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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 and security, and enriching our region and our world. On behalf of NewYorkCIO, congratulations to the nominees and finalists on their accomplishments and thank you to the sponsors, underwriters, and staff who make the ORBIE Awards possible.

Sincerely,

Andrea Markstrom
2023 Chair, NewYorkCIO
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Steven Randich

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Steven J. Randich, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO), oversees technology at FINRA.

Previously, Randich served as Co-CIO at Citigroup, and CIO and Global Head of Technology for Citigroup's Institutional Clients Group. Prior to joining Citigroup, he was Executive Vice President of Operations and Technology and CIO at NASDAQ, where he was responsible for all aspects of NASDAQ technology, including applications development and technology infrastructure.

From 1996 to 2000, Randich served as Executive Vice President and CIO for the Chicago Stock Exchange. He was responsible for all technology, trading-floor and back-office operations, and business product planning and development. Prior to joining the Chicago Stock Exchange, Randich was a Managing Principal at IBM Global Services and a Manager at KPMG.



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MARCO ARGENTI
CIO
Goldman Sachs

Marco is the chief information officer of Goldman Sachs. Marco joined the firm as a Partner in 2019 after spending 6 years as vice president of technology of Amazon Web Services (AWS), overseeing all aspects of the product lifecycle of Cloud Services. Before that, Marco spent several years at Nokia Corporation as senior vice president and global head of developer experience and marketplace, overseeing Nokia's developer ecosystem and app store.

I joined Goldman Sachs in 2019 to help lead the storied financial institution through a time of heightened digital transformation. I lead our team of 12,000+ engineers – about a quarter of the organization – who play an increasingly important role across every aspect of our business and have further positioned Goldman Sachs at the forefront of innovation in the industry. I've introduced new cultural mechanisms that reimagine developer culture and embed engineers within our businesses, further enabling the team to power businesses across the entire firm, drive commercial impact, and bring scalable, impactful solutions to our wide range of clients.



DONAGH HERLIHY
CDO & CIO
Subway

At Subway, with sales of \$17B, Donagh's teams enable business in 38,000 restaurants globally: enabling growth through digital commerce, delivery and loyalty programs; developing personalized digital marketing capabilities to drive consumer engagement and contemporizing the Restaurant tools including Point of Sale and Menu Platforms; building analytics to optimize restaurant operations and the consumer experience; delivered by an agile technology organization. Before Subway, Donagh also served as the CIO of Duracell, Wrigley, Avon Products and Bloomin Brands.

The Subway Tech organization built the platforms to enable our growth in digital channels - Digital Sales have grown to over \$2B. By streamlining the consumer journey we have increased conversion rates significantly. Digital sales are both higher check and more profitable. Our Loyalty program membership has grown to over 30 million members, loyalty members spend visits more frequently and have a higher average check. POS and Menu platform have been rebuilt to enable greater efficiencies in the restaurant operations resulting in significantly increased franchisee satisfaction. As a result, we have enjoyed 10 successive quarters of positive same-store sales growth.



BOB MCCOWAN
SVP & CIO
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Bob is SVP and CIO at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals with over 30 years of global experience. Bob provides strategic leadership to the IT organization and is responsible for technology-supporting research & development, commercial, cyber security, G&A functions, and enterprise operations. He and his team continually deliver award-winning transformational technology solutions supporting Regeneron's mission of using the power of science to bring new medicines to patients. Bob is a well-respected leader with a diverse international background.

My greatest accomplishment as CIO has been building and leading a highly capable and innovative technology team that modernized our Information Technology platforms, enabling us to accelerate scientific discovery and help bring life-changing medications to those in need. By shifting to a "connected data vision" our scientists and leadership can use data to accelerate decisions and provide insights not previously possible. What we do matters. For example, it allowed for the accelerated selection of antibodies to create REGN-COV, used to treat COVID-19, helping us get the product to patients faster and ultimately saving lives. What more could you ask for?



LAKSHMAN NATHAN
EVP & CIO
Paramount Global

Lakshman is EVP and CIO of Paramount Global, one of the world's leading producers of media and entertainment content. He manages and oversees all of Paramount's application services and business technology liaisons, including corporate applications, commercial systems, client/production services, and end-user technology. He has dedicated over a decade to running major technology initiatives across CBS divisions and has supported many major integration initiatives to bridge legacy systems across multiple integration areas.

