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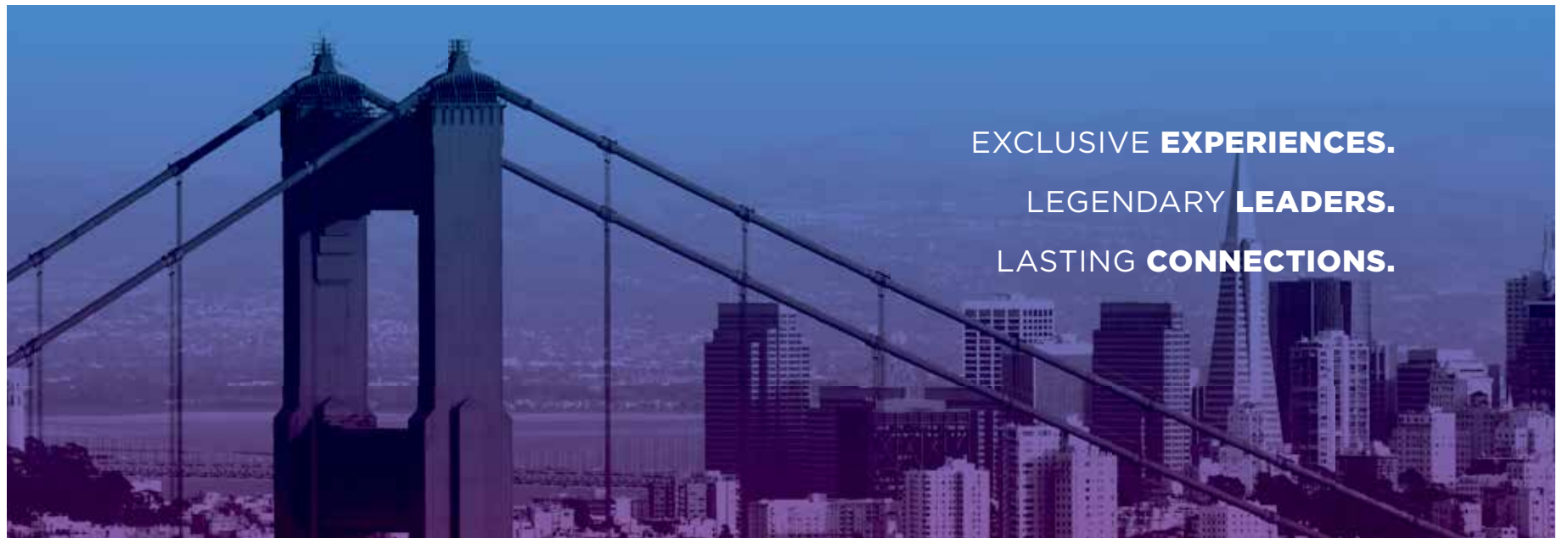
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Russell Koste

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How Analog Devices CISO Russell Koste built a career by running toward risk

By *The Business Journals Content Studio*

Russell Koste has built a career by going after problems others typically avoid.

Early on, that meant volunteering for tough assignments.

“It’s taking the difficult, sometimes unwanted jobs — the things others find not so desirable because they’re hard or perceived as carrying risk,” Koste said. “I see these as win-win opportunities. For organizations, you can solve important issues. For oneself, it’s a unique development opportunity. In a nutshell, it’s about having confidence in and investing in oneself.”

That instinct to step into uncertainty and figure it out now defines Koste’s leadership as senior vice president and chief information security officer at Biogen, where he oversees global cybersecurity and privacy. It has also shaped a 30-year career that spans the military, aerospace, financial services, technology and biopharmaceuticals.

In recognition of his achievements, Koste is being honored with the Leadership Award as part of the 2026 Boston CISO ORBIE Awards, which will be held June 11 at the Renaissance Boston Seaport District. The program honors CISOs who have demonstrated excellence in technology leadership.

Driving progress through failure

Koste’s approach is rooted in the simple idea that progress requires discomfort. “If you’re not failing, you’re not trying hard enough,” he said. But he draws a distinction between failure that drives progress and failure that signals stagnation. “There’s a big difference between failing when

you’re taking the initiative, which is failing forward, versus failing when you’re just doing the same old thing, which is failing backward,” Koste said.

That philosophy has guided some of the most defining moments of Koste’s career. At aerospace and defense company Northrop Grumman, he led a critical effort to defend against nation-state cyberattacks — work that had no established roadmap at the time. “There was no script. There was no standard for how to do it,” Koste said. The team’s success ultimately became a benchmark referenced by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Later, as CIO at AstraZeneca’s rare disease business, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Koste took on another high-stakes challenge in leading the company’s global COVID-19 response. The role required balancing risk, protecting employees and maintaining business continuity across a global organization. It was rewarding “because of the positive impact we were making,” he said.

