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Sheila Jordan responsible
for digital transformation
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For nearly twenty-five years, the Inspire Leadership Network has helped CIOs succeed in one of today's most challenging executive roles. CharlotteCIO and TriangleCIO 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 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 three 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.

Member-led, non-commercial programs like Inspire Leadership Network can build meaningful professional relationships, helping leaders solve similar challenges and avoid pitfalls. Successful leaders understand the "superpower" of trusted relationships. In a gathering of technology leaders, the answer is almost always in the room.

Together, we are transforming our economy and world through enhanced technology and information security. On behalf of CharlotteCIO and TriangleCIO, I'd like to congratulate the ORBIE nominees and finalists on their accomplishments and thank all of the sponsors, underwriters and staff who make the ORBIE Awards possible.



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Patrick Thompson

2023 Chair, CharlotteCIO
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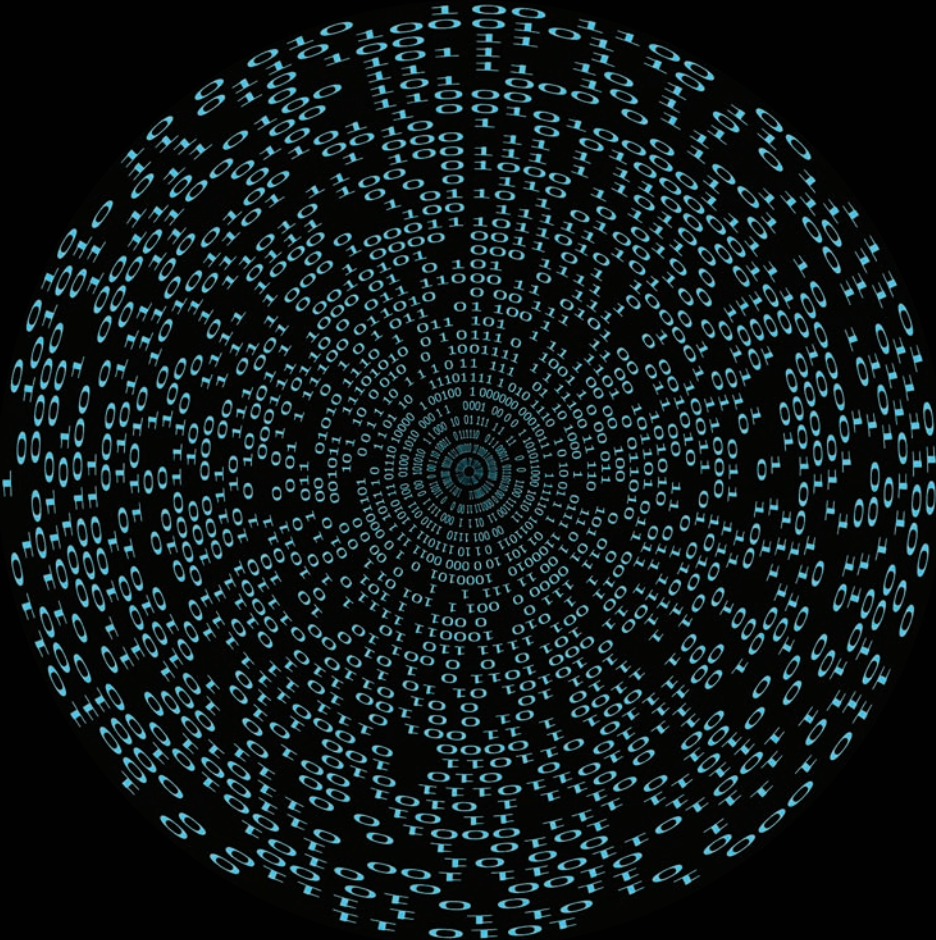
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2023 LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

Sheila Jordan

Senior Vice President & Chief Digital Technology Officer | Honeywell



By CharlotteCIO and TriangleCIO

Sheila Jordan is Honeywell's senior vice president and chief digital technology officer. In this role, she is responsible for all digital transformation efforts across the company, including transformation platform construction and adoption, and delivering value across enterprise-data activities.