Since joining CBS in 2009, I have played many roles within the Technology organization. I grew my career by building strong relationships with business partners and technology colleagues, while continuously delivering on projects. When CBS and Viacom merged, I had a unique opportunity to bring all the enterprise services for the company under one umbrella. Over the last three years, Paramount has experienced tremendous growth and change. My team played a major role, working across all major corporate and commercial teams, to rationalize applications, reduce the application landscape, and migrate most of our applications to the cloud.



KATHERINE WETMUR
CIO for Cyber, Data,
Risk & Resilience
Morgan Stanley

Katherine serves as the CIO for cyber, data, risk and resilience at Morgan Stanley. Since joining in 2002, she has held several senior leadership positions in technology. Katherine is an advocate for STEM education, an Executive Sponsor for the Morgan Stanley Pride and Ally Network, and a member of the Firm's Mental Health Advisory Board. She also serves on the Boards of Sheltered Harbor, the Analysis & Resilience Center (ARC) and SustainableIT.org.

Using technology to solve problems has been a common thread throughout my 34-year career from chemical engineering to technology in financial services. As I've risen through the organization, I've elevated diverse leaders, built programs that foster diversity and acted as an educator and mentor to diverse employees. I've given talks to inspire other women to take on more challenging roles in technology. I've made sure that cybersecurity is top of mind and important to everyone in the Firm across seniority levels and ensured we've built a platform that's equipped to keep the Firm safe and stable now and in the future.

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– Andrea Markstrom, NewYorkCIO Chair



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SASTRY DURVASULA
SEVP, CIO & CSO
TIAA

Sastri is the chief information officer and client services officer at TIAA, responsible for leading the global technology and client services organizations, and a member of the company's Executive Committee. Sastri is also responsible for the company's Global Data and AI, Global Capability Centers, Client Tech Labs and FinTech Partnerships across retirement services, asset management, wealth management and other businesses and subsidiaries, and serves on the boards of TIAA India and non-profit Girls in Tech.

Our organization is positioning TIAA as a primary driving force in delivering lifetime income solutions, unlocking innovative ways of serving clients, simplifying the way we work and transforming into an "AI-first" company. Our greatest accomplishments include: launching RetireTech 2.0 platforms and products in the 403(b) retirement market and advancing TIAA into the 401(k) corporate retirement market; launching AI-powered Client Services to revolutionize the way we serve our clients in Retirement, Wealth and Asset Management businesses; unveiling TIAA Client Tech Labs, to enable client co-innovation; launching Nextgen Fraud Prevention for retired participants; and building a robust Guild Network for talent development.



JASON GALVIN
SVP & CIO
Personal Insurance
Travelers

Jason is the SVP & CIO of Personal Insurance at Travelers for the \$14 billion business segment. Previously, Galvin led digital enablement, enterprise architecture and emerging technologies. He held several senior positions during his 20-year career with a distinctive background in strategy, technology and experience design spanning across the insurance value chain. As a visionary leader, Galvin delivers business value through digital transformation and building customer-centric organizations. Galvin holds an MBA from Quinnipiac University.

I lead a team of innovative technologists that fuel the company's \$14 billion Personal Insurance business. I credit my team's success to their agile ways of working, applying modern architectural principles and the strategic combination of packaged and proprietary solutions to deliver differentiated capabilities and personalized experiences. My unwavering dedication to aligning passion with purpose created an empowered and inclusive technology organization that cultivates customer-centric and high performing teams that are instrumental in leading Travelers' digital transformation.



WARREN KUDMAN
SVP & CIO
Turner Construction

Warren is SVP and CIO for Turner Construction, an international leader in construction services. Since joining Turner, Warren has led Turner's IS group to modernize technology platforms and to provide new automation and analytics capabilities. Warren is also vice chair and Finance Committee Chair of the Board of the NY City Children's Theater and serves on the Industry Advisory Board for Workforce Opportunity Services. In 2013, Warren was recognized as a Computerworld 100 Premiere CIO.