Direct leadership in uncertain terrain

Those experiences inform how Koste leads today. He describes his leadership style as direct and grounded in clarity and the critical need to understand what is known and what is not. “You can’t safeguard what you don’t know,” he said, noting that in cybersecurity, unknowns are constant.

Just as important is building trust. By working through complexity in a collaborative environment, leaders create the foundation needed to navigate what comes next.

Koste’s leadership philosophy was shaped early, beginning with his time in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and Field Artillery after graduating from Dickinson College, where he studied physics

and completed the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps program. In Korea, then one of the military’s most intense operational environments, Koste learned the value of tenacity and clear communication. “I was known as the lieutenant who would never accept ‘no’. I would always figure out how to find ‘yes,’” he said.

That determination carried into his academic path. After earning an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University with specializations in management of information systems, finance and marketing, Koste pursued roles that exposed him to complex, enterprise-wide challenges, which ultimately led him to cybersecurity.

Speed, change and the importance of people

For Koste, the appeal of cybersecurity is as much about people as it is about technology. “The combination of working with a broad array of stakeholders and the rate of change in this space means you’re almost always problem solving,” he said.

That constant evolution demands urgency. Organizations that hesitate risk falling behind. “Speed is your friend, not your enemy,” he said. “Fast-moving organizations stay ahead of bad outcomes.”

In a field defined by rapid technological change, Koste returns to one constant: People determine success. “The most important thing in a successful organization is its people,” he said.

Underlying Koste’s approach is a persistent belief in what’s possible. “I am an eternal optimist,” he said. “I think pretty much anything can be done as long as you have enough resources and the right people.”



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Jasvinder Khera

Chief Information Security Officer,
John Hancock



As John Hancock's CISO, Jasvinder Khera leads teams focused on cybersecurity, risk management and governance. His previous experience includes leading security architecture at the Boston Fed, where he founded a cyber threat sharing group that gained attention in major publications. Additionally, Jasvinder has provided cybersecurity consulting services in the U.K., France, and Germany. Jasvinder holds a BSc in Computer Science from Royal Holloway, and an executive MBA from Bentley University.

SUCCESS STORY: Risk Reduction - Implemented several shift-left technologies, reducing cyber incidents. Ensured cloud services are high availability by default, reducing downtime. Thought Leadership - developed model for service outage simulations and automated rejection of open-source components with undesirable license terms in CI/CD pipelines. Both approaches were used in other parts of the global enterprise. Engagement - promoted a strong security culture through outreach and education, decreasing phishing clicks. Established a forum for collaboration between security and business teams. Achieved high staff engagement survey results. Cost Reduction - automated risk reviews and certificate renewal processes, saving time and money.



Christina Mazzone

Global Cybersecurity & Risk Executive,
Omnicom



Christina Mazzone is the Global Deputy CISO for Omnicom Group. Prior to joining Omnicom, she held roles including PTC's Cybersecurity Risk Officer, and Information Security Officer for Brigham Health and Spaulding Rehabilitation. Outside of work, Christina volunteers on multiple Boards, giving back to the broader Cyber Community. She has 20+ years of experience with focus on Cybersecurity and Risk Management. She holds a Master of Science and multiple certifications.

SUCCESS STORY: Our greatest accomplishment has been building and unifying a global cybersecurity and governance organization operating across more than 40 countries, 1,500 agencies, and 80,000 employees. When I joined, security efforts were decentralized. Over the past four years, we established a cohesive global team aligned around a shared strategy and operating model. This enabled a multi-region program achieving ISO 27001 alignment across our global footprint by harmonizing policies, controls, and governance. The results have been significant: a stronger global security posture, increased resilience, enhanced client trust that supports business growth, and a stronger security culture through collaboration with our agencies.



John Schramm

Senior Information Security and Risk Management Executive,
Munich RE



Responsible for the IT Risk Management and Information Security function including all operational Cyber/Information Security services for Munich Re Group entities globally. Responsible for development and execution of the MR Group's Global Cyber Security Strategy including a multi-year plan. Accountable for program execution reporting to global C-suite and various entity boards on program progress and risk levels. Advise Cyber insurance and venture capital units on cyber practices and oversee selected cyber related startups.

SUCCESS STORY: Established Global IT and shared services organizations, creating a 400+ FTE global IT Risk and Security function and operating model. Established standard security processes, technology solutions and IT risk and remediation procedures for all Munich Re operating entities. Led 150+ million Cyber Security improvement program and projects portfolio for the company in order to manage and transform security, operations and risk management capabilities. Leading the integration 30+ entity information technology organizations for our primary insurance business in Europe/Asia into Munich Group Technology centralized security operating model and operating model.



