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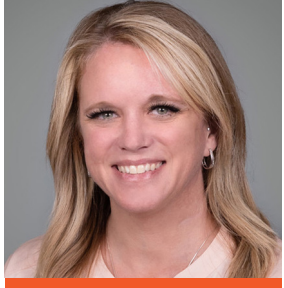
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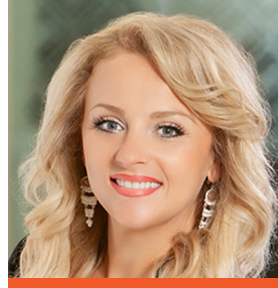
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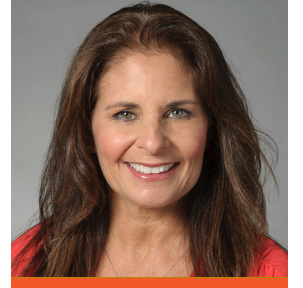
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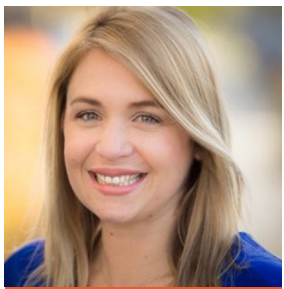
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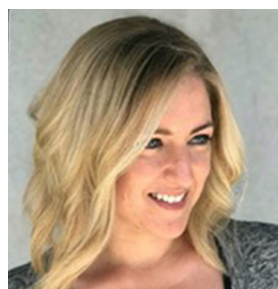
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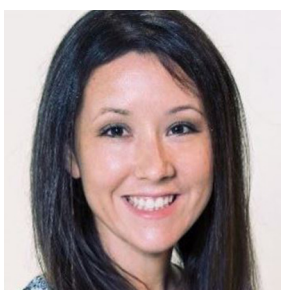
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**CHELSEA KAUFMAN**  
CEO  
LEARN Academy

Chelsea Kaufman is the co-founder and CEO of LEARN Academy, a web development bootcamp and training institution. She co-founded the academy in 2015 in response to a local need for more development talent, building on the then-new coding bootcamp concept to create a community-driven educational institution that is going strong six years later.

As the leader of this tech-startup, she sets the strategy and vision for the company, builds and maintains the company culture, provides the tools the staff needs to do their job and manages revenue, expenses and external financing to maintain the consistent growth of the business. Under her direction, LEARN Academy remains agile in its curriculum, responding to trends in technology, and transitioning hundreds of skilled developers into the workforce.

Kaufman currently sits on the leadership committee of San Diego's Chapter of Girls in Tech.

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**BRIDGET KIMBALL**  
Intuit Vice President, Fellow, and  
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Bridget Kimball is an accomplished technology executive with deep product strategy, engineering development, and leadership experience. As Vice President Engineering, Fellow and Chief Architect she leads a diverse team that drives end-to-end architecture across Intuit's Consumer Group and builds the foundational platform services, and tools to enable teams to develop and operate mobile and web applications on a SaaS infrastructure.

Active in the technology community, Kimball is a board member at Evonex, a tech startup incubator, as well as the Board Chair of Athena, a nonprofit focused on empowering women in STEM. At Intuit, she takes an active role in Tech Women @ Intuit initiatives and programs. This includes participating in development workshops, fireside chats, and the formal mentorship program for technical women. Prior to Intuit, Bridget was a Senior Vice President of Engineering at Comcast Communications.

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**RAZELLE KURZROCK, MD**  
Co-Founder/Chief Medical Advisor  
CureMatch

Dr. Razelle Kurzrock is chief medical advisor and co-founder of CureMatch, a leader in precision digital solutions for cancer treatment. She is also director of the Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy at UC San Diego Moores Cancer Center, and is a distinguished professor of medicine, associate director of Clinical Science at UCSD School of Medicine.