Our success is based on our evolution from a team that used to operate in "the back room" and now we are supporting Turner's entry into new business services. We have learned we should not wait for our partners to ask for a new capability. Rather we must be leaders and innovators that can leverage our understanding of Turner's strategic goals and priorities to bring new value added capabilities to our company and our partners.



LAURA MILLER
CIO
Macy's, Inc.

Laura is the chief information officer (CIO) of Macy's, Inc., where she is responsible for the company's information technology platforms and teams, including the company's data and analytics center of excellence. These areas support Macy's, Inc.'s data-first approach to modernization through personalization, AI/ML solutions, warehouse automation, labor optimization and more. Laura is also a member of the board of NCR Voyix. Previously Laura served as CIO at IHG responsible for global technology solutions.

One of the most critical successes of my tenure as CIO at Macy's, Inc. has been the creation and development of our robust data and analytics center of excellence. This department helps to democratize the company's data, providing colleagues across the enterprise with critical information that allows them to quickly react to evolving customer needs, behaviors and the overall market. Our data journey enhances several aspects of colleague's workflows from how we leverage AI to the efficiency and effectiveness of sales forecasts, customer recommendations, personalized offers and labor forecasting.



RAVI SIMHAMBHATLA
EVP, CDO & CIO
Avis Budget Group

Ravi leads Avis Budget Group's global technology organization and is responsible for delivering one of the largest transformations in company history. He has a wealth of technical, leadership, global and transformational expertise from roles at Google Cloud, United Airlines, Air Lingus and Tesla Motors. He was responsible for introducing new technologies for employees and customers, and the modernization of airline platforms at United. He's also been a Medical Center Board Member at the Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago since 2019.

In the last 12 months, Avis Budget Group has reached several significant milestones on its journey to deliver a seamless rental experience for its customers. These improvements include reducing customer's need to interact with an agent at check out, exiting the lot and returning a vehicle. By positioning its digital transformation at the core of its growth strategy, Avis Budget group has eliminated many operational pain points, improved employee productivity, increased customer satisfaction and received record employee engagement scores.



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STEWART GIBSON
SVP & CIO
USI Insurance Services

Stewart has been the chief information officer for USI Insurance Services, one of the largest insurance brokers in the world, for the past 17 years. As a business leader with a focus in technology, he has spent his career leveraging innovative technology to grow companies ranging in size from private startups to public large-cap conglomerates, and has worked across many business functions including manufacturing, distribution, sales, operations, HR, legal, finance and accounting.

Over the past 17 years, my team at USI has leveraged technology to transform a \$500M holding company to a \$2.6B growth company, achieving a 22% CAGR. Since 2006, we unified segmented IT teams and strategies, resulting in a cohesive force of 264 members who integrated 200+ acquisitions within an average 45 days post-close. Our IT operational quality achieved a 97.27% satisfaction rate in 2022, while promoting flexibility; 53% of our IT staff work remotely, contributing to under 5% turnover. We're proud of our 43% female representation, managing costs at 4.2% of revenue, and investing 23% in areas like AI.



JON HARDING
SVP, Global CIO
Conair LLC

Jon is Global CIO of Conair LLC, a consumer products company. Jon has worldwide responsibility for IT support of day-to-day business operations and growth. Earlier, Jon held various IT leadership positions within Kellogg Company - first in Europe and later in USA. Jon is a graduate of the University of Sheffield in England. He is a member of "Consumer Goods Technology" Executive Council, SAP's Consumer Products Council, and AWS's Consumer Goods Industry Advisory Board.

During my time as CIO the IT team became, and has remained, closely aligned with the rest of the global business to ensure we provide valued IT services while adding in new technologies to enable business improvement. Newly acquired businesses, and new overseas businesses have been smoothly integrated into one single global ERP (SAP) and surrounding systems. This simplification has enabled IT operating expenses to remain under 1% of revenue. Recently we have accelerated and leaned into transformational projects to modernize Digital Commerce, Finance and Supply Chain. These transformational initiatives are helping to significantly improve EBITDA in future years.



