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Technology is everywhere in our lives, and when it doesn't work, we notice.

For nearly twenty-five years, the Inspire Leadership Network has helped CIOs succeed in today's most challenging C-suite executive role. CentralTexasCIO 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 'superpower' 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 CentralTexasCIO, 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 Mills

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Stephen Elkins

Chief Information Officer | City of Austin (fmr)



Central Texas ORBIE Leadership Award recipient Stephen Elkins on generative AI and why it will be transformative for government agencies

By The Business Journals Content Studio

Stephen Elkins spent 16 years in senior management at semiconductor manufacturer Applied Materials before joining the City of Austin as in 2003 and became chief information officer in 2010. He spent 10 years implementing the city's information technology strategies, including making sure teams were connected and data security was prioritized during the first year of the pandemic.

In the fall of 2020, he took a job at Microsoft as the client director for Texas for state and local government.

"Microsoft's mission is to empower every person and every organization on the planet to achieve more," Elkins said. "This is exactly what my team and myself focus on when interacting with our customers. This includes solving problems and achieving goals."

Elkins also serves on the board of the Samaritan Center, the Salvation Army, the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce and the Austin chapter of the Society of Information Management.

As part of this year's 2023 Central Texas ORBIE Awards, Elkins spoke with the Austin Business Journal about some key technology topics. He is this year's Leadership Award recipient.

Top IT traits

Today's technology leaders should demonstrate skills that go beyond knowledge of the latest technologies. Developing skills tied to organizational goals can help these leaders better support the overall business.

"What has helped me is that I understood IT was a support organization that helped others with their business goals and objectives," Elkins said. "I would add – listen more and talk less; IT leaders need to understand the customer's vision and line of business, which will help them to be a better partner."

IT leadership was critical during the pandemic as companies had use technology to quickly pivot to remote work. These leaders also were responsible for ensuring that sensitive data could be protected outside of the traditional office environment.

IT leaders can leverage their growing stature to help their organizations meet evolving employee, consumer and stakeholder expectations.

"IT leaders need to partner with business leaders to create a clear message on how to meet the needs for employees, consumers and stakeholders," Elkins said. "IT cannot operate in a vacuum. By working jointly, you get the business perspective (the what) as well as the technical perspective (the how)."

Top opportunities

There are opportunities on the horizon for IT leaders as technologies like artificial intelligence, the metaverse and the cloud continue to open up new possibilities for business efficiencies and interactions with clients, citizens and organizational partners.

Elkins has his eye particularly on generative AI, a technology that can produce several different kinds of creative content such as text, imagery, voice, audio and synthetic data. A recent report from Bloomberg Intelligence, in fact, found that generative AI could grow to a \$1.3 trillion market over the next 10 years, from a market size of just \$40 billion in 2022.

In Elkins' line of work, Microsoft reports that advanced AI has the potential to revolutionize how the public sector addresses challenges. The technology has a host of implications for government entities and will impact citizen services, internal efficiencies and insights into "deep data," while also serving as a creative aid for employees.

"Generative AI will be transformational once it takes off," Elkins said. "The use cases are unlimited. There will always be more work than people at government agencies, so government needs to leverage technology to improve delivery of services to its residents/citizens. Generative AI is a tool to do just that."

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Shivani Agarwal

VP IT Infrastructure & Enterprise Services
McLane Company



Shivani Agarwal is VP of IT Infrastructure, Security, & Services at McLane Company, a supply chain leader owned by Berkshire Hathaway. She is responsible for IT Infrastructure across all McLane distribution centers, data centers, and facilities, InfoSec, enterprise architecture and IT operations & services. She is driving IT transformation through leading-edge practices, architecture principles, and systems that enable McLane's strategy.

SUCCESS STORY

As Head of IT Infrastructure & Enterprise Services at McLane Company, Shivani Agarwal is driving modernization to accelerate McLane's business strategy. At LPL Financial, she led Product and Engineering organizations to build the foundation that gives flexibility for Financial Advisors in serving their clients. At Schwab, she spearheaded the DevOps movement. As CIO of The Knot, she transformed the company to a successful eCommerce business. Shivani has led global organizations at PayPal and Dell. Shivani was the founding board member of Pratham's Austin chapter and has served on boards for African Leadership Bridge, and University of Houston College of Business.