In addition, Jordan has broad oversight and responsibility for IT infrastructure, end-user support, and the more than 100 services delivered through applications. She also oversees the expansion of software development to support Honey-

well's digital initiatives and go-to-market offerings.

Before Honeywell, Jordan served as senior vice president and chief information officer at Symantec, where she was responsible for Symantec's IT strategy and operations. Prior to that, she was senior vice president of communication and collaboration IT at Cisco Systems. Jordan also worked for Walt Disney World as the senior vice president of Destination Disney.

Jordan has received multiple industry awards and recognitions, including being inducted into the

CIO Hall of Fame by CIO Magazine and being recognized on the Forbes 2023 CIO Next List. She was also named one of the 2022 Top 100 Women in Technology by Technology Magazine and a 2019 Woman of Influence by Silicon Valley Business Journal.

Sheila holds a bachelor's degree from University of Central Florida and an MBA from Florida Institute of Technology. She is also the author of *You are NOT Ruining Your Kids: A Positive Perspective on the Working Mom*.



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Amish Patel

CTO - Cloud Enablement & Platform Modernization
Elevance Health



Amish Patel, CTO at Elevance Health, leads the cloud, exponential engineering, and technology platforms. Leveraging AI, cloud and exponential technologies, his team builds innovative capabilities for a digital-first health platform. With strategic integration of technology throughout his career, Patel has transformed business operations. Holding an MBA in Strategy and Finance and a BS in Computer Science, he serves on advisory boards for various organizations, including the Society for Information Management, NC Technology Association and CharlotteCIO.

SUCCESS STORY

Cloud is quickly becoming the foundation for AI, automation, and business agility. As one of the key exponential technologies, my team and I have laid out our enterprise cloud strategy, gained business alignment, set a transformational migration roadmap, and secured multi-year funding from executive management. Cloud will help transform our member experiences by making patient-centered care easier, provider interactions more transparent, AI-driven care center touchpoints, and enable significant value-based care programs. This will enable us to improve whole health and advance our member experiences, exemplified by our bold purpose of improving the health of humanity.



Aditya Bhasin

CTO & CIO
Bank of America



Aditya Bhasin is chief technology and information officer for Bank of America and a bank executive management team member. He leads a global team of more than 60,000 employees responsible for designing and delivering technology solutions for all eight lines of business, staff support groups, Global Information Security and Technology Infrastructure. Bhasin earned master's degrees in computer engineering and engineering management from Dartmouth College, and undergraduate degrees in chemistry and computer science from Hamilton College.

SUCCESS STORY

Global Technology manages the critical systems and multiple platforms supporting Bank of America's full range of banking, investing, asset management and other financial and risk management products and services. Our \$10.7 billion annual technology budget, \$3.6 billion for new development, allows us to deliver technology to clients when and where they need it, at scale. We make it easy for clients to connect with us digitally using self-service and interactive tools, as well as accessing specialists when needed. Clients engaging digitally 11.6 billion times in 2022, up 10% YoY. In Q1, 2023: 3.1 billion+ digital logins, up 13% YoY.



Marc Berson

SVP & CIO
Gilead Sciences



Marc Berson has 25 years of experience in IT, Business Transformation, Financial Systems and Finance roles and is currently Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Gilead Sciences. In this capacity, Marc is leading the IT function including Business Transformation/Innovation, DevOps, Analytics/Data Management, IT Strategy & Architecture, Info Security/Controls, and Infrastructure / Operations. Marc also is the Global Business Services site leader for Gilead's Raleigh, NC site, leading the local IT, Finance, HR and Procurement teams.

SUCCESS STORY

At Gilead, we bring world-class therapies and cures to some of the most life-threatening diseases. Despite making significant progress during the pandemic in IT innovation, agility, and security, our biggest success is the people, culture and ethos of our organization. Like many, our people have endured considerable stress including personal impacts and a heavy lift at work, including support for Veklury, our COVID-19 therapeutic. Amidst it all, the passion, dedication, and pride that our team members demonstrate every day is unwavering. Our leadership commitments have helped to instill these attributes and we are stronger as a team than ever before.



