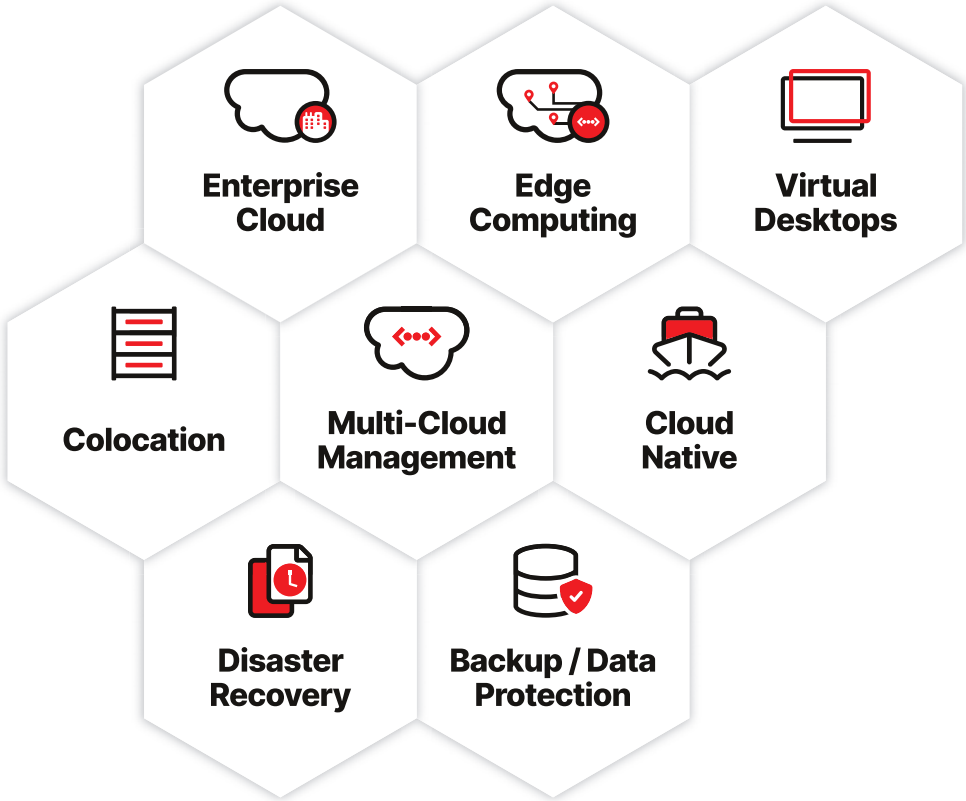
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Colleen Flannery
Chief Technology & Information Officer
Chandler Unified School District

Colleen Flannery is the Chief Technology Officer for Chandler Unified School District. Colleen’s leadership has helped transform Chandler Unified into a future-focused district committed to ensuring all students reach their full potential. Colleen’s work on a series of projects, which she was handpicked for, allowed Colleen to demonstrate her skills and strength in tech. Eventually her two passions, teaching and technology, merged catapulting her to become the leader she is today.

SUCCESS STORY
Chandler Unified Information Technology team is one of the premier technology departments not only in education but in Arizona. Fortune 500 companies like Intel and innovative universities like Arizona State University are partners of CUSD IT. The core values which drive our team are integrity, service and collaboration. With hard work and drive, my team and I have transformed the culture in our department from a siloed model to an incredibly collaborative model that solves problems together and fosters leadership among all team members. CUSD IT continues to innovate by rethinking and reimagining how technology can improve education.



Jerry Hope
VP, Business Information Systems, Imagine Learning

Jerry Hope is a senior technology executive with over 28 years of experience in corporate systems, application development, infrastructure management and strategic business execution. He currently serves as Vice President, Business Information Systems for Imagine Learning. In this role, Jerry provides information systems services including software management, infrastructure, ERP, HR and Business Intelligence. Jerry has over 20 years of experience working for information services businesses and education businesses.

SUCCESS STORY
During my first year and a half at Imagine Learning, I have been involved in the digital transformation of the company, including the development of a new salesforce.com to improve our customer experience and streamline operations. I have implemented new data analytics tools to better understand internal and external customer behavior and improve decision-making. In addition, a new e-Commerce solution is underway that will assist with improved financial processing and flexibility for our customers. Through these efforts we have improved operational efficiency, and enhanced the customer experience, helping our company maintain and grow our market position.