Ricardo Blanco

CIO & Deputy Executive
Commissioner for IT
Texas Health and Human
Services



Ricardo Blanco is the Deputy Executive Commissioner, Information Technology & Chief Information Officer for the Texas Health and Human Services. Ricardo has over 20 years of experience in information technology leadership roles, including 12 years with the Texas Department of State Health Services. He is known for his ability to oversee mission-critical information technology projects, coupled with his experience utilizing technology strategies that advance the work of the agency while maximizing investments.

SUCCESS STORY

Modernization has been my key focus. During COVID, I utilized my experience in emergency response and disaster recovery to deliver technology to over 40,000 remote staff. We also implemented solutions that directly improved the state's response to COVID, such as Texas Health Trace (THT), Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System, Client Encounter System (CES), and the State Health Analytics and Reporting Platform (SHARP). More recently, we've rolled out Take Charge Texas, which supports services for HIV patients, and Gavel, a solution for real-time agency policy inquiries. In addition, we've consolidated almost 900 servers into the state's Data Center Services (DCS) program.



Amala Duggirala

EVP & CIO
USAA



After a successful transformation track record in telecommunications, payments and banking industries, Amala is future-proofing USAA's technology for a strong second century. She holds a Master of Science from Columbia University and an MBA from University of Nebraska. She serves on the Board of Directors for Kelley Services and the San Antonio Food Bank.

SUCCESS STORY

My biggest accomplishment has been rallying the business to make technology an integral part of their product design, member experience and commercial success. I am proud of creating an environment for each team member to become a best version of themselves. Mentoring and sponsoring remains one of my top motivators. I am blessed to be part of a legendary organization such as USAA with an unmatched purpose, mission and culture. Being ECIO for USAA, and serving those who serve our country, is my ultimate honor and privilege.



Anh Selissen

CIO
Texas Department of
Transportation



Anh has led enterprise IT systems and staff in both the public and private sectors. She previously held positions of Chief Information Officer at NuStats Inc., and Director of Enterprise Systems at the University of Texas at Austin, and most recently Anh served as Deputy CIO at the Texas Comptroller's Office.

SUCCESS STORY

My greatest accomplishment is building an IT team that is seen as an asset at TxDOT. We have built critical systems through innovative transportation systems for the agency. Since arriving at TxDOT, I have built trust and respect by driving excellent customer service through strong collaboration with business customers. I have built the BEST IT team in state government. This is a strong team that cares about "doing the right thing and making an impact for the citizens of Texas!" The culture is strong in driving clear and transparent communication and serving the public through high integrity leadership.

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Tony Bender

SVP & CIO
Culligan International
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Tony is SVP & CIO, Culligan. Tony is a serial CIO (6x) with 30+ years of global IT experience. He has experience working with over 30 companies (publicly traded and private equity). Prior to his current role at Culligan, Tony was a full-time Operations Advisor supporting Advent International and their private equity portfolio companies. Tony received his undergraduate degree from Frostburg State University in Economics, graduating with honors, and completed his MBA at Shippensburg University.

SUCCESS STORY

Tony Bender is the global CIO at Culligan. Over the past three years, Tony has transformed IT at Culligan from a federation of 35+ BUs that were independently operated to a global IT organization that is driving significant value creation for Culligan through an extensive global digital transformation fully aligned with the business strategy. Culligan is the global leader in providing cleaner, softer water through innovative, sustainable solutions and unparalleled service. Culligan's 35+ brands around the world offer an unrivaled distribution and service network for drinking water and water conditioning, serving over 100 million customers every year.



John Biegel

CIO
NI



John Biegel is an accomplished Chief Information Officer with 23+ years of experience in Technology Management. Having worked in numerous industries, including NI, Colfax and Dell, John has demonstrated his ability to adapt and deliver similar results regardless of industry. A dedicated and innovative professional, John continues to excel as a Chief Information Officer.