Dr. Stepan Kazakov

VP International IT - Applications
Asahi Kasei



Dr. Stepan Kazakov is a forward-thinking IT executive with a proven track record of leading digital transformation initiatives and leveraging technology to drive business success. With over 24 years of experience, he has a deep understanding of application-focused technology teams and their role in achieving strategic goals. Stepan's expertise in digital transformation enables him to identify opportunities for process optimization, innovation, and improved customer experiences.

SUCCESS STORY

The ability to utilize technology into a positive impact on the business has always fascinated me and is the reason I spent my life in the technology field within manufacturing companies. IT in the manufacturing space has incredible value and if used correctly can drastically transform business processes and overall operations. I have worked for many companies, impacting truck transmission manufacturing, submarine electrical systems, cheese production, lithium-ion separator and many other manufactured products and systems. To me, this area of IT is the most fruitful for individual within application space as the impact could be massive and almost immediate.

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Rama Kandala

CIO - Optical Communications & Life Science technologies
Corning Inc.

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Rama Kandala is the CIO of businesses Optical Communications, and Life Sciences Technology at Corning Incorporated. Corning is one of the world's leading innovative company in material science with 170 years of track record in creating life changing inventions. As a group CIO, Rama is responsible Digital transformation and leading the strategy and execution of technologies that drives innovation, scalability, and growth for the businesses. Rama resides in Charlotte, NC with his wife and children.

SUCCESS STORY

Supported Corning mission of changing the world and shaping society with glass and ceramics by

- building capacities and capabilities for the world's population to access broadband. During COVID we found that in many parts of the world have no access to broadband. Produced connectivity solutions to allow people around the world to connect to their loved ones.
- Enabling technologies for faster and rapid production of COVID vaccine vials.

People Development: Mentoring, coaching and building a strong, diverse organization with leaders from 20+ countries. These leaders are also encouraged to help their local community in their countries and regions.



Prashant Nema

EVP & CIO
Arch Capital



Prashant is EVP and CIO at Arch Capital Services LLC. He was promoted from Divisional COO of Arch Worldwide Infrastructure, Arch Insurance and Arch Mortgage Insurance in January 2020. From 2015-2018, Nema served as the SVP and CIO for Arch Mortgage Insurance Company. Before Arch, Nema was Chief Technology Officer and Founder of Didallo, a mobile commerce start-up. He held senior IT roles at Silicon Valley Bank, including serving as its CIO from 2010-2013.

SUCCESS STORY

I'm proud of the data transformation the Arch IT team has undertaken. We have assisted in the creation of a scalable organization where employees are working from common ground across all segments, geographies and business lines. This is an enormous undertaking but has allowed for stronger business to IT alignment, making IT a meaningful partner in a data-driven business and market. Going forward, I am focused on the evolution of data strategy at Arch, using innovation and an engaged and talented team of 1,000-plus employees to help the company meet the needs of our customers in an extremely competitive market.



JP Saini

Chief Digital & Technology Officer
Sunbelt Rentals, Inc.



As Chief Digital and Technology Officer at Sunbelt Rentals, JP Saini's leadership has positioned the company for accelerated growth and industry-leading innovation with Sunbelt 3.0, a global transformation. Harnessing emerging technologies, JP is supercharging Sunbelt's technology ecosystem to extend Sunbelt's industry-leading technologies and power the Perfect Rental. A passionate technology evangelist and industry veteran, JP leads a diverse organization focused on innovation, speed to value and generating positive outcomes for customers, employees, and the business.

SUCCESS STORY

I am privileged to lead this team through the SBR 3.0 transformation. Our new ecosystem powers a new era of greater competitive advantage for Sunbelt, seamlessly connecting sales, operations, availability, logistics, and service across the company. Among our many accomplishments, the most impressive is how everyone has risen to the challenge, modernizing every operational process and technical aspect of this thriving \$10B company - without disrupting daily business. It can feel like we're performing open heart surgery on a patient running a marathon! The team's outstanding work was recently recognized with 2023 CIO100 award for innovation and value delivery.