Mark Sutton

Title of Title,
Company Name



Mark Sutton is the Chief Information Security Officer at Bain Capital, one of the world's leading alternative investment firms. With 18 years of experience in cybersecurity and technology leadership, Mark has built and led high-performing security programs across complex, global organizations. At Bain Capital, he has transformed the security function protecting the firm, its investors, and its portfolio companies. Mark is an active voice in the CISO community and a passionate developer of security talent.

SUCCESS STORY: Under my leadership, we transformed cybersecurity from a reactive IT function into a strategic business enabler. Key accomplishments include: deploying a global device trust program ensuring all access originates from managed endpoints; operationalizing privileged access management, a profound culture shift for those in IT; launching a governance program that dramatically elevated overall program maturity; and transitioning security operations from reactive to proactive through an agentic threat hunting platform. Equally significant, numerous internal promotions have created personal and professional growth across the team elevating cybersecurity's reputation and influence throughout the firm.

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Julie Fitton

Chief Information
Security Officer,
Analog Devices

Transformative cybersecurity executive with 20+ years leading security programs across Fortune 500 manufacturing, cloud, and healthcare organizations. Proven at building and modernizing enterprise security during large-scale transformation. Board Director and trusted board-level advisor to C-suites on cyber risk, compliance, and strategy. Influence-driven leader who enables product and engineering teams to move fast while embedding security into products, AI initiatives, and complex hybrid ecosystems.

SUCCESS STORY: Operating in an advanced technology sector, ADI finds it is crucial to incorporate consideration for new attack tactics to ensure our continued competitive viability. ADI has enhanced its behavioral analytics capabilities with machine learning to stay ahead of emerging threats. Specialized training programs educate employees on new age social engineering tactics, fostering a culture of vigilance and accountability. Collaboration with industry partners like the Semiconductor Industry Association helps ADI stay ahead of emerging threats and refine our strategies. The unconventional twist to traditional disciplines strengthens our defenses and demonstrates our commitment to safeguarding our technologies from internal and external threats.



Stacey Fortin

Title of Title,
Company Name



Stacey Fortin is a passionate cybersecurity leader with more than 20 years of combined private-sector and military experience. As IT Director of Cybersecurity at Sensata Technologies, she leads global security strategy, governance, and incident response. A decorated Air Force Cyberspace Officer, she excels in executive communication, regulatory compliance, and cross-functional leadership. Stacey holds advanced credentials in cybersecurity governance, incident handling, and strategic planning, and is known for building high-performing, mission-driven teams.

SUCCESS STORY: Under my leadership, the organization stabilized and modernized its security posture during a period of elevated risk. After a major cyber incident, I led a recovery that avoided regulatory penalties, financial loss, and long-term disruption, while using the incident as a catalyst for lasting improvement. Serving as Director of Cybersecurity and interim Director of Global Infrastructure, I drove enterprise-wide upgrades to security policies, tooling, and incident response. These efforts strengthened visibility, accountability, and resilience, transforming the team from reactive to proactive and leaving the company with a stronger, more secure foundation for future growth.



Tyler Gilbreath

Executive Vice President
& Global CISO,
Bain & Company, Inc.



Tyler Gilbreath is Executive Vice President and Global Chief Information Security Officer at Bain & Company, where he leads the firm's global cybersecurity and information risk strategy. With more than two decades of experience across retail, healthcare, government contracting, legal services, and technology startups, Tyler specializes in enterprise security strategy, cyber risk management, and protecting complex global organizations. He is an active member of ISACA and frequently participates in CISO leadership forums as panelist/speaker.

SUCCESS STORY: Tyler Gilbreath leads Bain's global cybersecurity strategy for the enterprise, ensuring the protection of the firm's critical assets and the trust of its clients. As Bain expanded its digital capabilities and global operations—including rapid adoption of AI-driven tools—securing sensitive client data and protecting a distributed workforce became increasingly complex. Tyler led a multi-year transformation of the firm's cybersecurity program, introducing a zero-trust architecture, strengthening global identity and access governance, and modernizing security operations and incident response capabilities. He also expanded risk governance across third-party ecosystems and M&A diligence processes. These efforts significantly elevated Bain's cybersecurity maturity and strengthened enterprise resilience.



Satyendra Thakur

Vice President Chief
Information Security Officer,
Hasbro



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**Sam Curry**Chief Security Officer,
Zscaler

Sam Curry is CISO at Zscaler and a Fellow at NSI. Formerly CSO/CPO at Cybereason, CTO/CISO at Arbor, CISO at MicroStrategy and an executive at McAfee and CA. He was 7 years at RSA as GM and CTO and Head of RSA Labs (MIT). With dozens of patents, he teaches at WIT and Nichols College. He is a board member of the Cybersecurity Coalition and CyberTrust Ma, with degrees in Physics, English, Philosophy and Counterterrorism.