CARMINE LIZZA
CIO & Global Head of Technology
Lazard

Carmine is managing director, chief information officer and global head of technology for Lazard. Previously, Carmine was a managing director at Bankers Trust in Institutional Services and Global Markets businesses and Head of Equity Systems/Operations at Alliance Capital Management. He started his career at Lear Siegler Avionics, designing simulation software for military avionic systems. Carmine has an MBA from Columbia University, and a BE in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from Stevens Institute of Technology.

My greatest accomplishment is the global organization and business centric IT culture I have built. My team's belief and trust in me to lead through multiple business and technology cycles has been central to our successes and to my professional growth. Over the last 25 years I have had the privilege of leading our global technology organization, originally as the first CIO of Lazard Asset Management and beginning in 2005 as Global CIO of Lazard. Lazard is one of the most respected names in global financial services and I take immense pride in our contributions to our global growth.



ASHISH PARMAR
SVP & CIO
Tapestry

With more than 20 years of leadership experience across multiple industries, Ashish serves as Tapestry's Global chief information officer (CIO) and a member of the executive committee. He is responsible for the group's technology strategy, leading information security, technology operations, and overseeing the data science and analytics function. He serves as Board Director, LL Flooring, Inc. (NYSE: LL) and serves as a Board Trustee, Arcadia University, Pennsylvania.

Our people are at the heart of the transformation, delivering for our brands and stakeholders. Our teams have developed new ways of working; embracing a digital first mindset, and data driven decision-making. Our technology advancements leveraging multi-cloud, cloud-first architecture and advanced data science & analytics have infused agility in our ways of working - as we operate at the speed of the consumer.



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GARY SORRENTINO
Global CIO
Zoom Video Communications

Gary serves as Zoom's Global CIO, after spending over two years as our Global Deputy CIO. A former managing director for J.P. Morgan Asset & Wealth Management, Gary was the Global Head of Client Cyber Awareness and Education. With almost 40 years of experience in information technology, Gary has served in various other IT leadership positions in firms across the financial services industry.

One of the greatest accomplishments was at the beginning of the pandemic. The world was looking for ways to connect students, patients, employees and families in a secure manner. I started the Zoom CISO Council. A group of 40 CIOs across different industries and regions to help understand and make suggestions on how to make the UCAAS solution secure. We needed this technology during the pandemic (Virtual Classrooms/Telehealth and it had to be secure otherwise most industries would not be able to deploy it and keep connected.



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CHRISTOPHER COLLA
VP, IT & CIO
B&G Foods, Inc.

Chris is a technology executive with over eight years of experience as the CIO of B&G Foods. He has two master's degrees from Stevens Institute of Technology. At B&G Foods, he transformed networking and implemented a global ERP system. Chris has also redesigned load balancing and backup systems and utilized a transformational approach to acquire an outstanding Suite for cybersecurity. His expertise and leadership have been instrumental in driving the success of B&G Foods.

I am the first CIO at B&G Foods, Inc. Since my employment, the network has been fully transformed to a hyperconverged storage and compute system. The telecom utilizes SD-WAN and SASE model with CATO Networks and SD-WAN Intelipeer. Implemented Global ERP system with JD Edwards and EPM & Demand/S&OP Oracle Cloud. Put in Cloud based RF Scanning and WMS with Oracle Advanced WMS. Redesigned Load Balancing and Backup with new COMVAULT and F5 suite. Utilizing Varonis and Cisco Complete Cybersecurity Suite for Cyber Security. I have been in a leadership position with seven acquisitions for the company.



JOHN ELBASAN
CIO
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

John has been championing digital transformation within the intersection of law & technology for over 20-plus-years. Building integrated teams of high achievers inspires John to forge the very next expression of technology in the industry. The concepts of ethos and mission are hallmarks of the talented people John has had the good fortune to work alongside. Their current collective passions encompass the charting of the "Software Defined Law Firm."

I provide advisory services to Firm clients on their overall Information Security & Governance initiatives and sit on client steering committees focused on technology strategy and information governance. The future of the CIO in many companies must go beyond the four walls of the company. It is very rewarding to provide value add to our clients directly in their own initiatives. Within the Firm, I am most recently proud of our investments in software development, which has been yielding bespoke market leading platforms responsible for driving better decision making for our clients with marketing leading custom developed matter management platforms.

WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER LLP



VIKRAM NAIR
SVP, IT
Amneal Pharmaceuticals

Vikram serves as the global head of information technology at Amneal Pharmaceuticals, overseeing digital, data and tech solutions, as well as digital transformation and AI efforts. Under his leadership, Amneal IT has saved millions of dollars across company functions, from product development to commercialization, through automation and data-driven insights. Service levels have improved by 70%, while IT expenses have decreased. Previously, Vikram held global IT leadership roles at Viking Cruises, Carnival Cruises and Pfizer.

As Amneal diversifies into new and more complex pharmaceutical categories, we are transforming our systems and processes. We are also fostering a culture where colleagues can think and act differently to innovate, grow and create value. I'm exceptionally proud of the achievements TEAM IT is delivering as integrators of processes and information across Amneal. Together we are elevating enterprise IT capabilities and producing measurable outcomes that are driving real business value for Amneal. Equally as important, we are creating an engaged team who is energized by our shared progress and advancing in their personal and professional aspirations.



PETER SCAVUZZO
Principal, CIO & CDO
Marcum

Peter is a principal and CIO of Marcum LLP. He creates and executes the strategic technology roadmap across all Marcum companies. He is the firm's leader in digital transformation and advocates leveraging technology to ensure long-term viability and competitiveness. He earned his BS/MS in engineering from Polytechnic University. Peter serves as Chair of the ECOVIS International Technology Task Force, is on multiple AICPA's committees, speaks at association events, and is often quoted in trade publications.

In 16 years, my contributions and enablement have helped transform Marcum LLP from 2 offices with 300 associates and \$100M in revenue to one of the nation's largest accounting and advisory firms. With 40 offices, 4,500 associates, and over \$1B in revenue, technology has been accepted and weaved into the organization's fabric. Using technology as a driver for growth, I have spearheaded state-of-the-art products and solutions to seamlessly fuse technology into the Firm's everyday initiatives. These strategies have improved the operational efficiency of Marcum and our clients and positioned the organization as a leader in the accounting industry.



FRANCIS VERDIER
CTO
Neuberger Berman

Francis has been the chief technology officer at Neuberger Berman since 2019, previously served as the chief information officer at Apollo Global Management. Prior roles include leadership positions at JPMorgan, including managing director and chief information officer for the Private Bank. He also worked at HBOS Treasury Services and began his career at Effix Reuters and Morgan Stanley. Verdier graduated with a Software Engineering degree from Ecole Supérieure d'Informatique, d'Electronique et d'Automatique in Paris, France in 1992.

As CTO of Neuberger Berman, I have led a transformative journey over the past four years. We have unified our technology groups under the Global Technology organization, fostering a culture of innovation and strategic vendor partnerships. We have modernized our digital experience for Private Wealth clients and advisors and implemented robust data governance, optimizing our technology investments. I am particularly proud of our commitment to diversity, reflected in our improved gender ratio and the successful launch of our Global Technology Apprenticeship Program. These initiatives have truly established Global Technology as an equal business partner within the firm.

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SHANNON BRITTON
CIO
Shiseido Americas Corporation

Shannon is a senior business executive, skilled in leading companies through large scale digital transformations and applying pragmatic approaches to problem solving. Known for being a business-savvy technologist, with experience in IT, sales, marketing and supply chain, Shannon can distinctively pair strategic business understanding with practical solutions to advance business results. She is an inclusive, decisive and creative leader, focused on helping companies thrive and grow.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the beauty industry saw several dynamic changes in consumer purchasing behavior. To meet the challenges of this rapidly changing environment, the Shiseido Americas IT team implemented several key transformative programs, including, digitally evolving our supply chain processes and tools, automating manual practices and optimizing operational efficiency; launching innovative beauty technology and personalizing online engagement with our consumers; creating a sustainable technology landscape through cloud transformation, reducing our on-premise footprint and increasing reliability; and automating our customer and employee experience via AI and automation tools, improving productivity and reducing complexity of key processes.

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ROBERT GUILBERT
CIO
Epstein, Becker & Green, P.C.