SUCCESS STORY

My primary goal is to enable IT teams to make tooling and technology decisions and engage with stakeholders effectively. Identifying the redundant solutions across the organization and introducing the concept of Future State Architecture to streamline technology investments. Initiatives like forming a Business Architecture Team and CIO Council improved decision-making efficiency. The outcomes include increased productivity, meeting delivery commitments, better collaboration with stakeholders, and a greater understanding of IT's role in serving the business. Overall, empowering IT teams and aligning technology decisions with strategic objectives have resulted in positive impacts.



Joanne Corum

SVP & CIO
McCoy's Building Supply



Joanne Corum is SVP and CIO at McCoy's Building Supply. She oversees the company's Information Services, Marketing, and Pricing departments and is responsible for providing strategic business solutions to McCoy's customers and team members. Joanne started her career at IBM as an IT Architect consulting for companies across multiple industries. Later she moved to Applied Materials as Senior Director of Innovation and Collaboration.

SUCCESS STORY

One of the things I enjoy most in my job is implementing a solution and seeing the direct effect on our operations and customers. We have implemented exciting projects to understand our customers better through digital marketing and serve our customers better through our delivery management systems, eCommerce, and a Loyalty App. In IT, we always strive to be a true business partner with a seat at the table. At McCoy's, my team has the trust of the organization which affords us the autonomy to implement effective solutions for positive impact on the business and our customers.



Jay Krishnamurthy

Global CIO
Wilsonart Engineered
Surfaces



Jay Krishnamurthy is a practitioner, strategist, and leader with 20+ years of experience in global companies, focused on information systems and technologies, & productivity. He is proud to have led a passionate and high-performing group of professionals who have developed innovative products and solutions, & delivered services that have helped companies transform themselves and gain confidence in exploring and embracing untapped digital opportunities.

SUCCESS STORY

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Anthony Moisant

CIO & Chief Security Officer
Indeed



Anthony joined Indeed in 2020 and serves as the CIO and CSO. In his role as CIO, he is responsible for the internal technology necessary to run the business, support employees and find and retain customers. In his role as CSO, Anthony leads the Security team focused on safeguarding the information job seekers, customers and employees entrust with Indeed. Anthony is the first military veteran to join Indeed's senior leadership team.



Billy Runyan

EVP & CIO, Platform Modernization
LPL Financial



Billy is a culture and team builder that invests deeply in curating the conditions that enable organizations and people to thrive. He focuses on customer-driven outcomes and activating ways to unlock innovation and investment efficacy while ensuring operations and technical foundations, in complex ecosystems, are aligned tightly to business strategy that protects and propels value. Billy's passion lies in transforming and shaping high performing, deeply engaged organizations and coaching teams to achieve their aspirations.

SUCCESS STORY

Above all else, I am grateful for and feel incredibly fortunate to have had the opportunity time and again to work at mission-driven companies with and for great people that are motivated to solve big problems and deliver value to customers. My success is through the energy, time investment, and success of those around me. We have won together, failed and overcame together, and had fun while doing it. Looking forward to the rest of the journey. Let's go!

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Harsha Bellur

EVP & CIO
James Avery Jewelry



Harsha Bellur has more than 27 years of technology and business experience. Throughout his career, he has championed a culture of innovation with a focus on customer and seen as a driver for digital innovation. He serves as a trusted business partner bringing together his deep technical expertise and excellent business acumen to inform and influence business strategies. Harsha loves giving back to the community through mentoring and actively serving on nonprofit boards.

SUCCESS STORY

I'm most proud of my team driving to my vision of customer centricity. As a vertically integrated operation, we have many unique operations such as product design, manufacturing, supply chain, distribution, ecommerce, retail and wholesale. In addition to supporting the unique needs of each function, my team has enabled an ecosystem that digitally connects all aspects of our business and harness our vertical integration as a competitive advantage. Every function in the company is aligned to our customer needs and collectively help deliver exceptional experiences no matter where and how our customers engage with our brand.