SUCCESS STORY: As Global CISO at Zscaler (NASDAQ 100), Sam has championed “Zero Trust Everywhere” securing the company’s global enterprise. Zscaler has been a disruptor it’s entire history, and the security function has enabled that to continue in the AI era. We have focused on transforming internal security from a cost center into a business enabler, protecting the exchange of information while scaling our operations and aligning to all parts of the business. This success story isn’t just about robust defense; it’s about empowering a resilient organization critical to our customers’ transformations today and to secure tomorrow with confidence.

**Gael Frouin**Director of IT Security,
AAA Northeast

I am a problem solver who has been in the security field for 20 years: Understanding how things and people work is where my passion lies. My experiences in security consulting and as a CISO has helped me become a security generalist comfortable in all situations. As a leader, guiding my team to club and individual success is my main goal.

SUCCESS STORY: The proudest moments of my career are when my team successfully accomplish challenging tasks. One key embodiment of this has been one of my employees who successfully became a senior security engineer at the club after successfully implementing several key initiatives (zero trust, web filtering, file integrity monitoring, etc.) singlehandedly but also growing his understanding of information security and his leadership skills. While most of that has to be credited to his will to succeed, I have not doubt that my mentoring has contributed to his success at the club and to the success of the projects he led.

**Eric Jacobsen**Director of Information
Security,
Boston University

Eric Jacobsen is Assistant Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer at Boston University, where he leads the university’s information security program. He has guided the organization for more than a decade, overseeing strategy, operations, identity and access management, risk, and compliance across a complex academic environment. With over 30 years of experience in information technology and security, Eric is known for pragmatic leadership, long-term stewardship, and positioning security as an enabler of institutional mission.

SUCCESS STORY: Under my leadership, Boston University’s information security program evolved from a small, operationally focused team into a resilient, standards-aligned organization that supports a diverse academic enterprise. The team more than doubled in size while retaining approximately seventy-five percent of its original members, reflecting sustained continuity in a field with high attrition. Together, we modernized core security capabilities, strengthened identity and access management, reduced systemic risk, and retired legacy technology that constrained progress. This work was delivered collaboratively, with security positioned as an enabler of teaching, research, and operations, and with long-term stewardship prioritized over short-term wins.

**Christopher Kennedy**Chief Information
Security Officer,
Group 1001

Christopher Kennedy is a 27-year security executive whose career began as a Marine Officer building the Corps’ first cyber defense program and standing up the Marine CERT. He led security programs for U.S. Treasury, then spent a combined decade at Bridgewater Associates and Citadel, two of the most adversary-targeted financial institutions in the world. Today he is CISO of Group 1001, an \$81B AUM financial services organization, and advises institutions through his consultancy, IntegrityEQ Partners.

SUCCESS STORY: Ground-zero build. Inherited no team, no culture, heavy outsourcing. Secured funding and personally hired 24 FTE in year one, 70% from my network, building a high-trust organization from scratch. Real defense under fire. Detected and repelled Scattered Spider and other advanced adversaries during the company’s most vulnerable period. Security as a growth enabler. Led Zero Trust adoption, embedded security into SDLC pipelines, pivoted counter-fraud analytics to recover significant potential losses, and retuned KYC to increase enrollment revenues. CEO trust. Built a comprehensive executive protection program that tripled in adoption after the UnitedHealthcare CEO tragedy, because we were prepared.

**Robyn Ready**Chief Information
Security Officer,
Knitwell Group

Robyn Ready is a global Information Security and Technology executive with deep expertise in cybersecurity, risk management, and enterprise operations. As CISO and senior technology leader, she has built and scaled security and IT organizations across complex, multi-brand environments, and through multiple mergers. Known for transforming underdeveloped functions into mature, business-aligned capabilities, Robyn drives measurable risk reduction, operational efficiency, and cultural change while enabling secure growth.

SUCCESS STORY: When I joined Talbots in 2017, the security function lacked structure and a modern operating model. Within my first month, I established a formal control framework and measurable baseline, enabling targeted risk reduction. By focusing on the highest-risk gaps, we more than tripled effective controls within two years without increasing spend. Following the formation of KnitWell Group, we unified separate security organizations into a single enterprise function, expanding coverage while reducing cost. This disciplined approach continued through subsequent acquisitions, resulting in a more secure, consistent, and efficient environment operating near full compliance and on track for complete alignment by 2026.

**Rob Sherman**Chief Information
Security Officer,
Lantheus

Rob Sherman is CISO at Lantheus, a global radiopharmaceutical company, and a member of the leadership team focused on mergers & acquisitions. Prior to Lantheus, Rob spent nearly 25 years protecting wireless communications infrastructure, energy systems and data centers at American Tower Corporation, an S&P 500 global REIT, where he held roles across IT and legal. He holds a BA in Sociology from Brandeis University and a JD from Suffolk University Law School.