David Sanders
CTO
Mesa Public Schools

David Sanders is Chief Technology Officer for Mesa Public Schools. David has served more than 25 years in the K-12 landscape. In his current role as CTO, David is responsible for strategic planning and long-term goals for the largest K-12 district in the state of Arizona. David works to provide technology services, training, support, computing & communication infrastructure, and innovation for a wide range of instructional and administrative programs.

SUCCESS STORY
As the CTO of the largest K-12 district in Arizona, I am privileged to help people grow and innovate through the use of technology. Technology has the power to help people advance, and our goal is to produce students who will become the workforce of the future. The more students are exposed to innovative technology now, the better they will be prepared for college, career and community. Along with implementing innovative technology that directly affects students, I am also proud to have the opportunity to save resources. These cost savings allow the district to steer the focus on classroom objectives.



Jamie Smith
CIO
University of Phoenix

Jamie Smith is CIO of University of Phoenix and is an experienced senior leader with a passion for creating high performance digital teams. Jamie started his career as a founder of one of the pioneering internet consulting firms and has looked to apply technology to the wicked problems of business ever since. Jamie’s people-positive management style expects extraordinary results from ordinary teams by giving them the latitude to listen and do what is right.

SUCCESS STORY
As University of Phoenix CIO, Jamie brings a student-focused approach in a people-positive management style to an online university system serving students throughout their educational journey. His belief is that those closest to the customer have the greatest insight and so the role of leaders is to help guide strategic intent and create the conditions for team success. Jamie has overseen the transformation of the University workforce from a traditional IT shop to a customer first, cloud-centric team underpinned by a world class engineering culture and a deep sense of purpose, producing differentiating digital experiences for working adult students.



Manjula Sriram
VP & CIO
Iridium

Manjula Sriram is VP & CIO of Iridium. Manjula is a collaborative leader leveraging professional services and operational experience to create continuous improvement opportunities that grow and improve businesses. Manjula excels at collaborating and sharing informal network advice, guidance, and contacts across all facets of executive leadership. Manjula has a diverse background with strength in digital transformation and enjoys exchanging ideas and information to serve her company and customers better.

SUCCESS STORY
I am honored and privileged to lead Iridium’s technology shift to the cloud with my team and business partners. Break down the organizational silos and build cross-department bridges to deliver on Iridium’s strategy and mission. Finally, my success is not mine but my high-performing team, who are dedicated to our core values and flawlessly execute to deliver successful projects.



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Sandip Dholakia

Information Technology
Department
City of Chandler

As CIO, Sandip Dholakia oversees the City of Chandler's Information Technology Department responsible for implementing and managing solutions that make it easy for citizens, employers, businesses, and others to interact with the City of Chandler. Sandip is the primary advisor to the City Leadership for matters of technology management and information assurance with a strong commitment to ensure the City of Chandler is a Community of Innovation with focus on the needs of the community.

SUCCESS STORY

Exuberant song requests synchronized beats and special effects strive to pack the dancefloor; "Engage, Sustain, Inspire". DJ'ing for 15 years influenced my leadership style and a career that started at Intel Corporation. Connecting with people to keep them dancing through the night and motivating an organization to deliver innovative solutions; "Inspiration". The journey continued at Maricopa County and the AZ Department of Revenue. Currently, I serve as CIO in a Community of Innovation that keeps the pulse on the beat for the City of Chandler. "To handle yourself, use your head; for others, use your heart." Eleanor Roosevelt



Dan Hurley

CIO & CTO
Professional Health Care
Network (PHCN)

Dan Hurley is CIO & Chief Technology Officer of Professional Health Care Network. Dan has spent 38 years successfully building, architecting, and maintaining IT infrastructures and development platforms domestically and internationally. Dan specializes in cloud architectures using Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure, Salesforce, and Google Cloud. Within his executive leadership experience, building scalable, stable, reliable, redundant, and profitable network infrastructures and platforms are key to business success and growth.

SUCCESS STORY

"Healthcare is changing and technology is changing healthcare". This is my motto and I have applied the necessary technology initiatives and processes to drive home health care disruption in a positive new direction. I joined as PHCN's CTO/CIO to provide automation, integration, reliability, scalability, and stability within our infrastructure and platform environments. I executed on updated both the infrastructure and platform environments to current technology standards to disrupt the norm and allow for growth. I love what I do and enjoy working with my team in making PHCN a leader within the home health care industry.