Patrick Thompson

SVP, Chief Information & Digital Transformation Officer
Albemarle



Chief Information & Digital Transformation Officer at Albemarle Corporation. Distinguished executive leader with a proven track record of helping global Fortune 500 companies achieve back-office efficiencies and improve operational performance. Foundry CIO Hall of Fame inductee (2019); Top 100 CIO honoree from both CIO and Computerworld magazines; Carolina CIO Finalist 2019-2023. Chairman of SAP Chemical Executive Advisory Council; member of Chemical Information Technology Council; customer advisory board member for Workboard, Moveworks, Celonis, Salesforce and Aryaka.

SUCCESS STORY

I am honored and humbled to be considered as a Carolina CIO of the Year finalist and to represent Albemarle's talented IT and Global Business Services teams. We are on an impactful digital transformation journey and are committed to supporting our company's rapid growth. Most importantly, we will continue working with Albemarle's core values of care, curiosity, collaboration, humility, accountability and integrity as our top priorities. My teams are proud to be part of Albemarle's growth and success and will continue working to provide superior service and innovative technology solutions to the business.



Marykay Wells

CIO
Pearson Education



Marykay Wells is a visionary, goal-oriented CIO with proven success in strategic planning and execution of large, global technology transformations. An inspirational leader with a successful track record of leading global teams of 2,000+ professionals and supporting revenues from \$5B. Marykay builds high performing teams by establishing customer-first values and cultivating an environment of collaboration, integration, and innovation. At Pearson, Marykay champions the adoption of future-state technologies and evangelizes diversity and inclusion across the organization.

SUCCESS STORY

Over the course of Pearson's nearly 180-year history, we have gone through multiple reinventions and transformations. With the digital revolution, my team has been a foundational element to achieving Pearson's digital-first strategy to adding life to a lifetime of learning. My team's massive move to the cloud, both before and through the pandemic, enables Pearson to quickly scale digital products; today, 70% of our revenue is hosted from the cloud. This journey to the cloud was in addition to onboarding and integrating eight acquisitions into our technology stack to further build Pearson's capabilities.

Congratulations to Arch Chief Information Officer

PRASHANT NEMA

on being named a CIO of the Year finalist. This honor publicly recognizes what we've known all along: Prashant's ability to drive innovation, foster collaboration and strategic focus has been critical in Arch's success.



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LARGE ENTERPRISE FINALISTS



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UP TO \$30 BILLION ANNUAL REVENUE



Reese Edgington

Chief of Technology Services
NC Department of Health & Human Services



Reese Edgington is a seasoned technology executive with over 25 years experience in the industry. Edgington graduated from the Virginia Military Institute with a degree in Engineering. Edgington was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force May 1997.

SUCCESS STORY

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services IT Division's greatest accomplishment is their ability to adapt and transform IT operations simultaneously supporting 33 Divisions. Commitment to operational excellence through innovation and continuous learning has enabled them to keep pace with the customer to deliver critical support to North Carolinians. The Division has implemented a "Team of Teams" approach, which resulted in increased transparency across NCDHHS, delivered over 80 new systems in over 9 years, provided just in time innovation supporting the fight against the COVID pandemic, and workforce development opportunities (i.e. Agile, DevOps, Platform Technologies, and Product Management).



Bonnie Titone

SVP & CIO
Duke Energy



Bonnie Titone serves as Duke Energy's SVP & CIO; leading the company's information technology & security organizations. Consisting of operations and infrastructure, telecom, digital, delivery, data & analytics, cyber & physical security and NERC CIP compliance. Her team enables the company's broader efforts to transform and deliver a smarter, cleaner energy future. Bonnie has deep history in information technology in positions ranging from project management, operations, application and product delivery management across the hospitality, financial services and automotive industries.