GS Jha

Global CIO & CISO
Accuray Inc.



GS Jha is the Global Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security Officer at Accuray, bringing more than 25 years of experience, primarily in the life sciences and med tech industries. In his role at Accuray, GS is responsible for leading the company's global IT strategies and cybersecurity functions, with an emphasis on organizational and digital transformation, business continuity, and cybersecurity risk mitigation.

SUCCESS STORY

Under GS Jha's leadership the IT and CISO organizations has been helping transform transform the company's culture, organizational efficiencies, global processes, systems, products, regulatory compliance, cybersecurity, and overall productivity to help advance Accuray's mission of "to think, act, and execute beyond expectations every day to deliver better, safer radiation therapy solutions and help patients get back to living their lives, faster."



Kendra Ketchum

VP for Information Management & Technology, CIO
The University of Texas at San Antonio



Kendra Ketchum is the Vice President for Information Management and Technology at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She oversees the university's technology environment, including critical IT enablement for research and teaching activities of faculty and students. She brings more than 25 years of technology experience in higher education and government organizations, including leadership roles at Texas Wesleyan University, the University of Northwestern Ohio, and Bowling Green State University.

SUCCESS STORY

I believe my success story is one of resilience. I didn't set out to be the VP of IT, but rather a technologist that realized the importance of intentional leadership. Organizational culture trumps strategy, learning how to lead a team during disruptive change has in turn, built many more leaders in the organization. This to me, means success. I lean into challenges to learn and grow; having the tough conversations. Ensuring the team has the resources they need to succeed, managing expectations and providing clarity as to the WHY we are doing what we do.



Arvind Rao

EVP CIO - Consumer Banking
Texas Capital Bank



Highly experienced Technology Executive with keen business acumen who has played and excelled in multiple roles across different Business and Technology Domains. Currently responsible for Texas Capital Bank's Digital platforms such as Digital Bank, Onboarding, CRM and Automation as well as Banking platforms such as Treasury and Money Movement.

SUCCESS STORY

My success is my team's success. Yes, we delivered innovative solutions, yes we helped the realization of business strategy through technology etc. but the biggest success is the creation of a team of passionate, talented and committed people who are producing more than they thought was possible and having fun in the journey.



Jeff Smedley

VP & CIO
J&J Worldwide Services



Prior to J&J, Jeff played an integral part in building the systems consulting practice for Sterling Information Group. After the acquisition of Sterling, he formed Nspire Group, Inc. In 1999, he became the CIO and VP at FreeMe.com. In this capacity he was instrumental in structuring the company for acquisition by VA Linux. Culminating his successful business development, Jeff became the first CIO at J&J.

SUCCESS STORY

IT is traditionally 70% reactive and 30% proactive, by utilizing leadership techniques designed to promote proactive process and culture, J&J IT has become 70% proactive and 30% reactive. This in essence, has driven J&J to be a more competitive company in a growth oriented organization while still maintaining satisfaction and compliance. The size of the J&J IT staff comparison to revenue is 50% lower than the industry average.

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Ian Huynh

CTO
Mitrtech

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Ian Huynh, a seasoned technology executive, currently serves as Chief Technology Officer at Mitrtech. With over 30 years of experience, his remarkable journey includes driving visionary transformations in diverse markets and industries. Ian's exceptional talent lies in translating concepts into tangible realities, facilitated by his expertise in fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. Prior to Mitrtech, Ian held pivotal leadership roles at Enverus/RS Energy, Green Street, and OpenText.

SUCCESS STORY

As Mitrtech's first CTO, my mission is to unify the company's diverse assets from various acquisitions into a seamless platform. Shifting from a product-focused approach to a dynamic platform enterprise, I devised a roadmap strategy and collaborated closely with the business to align our vision. By strategically reallocating critical resources, we made substantial progress in achieving our goals. Within 12 months, we are on track to deliver three key initiatives: a shared analytics platform, a consistent user experience, and shared integration capabilities. This transformative journey is a testament to Mitrtech's unique culture of innovation, collaboration, and drive for success.



