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Andrew Bereczky has been the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) at the **Automobile Club of Southern CA** since February 2016. In this role he's responsible for creating a culture of enablement and leverage, while managing the organizations information security risk posture.

Prior to the Auto Club, Andrew provided strategic consulting services to a multitude of national companies and was the SVP & CIO of Zenith Education Group. In this role he was responsible for all technology operations, enablement, and innovation. He came to the college with a rich background driving technology enablement and change within industries such as Health Care, Human Capital, Financial Services, and the Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry.

During his most recent tenure in the BPO space he supported and drove the technology team to achieve corporate recognition by Gartner (Global Magic Quadrant listing), win the Information Week Top 500 Technology Innovator award in years 2011 & 2012 (for Global Analytics & CRM), along with IDC Marketspace Major Player recognition in 2013. He complimented these achievements by publishing several articles regarding Shifting Customer Dynamics & Hosted Contact Center Solutions.

Always working to give back to the business community, Andrew compliments his roles by providing nationwide leadership consulting to progressive VP, CIO, CTO, and CISO executives.

Charles Podesta, CIO for **University of California Irvine Health**. He has over thirty (30) years experience in Information Technology for Healthcare, the last eighteen years as a Chief Information Office. Podesta has worked for Academic Medical Centers, Health Systems and Community Hospitals. Previous to this engagement Podesta was SVP & CIO of Fletcher Allen Healthcare, a large academic medical center and health system in Burlington, VT.

Other positions included SVP & CIO at Caritas Christi Health Care, now Steward Health in eastern MA, CIO at Berkshire Health Systems, Pittsfield, MA, Director of IS and Interim CIO for Baystate Health Systems in Springfield, MA. And prior to that, leadership positions at St Vincent Hospital, Worcester, MA; UMASS/Memorial, Worcester, MA and Magee-Women's Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA.

Over the years Podesta has made numerous presentations at national conferences and is quoted widely in healthcare publications on a variety of IT topics including Epic's Community Connect Program.



Dan Vogt started his career of 25+ years in Information Technology from a Marketing and Market Research background. First working at an Advertising Agency then Nielsen Media Research (the TV Ratings Company), and later Best Buy Corporate, Dan quickly saw the rise of importance in technology in business and made a career of utilizing smart decision making using accurate information. Entering the technology workforce as a Business Analyst, Dan moved in and out of technology roles and operational management positions until moving into senior executive leadership roles. Dan has found a home at **Palace Entertainment**, as the CIO in the theme park, water park, animal park, family entertainment centers, and hotel industry. He is known for turning around challenged Information Technology departments.

As an Executive Director of Best Buy, Dan was responsible for integrating new acquisitions into the Best Buy portfolio of businesses. Integrating several businesses a year while increasing sales, 22%, and lower costs, 26%, on average, for the acquired businesses by increasing Marketing footprints, lowering prices through automated purchasing systems, and by lower corporate overhead through scaling parent enterprise systems.

In addition to working in technology, Dan is also a small business owner, an active fund raiser for several local charities, and a Finance committee member of the Pacific Club.

Education:

Master of Computer Science
Master of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science, Market Research
Telecommunications Engineer Certification

Webster University Webster University Florida Atlantic University University of CA, Irvine



Geraldine Ramezani is the Chief Technology Officer at **Toyota Financial Services**, a leading provider of automotive financial services with managed assets in excess of \$100 billion located in Torrance, CA. Geraldine joined Toyota in 2011 and is currently responsible for core technology platforms, infrastructure and IT engineering teams. Additional responsibilities include enterprise architecture ensuring that future state and migration strategies are business aligned, capable and ready to use, as well as providing leadership and influence for TFS innovation and enterprise information management strategies.

Prior to joining Toyota Financial, Geraldine served as Managing Director, Technology Infrastructure at Auto Club of Southern California. Geraldine was instrumental in leading a major Call Center technology initiative deploying a virtual call center solution serving 2500 agents across multiple lines of business and locations in North America.

A seasoned technology executive with 25+ years of IT experience, Geraldine held senior positions at ACS/Xerox, Ingram Micro, and Sanwa Bank of California, leading global outsourcing, business transformation and technology modernization initiatives.