SUCCESS STORY

Duke's Enterprise Technology and Security Organization have created a strategic balance of operational excellence, innovation, modernization, and security as they help the company navigate, shape and enable the foundation of a new energy landscape and meet the company's net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The ET&S team is focused on finding ways to use technology to advance Duke's strategic goals and deliver for our customers and communities. Leveraging data and technology to improve and digitize delivery of day-to-day business operations while also planning and enabling for the future.



Stephen Carvelli

CTO
Sonic Automotive



Stephen Carvelli serves as Chief Technology Officer of Sonic Automotive. In this role, Stephen is responsible for driving the strategy and execution in the modernization of data platforms, digital commerce, CRM, and guest experience technology. He has over 25 years of experience in technology innovation. Prior to Sonic Automotive, Stephen held progressive Fortune 500 technology leadership roles with Comcast, Lowe's, American Eagle Outfitters, Chico's FAS, and The Walt Disney Co.

SUCCESS STORY

I am delighted by the remarkable strides we have made in enhancing our service to Sonic Automotive teammates and guests through the seamless integration of cutting-edge cloud technologies and digital retailing. These innovative solutions have enhanced the automotive buying and service experience, raising it to new heights. By harnessing the power of enhanced automation, data, and analytics, we have not only achieved greater operational efficiencies but also redirected our focus towards driving technological innovation. As Sonic Automotive Technology continues to evolve, we are consistently meeting the expanding needs of our business segments in automotive and powersports.



Sri Donthi

EVP & CTO
Advance Auto Parts



Sri Donthi joined Advance in 2018 and is the company's Chief Technology Officer. He brings to the role 25+ years of experience leading technology functions and reengineering IT infrastructure to support core business priorities. He previously worked at PepsiCo for 14 years, serving most recently as CIO of Frito-Lay North America. He also spent 10 years at Motorola in various IT leadership and operational roles. He is currently a director of Casey's General Stores, Inc.

SUCCESS STORY

When I joined Advance in 2018, the IT function had significant technical skillset debt and legacy systems. "Four of everything" was not an understatement as the company had grown by acquisition. My team and I immediately focused on integrating systems and upgrading technology to improve both the effectiveness of team members and the overall customer experience. All the while, we also consistently delivered all-important customer-focused solutions to continually improve the shopping experience across channels. Importantly, we have never lost sight of the need to develop existing talent and build a talent pipeline for the future.

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Chief Information Officer

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Jo Abernathy

CIO
Blue Cross Blue Shield of
NC



Jo has over 30 years of leadership experience across all areas of technology. Under Jo's leadership, the IT organization at Blue Cross NC has received numerous awards including the prestigious ComputerWorld's 100 Best Places to Work in IT award 7 times. Jo is a Board member of Well.co and SustainableIT.org. In 2019, she was appointed by North Carolina's Governor Roy Cooper as a member of the Governor's State of North Carolina Information Technology Strategy Board.

SUCCESS STORY

When I graduated from college, I was an Economics major and I struggled to find employment. I began working at Blue Cross NC as a customer service representative, and shortly thereafter, stumbled into an opportunity in IT, providing support for personal computers, which were new at the time. Over the years, leaders who believed in me force-rotated me around, ultimately resulting in me leading all of the various IT functions. It was terrifying at times, but it was also a wonderful gift. I became CIO in 2012. It's been a long journey that required much hard work, persistence, and resilience!



Greg Gates

CTO & CIO
LPL Financial



Greg Gates is managing director & Chief Technology & Information Officer for LPL Financial. In this role, Gates leads all aspects of IT, and is responsible for delivering scalable solutions & market-leading platforms. His team drives innovation by initiating differentiated advisor, institutional & client experiences to provide value at scale. Gates oversees the technology infrastructures that best serve LPL's nearly 21,000 financial professionals, approximately 1,100 institution-based investment programs, & 500 investment programs, representing nearly \$1.1 trillion of brokerage & advisory assets.