SUCCESS STORY: In 2024, Lantheus’s information security team was expanded with a mission to rapidly deliver an enterprise-grade security program for a growing and diversifying global organization. This work occurred amidst multiple acquisitions, major IT platform transformations and new product launches. The scope included full re-platforming to a zero-trust architecture and comprehensive re-implementations of identity management and privacy capabilities. Equally important was how the work was done: the broader organization was engaged and brought along on the journey, changes were executed in a highly regulated GxP environment, while directly supporting time-sensitive radiopharmaceutical operations with zero

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Erica Antos

Chief Information Security Officer, Mercury



Erica Antos is Vice President and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at Mercury Systems, where she drives enterprise cybersecurity strategy, risk management, and regulatory alignment. With over 20 years of experience in high-tech and healthcare, Erica previously held leadership roles at TriNetX, SharkNinja, and Nuance Communications (now Microsoft). Erica specializes in governance, IT risk, and compliance, and holds CISSP (active) and CISA (inactive) certifications, along with a Master of Information Systems from Bentley University.

SUCCESS STORY: Over the past year as CISO of Mercury Systems, I led the cybersecurity organization in achieving major advancements that strengthened our security posture and operational resilience. We enhanced collaboration, telemetry, and response capabilities with our external SOC; deployed a modern EDR platform; implemented a comprehensive cybersecurity asset management solution; and advanced our GRC program, including Third-Party Risk Management and enterprise risk integration. These achievements were made possible by the cybersecurity program and staffing strategy I established in my first nine months, laying the foundation for modernized, automated, and sustainable security processes.



Stephen Danckert

Senior Director in Enterprise Architecture, Haemonetics



Steve Danckert has been leading cybersecurity and privacy at Haemonetics since 2019. He has been leading life sciences IT for more than 20 years, including prior roles at Boston Scientific and Biogen. Steve has Masters' Degrees in Software Engineering from Regis University in Denver and in Leadership from Northeastern University in Boston. He also holds a graduate certificate in pharmaceutical law from the Seton Hall School of Law. He is a US Army veteran.

SUCCESS STORY: We have built our cybersecurity program from the ground up upon the twin pillars of community policing and vendor partnership. We attained our initial ISO 27001 certification in 2022 and remain committed to continuous improvement. The security team follows a community policing model, knowing that you can't secure what you don't understand or protect those with whom you have no relationship. We partner across the enterprise to embed security into our DNA. Our vendor partners enable a best-in-platform strategy emphasizing cadenced health checks, and platform mastery. These partners provide a "force multiplier" effect, ensuring strong security at a manageable cost.



Lorna Koppel

Director of Information Security, Tufts University



Lorna Koppel is the CISO for Tufts University, providing executive leadership for security, privacy, and compliance across its global academic, research and clinical mission. An Air Force veteran, Lorna previously held senior security roles at Iron Mountain, Kohler Co., and BT-Infonet. Beyond her executive duties, she is a dedicated leadership coach and mentor for women in technology. Lorna holds degrees from BGSU, PSU, and UAlbany, and remains committed to fostering inclusive, resilient organizational cultures.

SUCCESS STORY: Under my leadership, we transformed security into a strategic mission-enabler. By architecting a cross-unit collaborative culture, three key transformations include: First, Fiscal Leadership, by consolidating fragmented functions to self-fund a critical modernization. Second, Risk Reduction, through systematically eliminating years of legacy access control debt and pioneering identity protections. Third, Research Growth, by establishing a CMMC-compliant framework that served as a catalyst for grant competitiveness and the renewal of high-stakes research contracts. Ultimately, by bridging gaps across our community, we have positioned security as a trusted partner ensuring Tufts remains a preeminent global university.



Astrid Lambert

CISO & Sr. Director, Cambridge Health Alliance



Astrid Lambert is a seasoned leader known for her forward-thinking leadership and innovative approach. She currently serves as CISO/Senior Director at Cambridge Health Alliance, where she oversees strategic initiatives critical to the organization's success. Astrid's expertise has enabled Cambridge Health Alliance to make data-driven decisions, driving efficiency and improvements across multiple domains. A strong advocate for information security, she implements robust measures to protect sensitive healthcare data and ensure compliance with regulatory standards.

SUCCESS STORY: As CISO at Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), I serve an innovative healthcare system with three hospitals and 150,000 patients in Boston's metro-north region. I protect our mission by integrating cybersecurity into our organizational multiyear strategic plans. From educating nurses on the hospital floor to advising the Board, I engage all organizational levels to make cybersecurity a shared responsibility. As AI is revolutionizing healthcare and transforming medicine, our top priority is to reduce our attack surface while simultaneously building safe paths for these incredible technologies.