Passionate about bringing discoveries to people across the world, Dr. Kurzrock is also a board member of CureMetrix Inc, a leader in AI for radiology and cancer detection, which is part of the Analytics Ventures portfolio. A well-known innovator in the area of cancer treatment and research, at CureMatch, she put her clinical expertise and leadership skills to work to bring the CureMatch Decision Support System to oncologists and their patients. At Moores Cancer Center, Dr. Kurzrock's charge is broad, including not just growing and innovating the center's clinical trials program, but also heading its newly established Center for Personalized Cancer Therapy.



**VALERIE KWIATKOWSKI**  
EVP, Information Technology  
San Diego County Credit Union

With more than 20 years of experience in information technology management, Valerie Kwiatkowski joined SDCCU in 2018. As executive vice president of information technology, she is responsible for directing, planning, organizing and controlling all activities of the credit union's IT Department to ensure the effective, efficient and secure operation of all automated data processing systems. In the over three years she has been with the credit union, her leadership has drastically improved many areas of SDCCU's overall operations and helped set the stage for continued expansion.

Notably, in 2019, her team implemented a new online banking system with the latest multi-factor security feature to enhance online banking security through a more robust infrastructure. Prior to joining SDCCU, Kwiatkowski served most recently on the Quality Engineering Team within Global IT for Apple, Inc. She earned her master's degree in Management and Public Policy Analysis and her bachelor's degree in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University.



**A. RACHEL LEHENY, PH.D.**  
CEO  
CalciMedica, Inc.

A. Rachel Leheny, Ph.D., has more than 30 years of experience in the life sciences industry as a scientist, a research analyst at several investment banks and as a venture capital investor. She joined CalciMedica's board of directors in March 2019 and took the helm as CEO in September 2019. She leads a team that is developing CRAC channel inhibitors, inflammation blocking drugs that have been shown to reduce the inflammatory cascade seen in COVID-19 and acute pancreatitis, thereby preventing lung damage seen in these patients.

Leheny is also a founding managing director for Valence Advantage Life Sciences, a venture firm based in New York. Prior to Valence, she co-founded Carton Advantage Venture Partners from which Valence Life Sciences emerged. Before that, she was a senior vice president and head of the biotechnology research team at Lehman Brothers. She also led the biotech research team at USBS Warburg.



**ALESSANDRA LEZAMA**  
CEO  
TOOTRIS

As a veteran technology executive, Alessandra Lezama's hands-on leadership across industries has earned her a reputation as a rainmaker. As a disruptor and forward-thinker, she has re-engineered the business model at every company she has led and has driven exponential growth transforming local businesses into technology powerhouses. In 2019, she founded TOOTRiS, a platform that helps parents and providers connect to secure quality child care, while allowing providers to unlock their potential and fully monetize their program.

Prior to founding TOOTRiS, she was the CEO for multiple technology companies, including AbacusNext, a San Diego-based company she stepped into with 29 employees and, in less than four years, transformed into a disruptive global technology organization with more than 500 employees across San Diego, Canada and the United Kingdom. Both Lezama and the companies she has led have received local and national recognition for transformative innovation and impact on the community.



**DENA MARRINUCCI**  
Co-founder and Chief Operating Officer  
Truvian Sciences

Dena Marrinucci, Ph.D. is a life science entrepreneur who has co-founded two San Diego-based biotech companies, Truvian Sciences and Epic Sciences, all by the age of 33. She is the co-founder and current Chief Operating Officer for Truvian, a health diagnostics company. Dena leads manufacturing, operations, human resources and program management for Truvian. In the past year, she helped lead Truvian's over-subscribed Series C funding round, which brings the company's total funding to over \$150 million.

Prior to Truvian, Marrinucci co-founded Epic Sciences and served as Chief Scientific Officer. While she left the company to co-found Truvian Sciences in 2015, she continues to be involved in Epic Sciences as a member of their Clinical Advisory Board. She serves as a Board Member for San Diego venture group, Connect, and as an advisor for Lynx Biosciences. Marrinucci received her Ph.D. in Chemical Biology from The Scripps Research Institute.