SUCCESS STORY

In the summer of 2022, the Technology team at LPL transformed the way we operate in order to deliver technology and product offerings to our advisors with a higher quality and velocity, by re-aligning our most vital asset - our people - to a new Domain Operating Model, including re-structuring 2,800 resources to Well Formed Teams including our new Product organization. We could not have reached the milestones in our transformation that we have, without each and every one of them embracing the change and moving us forward - as a collaborative, growth mindset leader.



Onyeka Nchege

SVP & CIO
Novant Health



Onyeka Nchege is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Novant Health, where he oversees the delivery of world-class consumer capabilities, differentiating technologies, and advanced clinical solutions. Formerly the CIO for Toyota Industries Commercial Finance, The Cooper Institute, Interstate Batteries and Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated, Nchege has nearly 30 years of leadership experience as well as numerous publications. He serves on Apparo's CXO Tech Council and is a graduate of Georgia State University.

SUCCESS STORY

Leading our team through COVID-19—the largest digital challenge in Novant Health history—has been my greatest priority, purpose and privilege. Together, we have powered the delivery of nearly 400,000 doses (and counting) of the COVID-19 vaccine to patients across our markets. To achieve this, we've built out and merged multiple data sets, identified vaccine-eligible groups, tallied three unique vaccines, coordinated IT support for large-scale vaccine clinics, and connected with people who are or aren't our patients. Our team rose to the challenge of keeping our community safe, and we're continually updating digital services that address a changing healthcare landscape.



Ben Patel

CIO
Cone Health



Mr. Patel serves as the CIO for Cone Health. He has more than 25 years of progressive experience in information technology. Mr. Patel is responsible for developing and executing information technology and digital strategy for Cone Health to enable the delivery of strategic priorities. His focus has been to enrich patient experience, improve operational efficiency and fuel growth.

SUCCESS STORY

With 28 years of progressive IT experience in multiple industries, my focus has been to enable the delivery of organizational strategies in partnership with key stakeholders. Throughout my healthcare experience, I have been fortunate to work with great clinicians/caregivers in organizations ranging from AMCs to Community health systems. This gave me broad spectrum of insights into the challenges and opportunities. I strongly believe and have demonstrated that technology can be leveraged to create possibilities. For example - deployment of SOA framework at University of Chicago improved patient throughput and standardize research workflows - received top IT project award from InfoWorld.

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Onyeka Nchege is redefining remarkable.

Congratulations on your leadership and your inclusion as a finalist for the CIO of the Year ORBIE Awards.

As the chief information officer at Novant Health, Onyeka Nchege has brought next-level thinking and purposeful innovation to help us shape the future of healthcare for our community.

Thank you, Onyeka, for your relentless dedication to excellence. You set a remarkable standard by transforming lives daily.



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Josh Bomba

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Technology Officer
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Mauricio Paredes has worked in technology for almost 30 years. He is currently VP of Technology at PS Logistics and is part of the team that has grown the organization from 600 trucks in 2012 to over 3,800 drivers in 2021. Throughout his career, Mauricio has worked to expand the use of analytics to improve all aspects of the supply chain. He currently also serves as a Blockchain in Transport Alliance Board member.

SUCCESS STORY

One of my proudest moments was early in my tenure. We were faced with a multi-year project that was making little progress, and spend was growing rapidly. We brought the teams together, and ask for ideas on how we get back on track. Ensuring people across all levels were heard. From the quiet, one voice emerge. He recommended a fix, which he proposed some years ago, with a commitment to get in development within a week. He exceeded expectation and implemented within 3 days. We then spent the summer rolling out the fix, saving SECU significant cost and reducing risk.



Ty Tastepe

CIO
Cedar Fair



Ty Tastepe is a global business, technology, and digital leader. He has served in executive leadership roles at global brands such as Disney, Universal, Hilton, and has also served as Chief Digital and Information Officer in public and private enterprises. He has implemented large scale digital transformation programs globally. In his current role as Chief Information Officer for Cedar Fair Entertainment Company, he has responsibility for technology, digital and cybersecurity.