Ms. Ramezani earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and subsequent Master's degree in Counseling at California University, Fullerton. Geraldine also attended University of Southern California Business School and received certification in the Executive Management program.

H. Lynn Ryan is CIO, Exec. Consultant & Owner of **ExecitCIO** with engagements as interim CIO and Executive IT Consulting. She serves on the Executive Board of Directors of SCSIM and is a Board Advisor to WITLOC.

Prior to her current role, she was Executive Vice President and CIO of loanDepot. Prior to loanDepot, Lynn was Senior Vice President and CIO of CIT Group Inc. She held CIO positions with NovaStar Financial Inc., Ameriquest Capital Corp. (Ameriquest and Argent Mortgage) and Sanwa Bank. Before these CIO roles, she held senior management IT positions leading large-scale electronic banking divisions in retail, wholesale, commercial and international banking for Bank of America and Security Pacific National Bank.

Ryan has held Executive IT Leadership positions in Financial Services for over 20 years. Her expertise in Information Technology spans application development, global strategic sourcing in dual shore models, large-scale infrastructure management in centralized and decentralized complex technology environments, operations, and IT services. Ryan has significant expertise as an IT Executive and as a member of Corporate Executive Management delivering technology solutions for a broad range of businesses.

Ryan has been a speaker and panel moderator in financial services, banking, IT, and professional association conferences addressing a variety of IT and business topics. She served as a mentor in the CIO Pathways Program and on advisory boards of professional associations and a technology publication. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and has participated in executive IT and business programs at Harvard University, the University of Colorado, and California State University.

Helen Norris is the Chief Information Officer at **Chapman University**. She has almost 30 years experience working in IT including several years in the private sector in a variety of industries including advertising and consumer products. Most recently, however, Helen's experience has been in higher education IT, where Helen has a proven track record of successful project delivery and a demonstrated ability to effect change. Helen has a unique blend of senior operational management skills and technology vision used to develop and implement organizational IT strategy, and prides herself on her collaborative and communication skills.

Originally from Ireland, Helen has earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and a Master's degree in Computer Resource Management and Business Administration from Webster University in St. Louis.

Helen serves as a board member of the National Endowment for Financial Education (Nefe.org). She is also on the board of the Southern California Society of Information Management (scsim.org) and has served as the Network Director for Sacramento's WITI network. Helen was recently nominated for the Orange County Business Journal Women in Business award.

Specialties: Project Management, Peoplesoft, ITIL, Infrastructure, Customer Service

Jeff Fung, ITVP, **International Education Corporation** is a hands-on Information Technology Leader with over 20 years' experience building world-class teams and process, and delivering enterprise business solutions that improve the top and bottom line with the last 8 years in a executive leadership role. Experienced with designing and delivering solution for B2B, B2C, B2B2C, and international business. He has been an IT leader in different size organizations from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. Jeff has lead multiple business process re-engineering initiatives introducing and leveraging technology to provide automation and gain efficiency resulting in cost savings. He is a technology leader combining strategic vision with tactical execution to implement new technology.

Julie Hubbard is the Vice President of Infrastructure Operations and Information Security for **AMN Healthcare**. Julie is an accomplished IT and Business Operations executive with expert skills in leading technology and software-services organizations. She has over 25 years of leadership experience across multiple business sectors, including finance, biotech, telecommunications, employer services, and lifesciences.

Prior to AMN, Julie was the Vice President of Global IT Enterprise Services for Edwards Lifesciences, where she was responsible for Infrastructure, Architecture, Applications, Security, Governance and Compliance. Julie also served in two client services roles as the Vice President of Operations for ADP and as the Vice President of Sales Support and Engineering for Sprint.

Julie has a Bachelor of Science in Communications from Arizona State University and is certified in Project Management Professional (PMP) and Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL). She has served on several volunteer boards including Advancing Women in Technology, Tech Biz Connections, Sprint Technical Advisory Board, and DeVry Information Technology Curriculum Development Board. Julie was recently named as a finalist for the San Diego 2017 Top Tech Execs award.

Julie St. John is the Chief Information Officer at **Capital Group**. She is president of Capital Group Companies Global.

Julie has 28 years of investment industry experience and has been with Capital Group for nine years. Prior to joining Capital, she was chief information officer for The Federal National Mortgage Association. Before that, she was vice president of lodging technology at Marriott International Inc. and was responsible for strategic technology planning practice at Arthur Young & Co.