**MICHELLE MARTINEZ**  
Business Systems Manager  
Artemis Institute for Clinical Research

Michelle Martinez is a business systems manager at Artemis Institute for Clinical Research, an organization that prioritizes patients, advancing medicine and improving the world. Martinez is an ERP expert with NetSuite and Salesforce and has used technology to streamline processes for sales, customer service, operations and accounting teams to scale efficiently and effectively. She is a lean six sigma black belt and has experience increasing return on investments, mainly by reducing cost.

Additionally, she has helped in developing and tracking key performance metrics for different departments that increased their ability to run operations more efficiently and transparently. Notably, she implemented more than five virtual call centers which improved efficiency in sales and customer service teams by 25-50%. In addition to her core responsibilities, mentoring and growing staff by teaching them her project management expertise and helping them grow is a priority for Martinez.

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**CYNTHIA SENER**  
Chief Revenue Officer  
Chatmeter

Chief Revenue Officer, Cynthia Sener, brings 25 years of experience in local search engine optimization, product development, strategic marketing, revenue generation and sales to Chatmeter. Sener kick started her career in tech early as a UCSD graduate, where her curiosity and passion sparked her career in the early emergence of dot coms and led to her role as a thought leader today. She joined Chatmeter from a previous role as vice president of operations and product at Rio SEO and has held leadership roles at data-centric organizations such as Acxiom, Hanley Wood and Constellation Software.

Outside of Chatmeter, she has served as a long-time volunteer and advisor in such groups as Girl Scouts of San Diego, Rotary International, Urban Discovery Academy and UC San Diego. Sener is passionate about local youth initiatives that support homeless elementary students, child literacy, female empowerment, youth theater and early introduction of STEM to girls.



**LESLIE SMITH**  
Vice President and Program Manager,  
Autonomous Systems  
Northrop Grumman

Leslie Smith leads the Global Hawk Program in the Autonomous Systems Division of Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. The program includes the USAF Global Hawk, NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS) and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) variants for Japan and the Republic of Korea. She directs all phases of Global Hawk autonomous programs from inception through completion and is responsible for cost, schedule and technical performance.

Smith has more than two decades of engineering, production operations, technical program execution and program management experience in the general aviation, defense and aerospace industries focused on program execution and performance. She has worked extensively in the development of program execution strategies focused on technical performance, cost control and financial performance within the Autonomous Systems portfolio of products. Smith began her career at Northrop Grumman on the F/A-18 program as a manufacturing engineer. She joined Autonomous Systems in 2002 where she has held positions of increasing levels of responsibility.



**MEGAN STILLERMAN**  
Vice President of Professional Services and  
Customer Success  
Miva, Inc.

Megan Stillerman is vice president of professional services and customer success for Miva, a unified, end-to-end SaaS e-commerce platform that helps merchants scale revenue and streamline business operations. Stillerman is responsible for cultivating a world-class customer experience across a growing portfolio of customers. She has a passion for helping merchants realize the full power of the Miva platform through a comprehensive service offering that blends strategic consulting, project management, UX/design and web development.

Stillerman has more than 20 years of experience, having held leadership positions in digital and integrated marketing, mobile and SaaS for a variety of businesses from start-ups to large corporations. Prior to joining Miva, she served as vice president of enterprise customer service and success at Verve Mobile. Stillerman has a proven track record of partnering with executive management and C-level partners to develop new ventures, profitable businesses, and successful go-to-market plans.



**TERRA TEAT**  
Chief Marketing Officer  
JLab

Terra Teat is the Chief Marketing Officer at JLab, a leading personal audio company that produces innovative headphones and audio products at accessible prices. She has served as CMO since 2019 and has experience growing small to mid-sized consumer brands. With more than 15 years of diverse business to consumer and B2B marketing experience, Teat managed to lead the company's marketing efforts on a complete brand shift from tech heavy to soft and approachable. She executed a new website, a company name change from JLab Audio to JLab as well as a complete re-hire of the entire team.

In addition to her core responsibilities at JLab, Teat is a dedicated wife and mother and a board member of the Carlsbad Education Foundation and a member of the Forbes Communication Council. She earned her degree in marketing from the W. A. Franke College of Business at Northern Arizona University.



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