SUCCESS STORY

Ty and his team developed a multi year digital roadmap to enhance guest and associate experiences, reduce friction, and drive incremental revenue opportunities. Recent success stories include the deployment of an associate mobile app that enables the operations team members to perform their daily tasks on digital platforms and empowers them with operational information, and the implementation of a digital guest ticketing system for our group sales business which enables our guests to purchase and redeem their group tickets electronically thus improving sales and fulfillment processes.



Dr. Pete Marks

VP & CIO
WakeMed Health and
Hospitals



Pete Marks, PhD, joined WakeMed Health and Hospitals in Raleigh, North Carolina in 2017 as the VP and CIO. He retired from the US Army after serving for 21 years on active duty. As part of the US Military, he developed a passion for helping the underserved and deployed multiple times to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other areas of Southwest Asia to support healthcare operations for those in need.

SUCCESS STORY

At WakeMed, data and analytics is the key to helping people live their fullest lives. I could not be prouder of our WakeMed team and how we have transformed healthcare over the past three years by using our data to enrich the lives of our patients and families. For years, our provider team has been documenting care in our information systems. From their efforts, we now can show relationships between care and outcomes. We have improved: mortality rates, readmissions, ED visits, etc. This all leads to better outcomes for our patients and families.



Rose Chambers

CIO
Segra



As Chief Information Officer of Segra, Rose leads and implements the vision for Segra's information systems, infrastructure, and cybersecurity. Rose has served in the telecommunications industry for 25 years and has a successful track record delivering complex technology/business transformation projects. Prior, she held various leadership positions in Product & Technology at Cox. Before Cox, Rose was a Vice President at CapGemini where she led large business transformation programs for Communications clients in the US and Europe.

SUCCESS STORY

I inherited a team that had 7 leaders over the past 3 years. With each leader, the team endured shifts in priorities and philosophies. The relationship between IT and the business was at an all-time low. I quickly reoriented the leaders to new guiding principles, established relationships with key business leaders, and provided opportunities to re-energize the team. We've delivered several new platforms. Unsolicited, our COO said - "We've accomplished more in IT the past year than in the past 3 years; the only thing that changed was Rose. The people were the same which is a testament to her leadership."

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Angelic Gibson

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Avidxchange



Angelic Gibson, AvidXchange CIO, brings more than 20 years of IT leadership experience. She excels in enterprise technology systems, database management, networks, telecommunications and infrastructure. Further, she has deep cloud computing expertise and a successful track record of building business intelligence platforms while balancing operational efficiencies and business growth. Passionate about fostering the next generation of tech talent, Angelic actively builds talent pipelines within and outside AvidXchange while overseeing the Technology Delivery and Operations team.

SUCCESS STORY

My greatest accomplishments since joining AvidXchange is the way I've transformed the way the Technology Delivery & Operations (TD&O) team and the business as a whole operates through two initiatives I developed called "AvidWow" and "The Great Connect." Because of these, the company has been able to better align technology resources with business priorities and ensure teammate are best positioned and guided to help the organization achieve its goals. This shift in thinking and working has helped to increase the company's efficiency, deliver a better overall customer experience, and allowed me to gain the trust of my teammates and leadership.



Chris Koltyk

CIO
City of Gastonia, North Carolina



Chris Koltyk, CIO - City of Gastonia, NC. Chris has more than 23 years of experience working in public sector both in US and abroad. Prior to joining City of Gastonia, Mr. Koltyk worked at the NCEM, Jacksonville. Professional associations: ASULGAA (past president), NCLGISA (past president), SIM. Chris completed; CGCIO from UNC School of Government, Master of Science in Economics - International Trade from Gdansk University, Poland and Master of Public Administration from ASU Boone, NC.

SUCCESS STORY

Chris has been with the City of Gastonia for only a year, but he has already gained a reputation as a leader seeking to elevate the organizational culture at the City by setting high expectations, by seeking input from his staff and from technology users across our \$300 million, 900+ employee organization, and by encouraging collaboration across departments to improve our service delivery. Chris has broken down silos within his department and has asked city staff to view technology solutions holistically so that solutions are integrated with one another. This saves staff time and improves organizational effectiveness.