Rob Guilbert is CIO at Epstein, Becker & Green, a national law firm with 19 offices across the country. As CIO, his primary duties are to help develop and oversee all technology-related strategic and operational initiatives. Specifically, ensure that the firm's information systems effectively support both the delivery of exceptional service to the firm's clients and the daily operation and strategic direction of the firm. Other responsibilities include information security, innovation, knowledge management and business systems.

Under my leadership, Epstein Becker & Green has become a firm that pushes the envelope on technology and innovation. As a law firm, protecting our data and the data of our clients is paramount to being able to practice law. Leveraging the cloud, making strategic technology decisions and creating a security first culture has allowed the firm to grow and provide our clients exceptional service. This has also allowed all Firm employees, whether remote or in the office, to work effectively without sacrificing security, efficiency, or speed.

ANDREA MARKSTROM
CIO
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP



Andrea is the chief information officer for Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP. She partners with the Executive Committee to identify and implement technology solutions that align with the firm's goals. Andrea has 30 years of experience leading global IT organizations for large law firms and corporations. She founded i.WILL, a professional women's networking organization and serves as Chair for NewYorkCIO Inspire Chapter, mentors for Columbia's Executive programs and on the board for several LegalTech companies.

As CIO, my success is my team. Over the past 30 years, I've had the opportunity to mentor, inspire and develop high performing and extremely talented teams for large law firms and corporations. These teams create, develop and transform their ideas into products and services that provide value for our internal and external clients. Having the opportunity to lead these teams, learn from them and be a part of their success, is the greatest reward as their leader. We don't win alone. We win together as a team. I'm grateful and honored to be a part of an amazing team.

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SUNIL DADLANI
CIO
Atlantic Health System

Sunil currently serves Atlantic Health System as EVP & CIO. In this role, he oversees the company's IT system-wide and advances the system's usage of IT strategies and platforms. Sunil is driving digital transformation and innovation agenda leveraging next generation technologies like Generative AI, ML, NLP, VR and AR, advanced predictive analytic platforms, and cloud computing enhancing real-time digital health care capabilities while improving patient outcomes, health equities and making healthcare affordable and accessible.

An outpatient in their 30s came to Atlantic Health System for a follow-up CT scan – a procedure that may ordinarily take more than a day to get results from. However, thanks to recently implemented technology, an unsuspected possible pulmonary embolism was reported to the oncology team less than an hour later. Anticoagulation therapy was started later that day, potentially preventing a life-threatening situation. This encounter is a perfect example of how making smart investments in technology, such as AI, based on patient and caregiver needs can intercept the conventional prioritization and allow for expedited intervention and care.



MARK EIMER
SVP, Associate CIO & CTO
Hackensack Meridian Health

Mark serves as SVP, associate CIO and chief technology officer at Hackensack Meridian Health in Edison, New Jersey, where he is accountable for the totality of IT infrastructure and operations across New Jersey's largest, most comprehensive and truly integrated health care network. Mark is responsible for implementing next-generation information technology infrastructure and for world-class delivery of all third-party and internally managed information technology infrastructure used for all clinical, research and business processes across the network.

HMH announced an expansion of its strategic partnership with Google Cloud to deploy generative AI solutions to improve patient care and reduce the administrative burden on clinicians, caregivers and hospital operators. The partnership will leverage Google Cloud's generative AI technologies to develop and deploy solutions that will help HMH allow clinical staff to focus more on care, improve overall decision-making and better personalize the patient experience. Google Cloud and HMH are currently working together on a broad digital transformation initiative, including programs that leverage analytics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning.



SOPHY LU
SVP & CIO
Northwell Health

Sophy is the senior vice president and CIO for Northwell Health. Sophy is committed to reimagine experiences and raise health for consumers, clinicians and team members. She has her B.S in Chemical Engineering from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and served as an executive in healthcare for 20+ years. Sophy has thrived on solving the impossible, leading teams of diverse talented individuals, organizing chaos into calm, helping people, making a difference, and always enjoying the journey!