Michael Nichols

Chief Information Security Officer, CIRCOR



Michael Nichols is a VP, Chief Information Security Officer with global responsibility for cybersecurity, risk management, and compliance in highly regulated manufacturing environments. He is known for building pragmatic, business-aligned security programs that reduce risk while enabling growth. Michael's leadership emphasizes clarity, accountability, and operational resilience, transforming cybersecurity into a trusted partner for executives, customers, and regulators.

SUCCESS STORY: At CIRCOR, Michael Nichols transformed cybersecurity from a fragmented function into a resilient, business-aligned capability supporting a highly regulated global manufacturing environment. By establishing a foundational security baseline, modernizing identity and endpoint protections, and strengthening governance and compliance, he significantly reduced enterprise risk while enabling operational continuity. His leadership drove measurable improvements in cyber maturity, strengthened regulatory readiness, and increased confidence among executives, customers, and partners. Through disciplined execution and a focus on clarity over complexity, cybersecurity became a business enabler, supporting growth, protecting critical assets, and positioning CIRCOR for long-term success.



Matt Shaw

Chief Information Security Officer, Suncoast Health



Matt Shaw is the Chief Information Security Officer at Southcoast Health, responsible for advancing cybersecurity strategy to protect clinical operations and patient data. With more than 25 years of leadership experience in the healthcare and banking, he has driven significant cybersecurity modernization and program maturity. Matt is known for building collaborative security teams and partnering with business leaders to embed cybersecurity into organizational strategy, strengthening security and resilience across a complex healthcare environment.

SUCCESS STORY: In the past three years, our team has made significant progress strengthening and modernizing the organization's cybersecurity program by transitioning from legacy tools to best-in-class security platforms while maximizing their value through deeper integration and use. We have strengthened partnerships across the organization, shifting cybersecurity's role from a perceived barrier to a trusted, solutions-oriented partner. These efforts have improved risk management and security outcomes while supporting business objectives and clinical workflows. The program's maturity has contributed to Southcoast Health earning a Level 10 designation in consecutive Most Wired surveys conducted by the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME).

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Chris Bernard

Chief Information Security Officer,
The Jackson Laboratory



Chris Bernard is a three-time Chief Information Security Officer with more than 30 years of technology leadership experience. He is known for leveraging technology to advance organizational mission through collaborative leadership and the strategic use of best-of-breed platforms and solutions. A forward-thinking executive partner, he has led cultural transformation, strengthened institutional resilience, and developed future technology leaders while enabling innovation through secure, reliable, and mission-aligned technology strategies.

SUCCESS STORY: As a three-time CISO, I have worked to redefine cybersecurity at The Jackson Laboratory as a catalyst for discovery rather than a constraint. By uniting security and networking, fostering a culture of shared accountability, and embedding resilience into enterprise decision-making, I helped transform a siloed environment into a coordinated, mission-driven organization. This shift not only strengthened protection of sensitive research but also enabled scientists to collaborate and innovate with confidence. Equally important, I invest deeply in developing future leaders, ensuring that our greatest legacy is a culture of trust, empowerment, and sustainable resilience.



Brian Castagna

Chief Experience Officer,
Rapid7



Brian Castagna is the SVP, Chief Security Officer at Rapid7. He has extensive experience in leading and scaling cybersecurity programs for B2B cloud SaaS companies. Brian was previously CISO at PerkinElmer, a global manufacturing company, and has held prior security leadership positions at Seven Bridges Genomics, Dyn, Acquia, and JumpTap. Brian is passionate about aligning business value to cybersecurity; coaching and mentoring. He holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from Bentley University.

SUCCESS STORY: The Rapid7 provides cybersecurity software and services for 11,000 customers. Our cybersecurity team has the awesome responsibility of protecting each of those 11,000 customers and 2,700 employees. Every day is an opportunity and a challenge to continually improve our program, help our customers defend against the constantly shifting landscape of cyber threats. I'm so proud of each of our team members who make our customers successful.



Benjamin Dulieu

Chief Information Security Officer,
Duck Creek Technologies



Benjamin Dulieu is the Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security Officer of Duck Creek Technologies, a global SaaS platform serving the insurance industry. He leads enterprise technology, cybersecurity, data, and AI-driven operations, aligning risk management with business growth and innovation. A former U.S. Marine Corps Captain, Benjamin brings a mission-focused leadership style centered on disciplined execution, team development, and building resilient organizations positioned for the future.

SUCCESS STORY: Over the past year, I led the transformation of our cybersecurity and enterprise technology foundation, repositioning technology as a strategic accelerator for the business. We implemented a modern, risk-aligned cyber program, strengthened resilience, and improved enterprise maturity while modernizing identity, observability, and core systems. At the same time, we leaned boldly into AI, empowering our teams to embed automation and intelligence into operations and governance. The result is a more secure, more resilient, and more innovative organization, where technology and cybersecurity now enable growth, speed, and trust rather than constrain them.