Todd Wilkes

VP & CTO
Premier Inc.



Todd Wilkes is Chief Technology Officer at Premier Inc. (NASDAQ: PINC) and has spent his career developing analytical and operational cloud-based healthcare solutions. Mr. Wilkes is responsible for the technology vision, strategy, and innovation, execution of the commercial product's strategic roadmaps, architecture, agile software development, global software engineering teams, and hybrid cloud computing to support modern and traditional SaaS applications (PINC AI™, Remitra, and Supply Chain Services solutions) while ensuring performance, reliability, and security.

SUCCESS STORY

Healthcare impacts all of us - we are patients, as are our families, our friends. The software solutions we develop helps improve the quality, safety, and outcomes for all of us - it is personal. With 20+ years of data from one billion+ inpatient and outpatient encounters, the PINC AI's data is unmatched. PINC AI™ provides actionable intelligence to advance research, improve outcomes, support improved financial performance and drive success in alternative payment models based on data from 45% of U.S. hospital discharges, 812 million hospital outpatient and clinic encounters and 131 million office visits.



Curtis Hughes

CIO
Midrex Technologies, Inc.



Curtis Hughes, CIO of Midrex Technologies, has spent more than 20 years as a trusted business leader and technology strategist. He founded or co-founded three technology companies and was honored as one of Charlotte's "40 Under 40" in 2012 for his remarkable achievements and community involvement. Curtis is a sought-after speaker at global business and technology conferences, sharing his expertise on leadership and emerging trends, and also contributes his insights through writing on various platforms.

SUCCESS STORY

Creating something of significance requires purpose, perseverance, and the ability to overcome obstacles. One of my proudest achievements at Midrex is building a robust and unified team that both drives and supports the organization's long-term success. Witnessing the team's unwavering commitment, innovative mindset, and remarkable progress throughout the past six years has been a highlight of my career. While we have achieved remarkable accomplishments, the true measure of our success lies in the humility, trust, cohesion, and unwavering dedication displayed by each team member. By fostering a culture of collaboration and integrity, we have unlimited potential to accomplish great things.



Joan Smemoe

VP IT & CIO
Railinc



Joan Smemoe is Chief Information Officer and Vice President of Information Technology at Railinc. As CIO, Smemoe is at the helm of software development and applications engineering and is instrumental in shaping the company's vision for product development, data, and information systems platforms. Under her technical leadership, Railinc delivers a wide array of applications and technologies that are critical to freight rail industry operations in North America.

SUCCESS STORY

At Railinc I am most proud of what our team has been able to accomplish in supporting our customers: the North American freight rail industry. From the massive cloud migration we were able to complete last year - ahead of schedule and under budget - that will enable more efficient products, better data security, and more agility, to creating the Clear Path System - a visibility platform that allows rail operators in the busiest freight hubs in North America to keep traffic moving like never before - our team is committed to purpose-driven work that is truly making a difference.

Congratulations, Stephen Carvelli!

Congratulations to Sonic Automotive and EchoPark Automotive's very own Stephen Carvelli on his well-deserved nomination for the 2023 Carolina ORBIE Awards for technology leadership!

Stephen's passion for partnership, integrity, and delivering results make him an exemplary finalist for the 2023 Carolina ORBIE Awards program and a stand-out leader for the team at Sonic Automotive and EchoPark Automotive.



Stephen Carvelli

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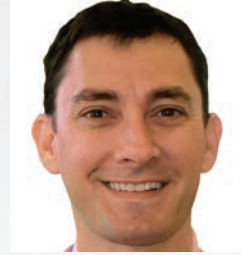


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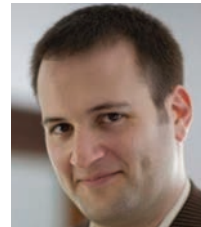
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