George Lawlor

IT Director
Truly Nolen of America,
Inc.

George Lawlor joined Truly Nolen of America, Inc. in October 2008 as IT Director. George has more than twenty years of information technology experience, most recently serving as Director of Professional Services for Informa Software. After Informa, George formed his own company, focusing on the needs of small business IT customers, along with a consultancy focused specifically on the design, install and support of document management solutions to enterprise customers.

SUCCESS STORY

We continue to focus on a fast, secure and easy transactions leading to lifelong customers and partners. We focus on efficient technologies to enable our ultimate goal: "Adding value to the lives we touch". This goal can be attributed to fast, accurate purchases, top of the line service and fast support. IT supports this goal internally and externally to drive satisfaction. Our partners take care of our customers, and we strive to implement technologies to take care of both simultaneously. Helping our partners work together seamlessly allows them to focus on what they do best: take care of our customers!



Ken Orgeron

CIO
Snell & Wilmer

Ken Orgeron is Chief Information Officer of Snell & Wilmer. Ken was hired as the firm's first CIO to develop a strategic plan for technology and developed and implemented a one year, three years, 5-year strategic plan for technology. Ken is responsible for providing technology services to 600 professionals and manages six direct reports which include: Manager of Security, Systems, Infrastructure, Applications, User Experience, and Solution Center, plus a Staff of 40.

SUCCESS STORY

Since joining Snell & Wilmer, Ken has worked to improve the services, processes and value that technology provides to the firm. Ken strongly believes in the practice of incorporating technology to make employees more efficient, increase effectiveness and employee satisfaction, reduce costs, grow profits and expand opportunities. While organizations of all sizes across various industries are following this practice today, we believe significant investment in technology is unique to law firms and is a competitive differentiator, establishing Snell & Wilmer as a market leader.



Sonny Varadan

CIO
Sonora Quest Laboratories

Sonny Varadan, CHCIO, MBA, PMP, is an accomplished information services executive and thought leader with a passion for innovation and agility. He is organized and highly creative with proven capabilities in IT-led laboratory strategies. Equipped with a strong software background in healthcare infrastructure and applications environments, Sonny has led as Chief Information Officer for Sonora Quest Laboratories LLC and Laboratory Sciences of Arizona LLC.

SUCCESS STORY

Our IT&S team's greatest accomplishment was growing from a keep-the-lights-on operational crew into a collaborative, customer-obsessed, innovative team at Sonora Quest. This was evident during the pandemic, as lab testing was key to COVID detection. In record time, the Sonora Quest IT team validated COVID tests within all IT systems and interfaces, developed a QC module for the main instrument lines (this was essential to managing surges in testing), and supported the hybrid/remote work requirements—all without skipping a beat. There was much upskilling and reskilling, and the team took on the challenge and transformed our IT&S culture.

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District Medical Group (DMG) congratulates our Chief Information Officer, Kevin Rhode, for being named a finalist for the 2023 Arizona CIO ORBIE Awards!



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Rob Hoyle

CIO
Vantage West Credit Union

Rob Hoyle was recruited to Vantage West to modernize the Information Technology Department and foster business transformation and innovation. Reporting directly to the CEO, Rob brings his personable brand of empowering leadership to a team of 50+. Rob oversees business units responsible for enterprise architecture, decision intelligence, application development, core banking services, and digital banking. His leadership has resulted in measurable increases in employee engagement and end-user satisfaction.

SUCCESS STORY

As the CIO at Vantage West, I inherited a group of talented and dedicated individuals. Shortly after my arrival, my technology leaders and I worked to establish a sense of purpose and align the department. We created a shared vision, centered around our new core values: Transformative, Efficient, Collaborative, and Helpful (T.E.C.H.) which has led to a re-energized team. The credit union now recognizes the tremendous value that technology provides. Formerly viewed solely as a cost center and an internal service component, TECH is now recognized as a partner to the business and an accelerant for strategic growth.



Richard McHattie

Chief Technology & Innovation Officer
Clerk of the Superior Court,
Maricopa County

Richard McHattie is the Chief Technology & Innovation Officer for the Maricopa County Clerk of Superior Court in one of the largest court systems in the country. Richard is an innovator and technology leader focused on leveraging technology to improve the Customer and Employee Experience. His driving vision is the bold but calculated adoption of emerging technologies that enable transformational change to improve business outcomes.