Tom Kane

Chief Information Security Officer,
Boston Mutual



I am the CISO and Director of Infrastructure at Boston Mutual Life, where I lead a 15-person organization responsible for cybersecurity and enterprise technology. Since joining, I have modernized infrastructure, achieved full NYDFS cybersecurity compliance, and delivered over \$250,000 in cost savings. I am recognized for translating complex cyber risk into clear business strategy and for developing high-performing teams that deliver measurable outcomes.

SUCCESS STORY: My team and I transformed Boston Mutual Life's technology and security organization into a high-performing, metrics-driven team. We achieved full NYDFS cybersecurity compliance, reduced phishing failure rates to 3.3% below the industry average and led the deployment of more than 30,000 security patches in a single quarter with a five-day remediation window. Through targeted modernization initiatives, we generated over \$250,000 in cost savings while significantly improving resilience, regulatory posture, and enterprise trust. Most importantly, I strengthened governance by elevating cybersecurity as a board-level priority, integrating cyber risk into enterprise decision-making.



Samir Sanghani

Chief Information Security Officer,
Coverys



Samir is Director of Information Security and head of security at Coverys, where he has spent the last 15 years building a modern, risk-based security program that protects the business while enabling it to move forward with confidence. He leads with a practical, people-centered approach and is active in the broader cybersecurity community through industry engagement, mentorship, and developing the next generation of security professionals.

SUCCESS STORY: My team's greatest accomplishments have been building a modern, risk-based security program and positioning security as a true business enabler. We aligned the program to recognized frameworks and regulatory requirements, giving leadership a clearer, more consistent view of cyber risk and investment priorities. We also modernized key security capabilities to improve detection and response, strengthen secure access, reduce operational friction, and improve resilience. Most importantly, we fostered a culture where security is viewed as a partner, not a hurdle, and where business leaders engage us early to help them move faster with risk understood and managed.



Julia Starr

Chief Information Security Officer,
Flagship Pioneering



Julia is a security and risk executive at Flagship Pioneering, where she leads enterprise information security, privacy, and risk management across the Flagship ecosystem and its portfolio companies. With over 12 years of experience in cybersecurity leadership spanning life sciences, software, and financial services, she specializes in building scalable governance programs and modernizing security operations to support innovation and growth. Julia is an active member of IAPP, ISACA, and Women in Cybersecurity.

SUCCESS STORY: My success in security leadership has been shaped by building my career in traditionally male-dominated industries, where I learned to lead with both confidence and authenticity. Working across healthcare, financial services, and technology, I developed resilience, technical depth, and the ability to translate risk into business strategy. As a woman in cybersecurity, I've embraced a leadership style grounded in collaboration, empathy, and accountability—proving that strength and inclusivity are not mutually exclusive. Through engagement with ISACA, IAPP, and Women in Cybersecurity, I remain committed to mentoring and expanding opportunities for the next generation of diverse security leaders.

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Kyle Bubp

Chief Information Security Officer, AVID



Kyle Bubp is a cybersecurity executive with over 20 years of experience. As VP and CISO at Avid Technology, he leads a combined security and IT organization spanning cybersecurity, cloud, networking, and systems. A member of the IANS Faculty, contributing author to the Tribe of Hackers series, and active mentor and public servant, Kyle believes security programs should drive down quantifiable risk and align with business objectives, making security an enabler rather than an obstacle.

SUCCESS STORY: When I joined Avid, the security program needed direction and a foundation. In my first year, I delivered both. We hardened identity and access controls, enforced MFA, and deployed threat intelligence with automated credential remediation, closing attack windows before they could be exploited. Endpoint management brought unmanaged devices into compliance. Layered email security reduced phishing exposure. An IR retainer eliminated our zero-day response gap. A formal policy library established governance accountability. Vendor rationalization freed budget for higher priorities. Equally important, I invested in my team, providing mentorship, clear direction, and candid feedback that elevated individual performance and collective capability.



Deborah Cafarella

Chief Information Security Officer, Company Name



Deb Cafarella is a senior IT security and infrastructure leader who aligns technology and security initiatives to business objectives across financial services, biotech, healthcare, and technology. She brings global expertise in end-user computing, cloud infrastructure, and networking, building secure, resilient environments through cross-functional collaboration. Deb has led risk management transformations that strengthen identification and mitigation practices, improve operational resilience, and develop high-performing teams across the globe, grounded in major security and compliance frameworks.