Brandon Martinez

CTO
ESO

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Brandon's leadership and technical contributions have played a central role in the evolution and growth of ESO's suite of SaaS products since he joined the company in 2009. Brandon serves today as Chief Technology Officer, where he focuses on the continued modernization and scalability of ESO's development practices, software products and integration platforms. Brandon is a University of Texas alumnus, graduating Summa Cum Laude with a BBA in Management Information Systems.

SUCCESS STORY

As Chief Technology Officer, I oversee the technology strategy supporting ESO's integrated suite of products for EMS agencies, Fire departments, and Hospitals. With over 14 years of tenure, I have been privileged to work for a mission-driven company that is building software designed to better community health and safety. The diverse set of initiatives I have led include reimagining ESO's data technology stack to create a foundational platform for studying large clinical data sets. Growth through M&A has been thematic in my career as well and has afforded me the opportunity to spearhead complex system integration projects.



Shane McDaniel

CIO
City of Seguin

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Shane "El Jefe" McDaniel is the CIO for the City of Seguin with 27 years of experience across numerous IT disciplines. His technology career began in 1996 through an enlistment in the Air Force supporting military intelligence and reconnaissance. Mr. McDaniel is a published author with a B.S. and M.S. in Information Technology and holds CGCIO, PMP, CISM, ITIL, and CompTIA certifications.

SUCCESS STORY

My career journey is one of perseverance. From enlisting in the Air Force as a young man, to spending 15 years supporting national intelligence, 5 years in private industry, and the last 7 years in Texas local government, it truly has been a journey. In that time, I had the good fortune to travel the world and back, earned multiple degrees, industry certifications, met my beautiful wife, made many lifelong friends, and lived a life I never could have dreamed of growing up. Technology and willingness made my dreams reality, as such I live a life of extreme gratitude today.



Dave Moore

Chief Innovation Officer
Growth Acceleration
Partners

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Dave Moore is CIO at Growth Acceleration Partners. With over 30 years of experience in technology as a lifelong software engineer, Dave has worked in senior leadership roles at IBM, Electronic Arts and BMC Software. He is a dynamic technology leader with extensive experience conceptualizing and crafting innovative solutions that provide scalability, widespread end-user adoption and substantially increased revenue. As a published author and frequent conference speaker, he helps companies apply technology for competitive advantage.

SUCCESS STORY

I was an undeclared major in college until I decided to try a computer science class. That turned into a "love at first sight" success story. I graduated in North Carolina on a Saturday and started my career in Houston the following Monday. I consider myself fortunate to have led many talented teams and generated products that are still in use today. I am passionate about technology and applying it to solve problems. My most memorable career moments are being in the trenches with my teams. I still love to write code and mentor younger colleagues.



Steve Romney

CTO
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Steve Romney is Favor Delivery's Chief Technology Officer. He joined Favor in 2019 as VP of engineering to oversee technology operations. In his current role as CTO, Steve is responsible for setting the company's technical direction in support of Favor's product development initiatives, as well as building and managing Favor's engineering team, spanning web, data, mobile and infrastructure. His extensive technology leadership experience spans two decades across several industries, including financial services, e-commerce and logistics.

SUCCESS STORY

In 2020, Favor became an essential business amid COVID-19. In rapid response, our engineering and product teams quickly developed and launched several products—each built and launched in less than a week—including contactless deliveries and the Senior Support Program, which gave TX seniors the safest way to shop and receive groceries and essentials. Additionally, the team more than doubled our delivery service areas statewide by launching 75 new TX markets and expanding existing zones in all directions. The team worked tirelessly to make this happen in just one week so that more Texans could have access to essential delivery services.

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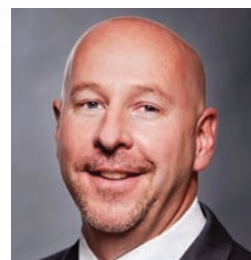
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