My team's recent accomplishments include accelerating the digital transformation agenda for a large integrated health system to deliver care for our communities and personalizing joyful experiences to all constituents (patients, clinicians and team members). Our strategy goes back to a foundational approach and the continuous dedication of our team. We focus on modernizing the technology stack and data platforms to hybrid cloud and standardizing the thousands of applications to a new electronic health record platform (inclusive of personalized multi-channel engagements with constituent relationship management). These efforts continue in addition to the work of everyday operations, growth and expansion for the organization.



SCOTT SACCAL
VP, Head of IT
Cambrex Corporation

Scott is vice president, head of information technology for Cambrex Corporation. He has more than 30 years' experience in IT. Scott has held information technology roles at Merck Sharp & Dohme and Johnson & Johnson, including vice president, chief information officer for J&J ALZA. Scott holds an MBA from Fairleigh Dickenson University and MS/BS degrees from NJIT. Scott and his wife Teri live in New Jersey. Scott enjoys sporting activities, diy projects and a sunny beach.

I'm blessed to have had such amazing experiences throughout over 30 years in IT. In this time, I have had tremendous mentors, business partners, and teammates that have helped me to grow and shape my thinking. I've learned that learning itself is lifelong and that the humans are amazingly complex and dynamic. My success as a leader today is 100 percent a function of creating an environment in which every individual knows that they are valued and that I care about them achieving their purpose in life. I only hope to continue to help everyone to release their full potential.



VLAD YEKELCHIK
CIO
EPIC

Vlad joined EPIC as CIO in June of 2019. In his position, Vlad plays a key role in EPIC's Technology Strategy and Digital Innovation. Prior to joining EPIC, Vlad held various senior leadership positions with leading global banking and insurance organizations. Vlad earned a Bachelor of Science with honors in Computer Science from Pace University in New York. In his spare time, Vlad enjoys spending time with his family, reading and riding his motorcycles.

Every importer of cargo into the United States must carry verifiable proof of Customs Bonds insurance, as per Customs and Border Patrol regulations. EPIC's Transportation and Logistics group partnered with IT to create a streamlined and digital experience for processing Customs Bonds. This entailed development of a client-facing portal to manage Bond issuance and risk underwriting, real-time integration with US Customs and Border Patrol as well as with EPIC's operational and accounting platforms, and enablement of rich analytics and reporting capabilities. This innovative platform improves customer experience by expediting decision-making while delivering operational efficiencies in line with EPIC's digital strategy.



LIN ZHOU
SVP & CIO
The New School

Lin is the senior vice president and CIO at The New School which is revolutionizing the intersection of technology and education. He founded the university's trailblazing Quantum Initiative and Innovation Center, garnering esteemed accolades such as the FutureEdge50 and CIO100 Awards. With a legacy of leadership from IBM Watson to global stages like SXSW, Lin isn't just adapting to the future; he has been creating it.

Through strategic collaborations, we've elevated education, forged expansive career paths and driven transformative growth. Winning top industry awards like the CIO-100 and FutureEdge50 attests to our excellence. In three years, we've more than doubled our IT Net Promoter Score and boosted revenues across the board, including a 15% YoY growth in professional education. Pioneering efforts like our University Innovation Center and Quantum Computing Initiative have made us industry leaders, while data-driven platforms like our University Data Lake demonstrate our unwavering commitment to innovation and customer satisfaction.



MICHAEL MAINIERO
SVP, CDO & CIO
Catholic Health

Michael boasts a 25-year career as a seasoned leader in the digital health industry. He is driven by his passion to enhance healthcare delivery and patient experiences. Throughout his career, he has spearheaded digital transformation strategies, innovation and design in diverse settings such as start-ups, fortune 100 companies, academic medical centers and healthcare.

Our IT department has been a driving force in overcoming the challenges of this year. We've developed a platform that focuses on Social Determinants of Health, which helps provide healthcare services to marginalized communities and has increased digital appointment bookings. We've also streamlined Emergency Department workflows in six hospitals, resulting in a reduction in patient throughput time. This has not only enhanced the patient experience but also made care more efficient. Our cybersecurity measures have been strengthened, resulting in response time, which has helped improve the trust of patients and stakeholders. These achievements reflect our commitment to using technology to improve healthcare.



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