SUCCESS STORY

I'm incredibly proud of my team that boldly leverages new and emerging technologies to create transformational change, improving justice related systems and services for the benefit of our community. My team has substantially transformed the Customer Experience for those navigating the courts by delivering 16 new online services (in just over two years) that save those we serve precious time and resources and ultimately promote access to justice. My team has been recognized nationally for innovation and excellence including a prestigious FutureEdge50 award, the GovTech Future Ready award, and an international finalist for Gartner's Eye on Innovation award.



Elizabeth Neeley

CIO
State of Arizona
Department of Education

Beth Neeley is currently CIO of State of Arizona Department of Education. Beth is a result driven Sr. IT Professional with over 20 years of government and manufacturing experience. Beth utilizes fiscal prudence and security cognizance to gain optimum performance and efficiency in a fast-paced IT environments with multiple and changing demands. Beth is a passionate leader with a proven record of building fruitful partnerships to reach a common goal.

SUCCESS STORY

As a CIO am constantly working towards leading an IT team that is transparent, efficient, and develops repeatable, and measured practices that can be sustained over time. Technology is the easy part, you have skilled staff with expertise to get that done. What challenges me as a CIO is leading a team to develop into a mature IT shop. I work with my team on fiscal prudence, vulnerability management, and creating a standard work culture. As a leader this is where I am at my best, focusing on creating an environment that changes the order of things for the better.



Bradley Pristelski

VP & CIO (Southwest Division)
CommonSpirit Health
(Dignity Health)

Bradley Pristelski is the Vice President and Chief Information Officer for the Southwest Division and has been for the last 16 years. Bradley's passion focuses on a foundation of leadership designed around a collection of themed critical behaviors that increase or enhance a leader's impact across everyday situations and contexts, influence team success and organizational development, produce loyal followership and achieve exceptional results.

SUCCESS STORY

CommonSpirit Health's Southwest Division set out to disrupt ourselves before others disrupt us and innovatively transform in ways we may not imagine today. My team implemented 200+ critical projects that advanced clinical/business capability directly influencing the joyful practice of medicine. I'm completely humbled that our resilience soared and "humankindness" brand lived through our tireless focus on excellence. Our team's contributions helped our division achieve and lead in patient experience, employee engagement, quality and profitability indicators. With shared commitment, we build healthy communities by advocating for those who are poor, vulnerable, or disenfranchised, and innovating how and where healing can happen.



Kevin Rhode

CIO
District Medical Group
(DMG)

Kevin Rhode has been the Chief Information and Security Officer at District Medical Group since May of 2020. Kevin has been working in the technology field for over 30 years with organizations in the distribution, transportation, finance and finally healthcare sectors. Being in healthcare, his goal is to be part of the change in the healthcare industry - marrying business processes with technology that works to the benefit of the patients, providers and organizations.

SUCCESS STORY

I have to credit my very motivated and dedicated team of professional technologists for any success I've seen at DMG. In under 3 years we have successfully rebuilt, stabilized, and improved performance of the network infrastructure, implemented new cyber systems, identified, and eliminated inefficient systems and licensing, and successfully migrated 4 EMR systems into one. This was all completed while rebuilding the team dynamic, growing the team, and repairing our relationships and reputation with our internal and external partners. It's a testament to the professionalism and expertise of the staff that I have the privilege to work with every day.



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CONGRATULATIONS ROB HOYLE

Vantage West celebrates Rob Hoyle and the impact he has had on our Members, team, and community. His innovative spirit, leadership, and character are key ingredients to our shared success. Congratulations, Rob!



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Congratulations to Bradley Pristelski, CommonSpirit Health's Southwest Division Chief Information Officer, which includes Dignity Health in Arizona. As a finalist for the 2023 Arizona Orbie Award, Bradley exemplifies the qualities for which the ORBIE was created: CIOs who demonstrate exceptional leadership, innovation, and vision. The countless colleagues and patients who have benefited from his commitment to technology, compassion, and humankindness know he deserves this honor.



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Congratulations, Lev Gonick! **Arizona ORBIE Award 2023 CIO of the Year Finalist**

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