SUCCESS STORY: I transformed a stalled security program and a team lacking focus into a high-performing, execution-driven function with rapid, measurable results. When I joined in October, there was a backlog of 75 security projects that weren't progressing. I reset priorities, clarified ownership, aligned stakeholders, and established a disciplined execution cadence centered on the highest-risk initiatives. By year-end, we completed 45 projects—reducing the backlog to 30 and accelerating delivery of high-impact controls. This strengthened the organization's security posture, rebuilt confidence through accountability and speed, and helped drive meaningful cyber insurance savings by demonstrating that controls operate effectively in practice.



Alex Cunningham

Chief Information Security Officer, Advisor 360



Alex Cunningham is a seasoned cybersecurity executive with more than 25 years of experience leading enterprise security, risk, and governance programs in regulated industries. Currently SVP and CISO at Advisor360, he has built and scaled global security organizations, strengthened resilience, and enabled secure business growth. Known for pragmatic, people-first leadership, Alex combines strategic vision with operational depth. He holds CISSP, CISM, and CRISC certifications and is widely recognized among top global CISOs.

SUCCESS STORY: Despite an always evolving threat landscape, the team has delivered consistently strong outcomes, sustaining operational excellence while expanding capabilities that strengthen resilience, protect the business, and reinforce customer trust. We maintain reliable day-to-day delivery through sharper prioritization aligned to highest-impact risks, ensuring measurable risk reduction. Automation and removal of bottlenecks improved throughput, quality, and predictability. Strong cross-functional partnerships further enhanced execution. While this recognition highlights my leadership, it reflects the exceptional performance, adaptability, and commitment of the team I am proud to lead.



Michael Gioia

Chief Information Security Officer, Babson College



Michael Gioia is a cybersecurity executive with more than 24 years of experience building and leading information security programs, with a focus on higher education. He currently serves as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at Babson College, where he leads initiatives that strengthen institutional resilience and enable innovation. He previously held security leadership roles at Eastern Illinois University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, and Bentley University and holds certifications including CISM, CDPSE, CISSP, and AAISM.

SUCCESS STORY: Under Mike Gioia's leadership, Babson College transformed cybersecurity into a strategic enabler of innovation. His team built a modern, risk-based security program that strengthened institutional resilience while supporting the college's mission of educating entrepreneurial leaders. Key initiatives included bringing security operations in-house to improve threat detection and response, implementing phishing-resistant authentication across the Babson community, and establishing governance to support the secure adoption of AI technologies. Together, these efforts significantly reduced risk while empowering faculty, staff, and students to innovate confidently and helping position Babson as a leader in AI-driven education.



Tim Holmes

Chief Information Security Officer, College of the Holy Cross



Tim Holmes, MA, MS, CISSP, is a seasoned leader serving as the CISO at the College of the Holy Cross. His extensive experience, cultivated across HigherEd institutions, has equipped a deep understanding of the unique challenges within non-profit sectors. Tim is recognized for his strategic acumen in applying comprehensive frameworks, his exceptional ability to demystify complex technical concepts, and his success in steering extensive collaboration across diverse stakeholder groups to drive holistic cybersecurity resilience.

SUCCESS STORY: Holy Cross transformed its cybersecurity in just a few years. A new team, aligned with NIST CSF, CIS18, and CISA's guidance, won over the Board and comprehensively reduced risks. We achieved yearly incremental maturity goals in all areas. Along the way, identity management was automated, MDR modernized, and user training revamped. A vulnerability management system was built, alongside a brand new, formalized, risk/compliance program. Incident response and disaster recovery guides were created. Ransomware exercises spanned ten departments, and a multiple tabletops enhanced preparedness. We champion the use of these frameworks and human creativity, proving resilience is attainable for peer organizations.



Brian Landry

Chief Information Security Officer, Company Name



Brian Landry has 25+ years of strategic technology and tactical leadership experience driving change in alignment with organizational direction tempered with a security focus. He has been a technology leader at Cambridge Savings Bank for over 11 years creating solutions to keep the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of customer data safe and secure. Brian is also an advisory board member for various organizations and is on the Operations Committee for the Cyber Risk Institute.

SUCCESS STORY: Over the past 15 months, my team redefined the bank's critical systems classification which positively influenced audits, risk assessments, the vulnerability management program, and organization-wide disaster recovery and business continuity plans. We established a DevSec-Ops Program in partnership with IT by creating a Secure System Development Life Cycle Standard aligning with NIST standards and OWASP guidelines to implement processes covering five different areas of development. Additionally, we implemented comprehensive cybersecurity benchmarks, enabling consistent executive and board reporting with peer benchmarking to ensure we meet industry and management expectations.



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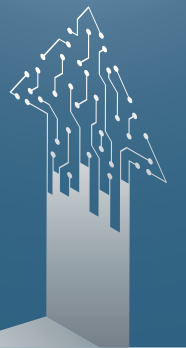


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