She holds an MBA in finance from Florida State University and a bachelor's degree in English and political science from the University of Michigan. She is also a Florida state certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Julie is based in Irvine.

Laura Muller is President of Capital Bank & Trust at **Capital Group** effective July 1, 2017.

Prior to this, she was a Senior Vice President with the Capital Group Companies information Technology Group in Capital's Irvine office, she is responsible for the American Funds Service and Retirement Plan Services technology group and the Global Business Services technology group with locations in Irvine, CA and San Antonio, TX.

Prior to joining Capital in 2006, Laura was a senior partner within the Capital Markets division of Accenture, a global consulting and technology delivery company. She also spent several years at Bank of America, where she led the Retirement Services technology and operations group.

Laura graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas with a BBA in Finance.

Laura plays an active role on the Technology Advisory Committee of the ICI. She serves as a board member of St. Anne School in Laguna Niguel and the executive committee of the Shea Center.

Laura, her husband and 2 children live in Dana Point, CA.

Liz Kraninger, is a Senior Vice President at **PIMCO**, a global investment management firm headquartered in Newport Beach. She manages the Program Management Office for PIMCO Technology and has over 17 years of experience in IT.

She co-lead PIMCO Families, an initiative that aims to provide support to PIMCO employees as they integrate career and family. PIMCO Families seeks to build a community for all families with caregiving responsibilities.

Prior to joining PIMCO in 2006, Ms. Kraninger ran her own independent consulting firm working with Fortune 500 companies to implement large scale CRM systems. She started her career at Accenture consulting and received her B.S. in Biology from University of California, Los Angeles.

Liz is happily married and a proud mother of 3 children. She enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and loves spending time with her family.



Margot Sharapova is VP of IT Quality at the **UnitedHealth Group OptumRx**. In this capacity, Margot drives customer reliability, software quality, and IT continuous improvement.

Margot has extensive professional experience in the information technology and healthcare industries, previously serving as the chief information officer (CIO) with AECOM, Americas. She spent a number of years at GE serving as the CIO for GE Healthcare Medical Diagnostics, GE Aero Energy, GE Nuclear and GE Hydro where she drove profit and loss (P&L) transformation and technology strategy and delivery.

Margot holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Dartmouth College and is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

Michael Woore, IT VP at **loanDepot** with 25 years of leadership experience in industry-leading organizations. He is an IT executive with passion and purpose working to improve the effectiveness of organizations such as United Auto Credit, Technicolor, Toyota, McMaster-Carr, General Mills, and The Walt Disney Company. Michael enables new revenue streams and increases operating efficiencies, driving more dollars to the bottom line.

Michael currently serves as the Vice President of Technology at loanDepot, a rapidly-growing consumer lender named a Top Workplace by the Orange County Register. He holds an MBA from USC and a BBA from USD, as well as numerous technical certifications. In 1999 Michael climbed Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa.

More recently, he was voted "Best Daddy" by his four young sons.

Todd L. Inlander is SVP and CIO of **Southern California Edison**. Responsible for managing the company's information technology infrastructure and applications.

He is responsible for a diverse portfolio of technology assets, including the company's expansive fiber network, support for its SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) Systems, as well as the cybersecurity organization.

Inlander is keenly focused on operational excellence, as he seeks to streamline the IT organization and leverage strategic partners to deliver cost-effective technology solutions.

Inlander and his team are focused on delivering a broad array of capabilities, from upgrading and enhancing grid technologies, delivering mobile solutions, enhancing the customer experience through an improved digital experience and increasing the company's cybersecurity defenses.

Prior to joining SCE, Inlander was vice president and CIO for Edison Mission Group (EMG), at the time a subsidiary of Edison International. In this role, he had responsibility for managing and improving technology capabilities to support the trading, generation and enterprise business requirements.

Before joining EMG in 2008, Inlander served as CIO of the homebuilding subsidiary of Lennar Homes, responsible for delivering technology solutions to support the needs of homebuilding and land operations. He was also senior vice president and CIO for Fleetwood Enterprises, where he drove enterprise resource planning and customer-relationship management initiatives to standardize common applications.

Inlander began his career as an aerospace engineer working for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He earned a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Rutgers University College of Engineering.