

## PURPOSE EXPERTS & EDUCATORS OVERVIEW



**Jibran Ahmed**

Jibran Ahmed is a successful serial entrepreneur. He is the executive director of Resurge Detroit, whose mission is to transform blighted spaces into powerful community places. His first project, Liberty Harvest, crowdfunded \$65,000 in 90 days. Liberty Harvest is an off-grid, solar-powered greenhouse retrofitted from a recycled shipping container. The greenhouse is used to teach agricultural skills to Detroit-based youth and veterans. His latest project, Think Detroit, is a business-incubator space designed for entrepreneurs to take their ideas from napkin-sketch to market. He is also the host of the Jibs Podcast, which showcases leaders who are helping to move Detroit forward.



**Annette Aponte Rodriguez**

Annette Aponte Rodriguez completed her bachelor's degree in social work at Salem State University, and her master's degree in mental health with a concentration in marriage and family therapy and a minor in K-12 school guidance counseling from Webster University. Aponte Rodriguez is a high school professional counselor in the Osceola County, Florida school system, and has worked in the Osceola School District for 15 years. She has been a mental health therapist for more than 32 years and has worked closely with children, youth, and their families in different capacities, including with the Department of Children and Families as a caseworker and a family and individual therapist in several mental health agencies, particularly Park Place Behavioral Health Center. Aponte Rodriguez has been successful in being committed to her profession and achieving her goals, which include focusing and dedicating her time to helping and empowering families in need.



**Shannon Ashford**

Shannon Ashford is passionate about helping young people find their purposes while they are in college. She works as a student coordinator at the California State University, Northridge office of Student Involvement and Development, where she directs students through career services and helps guide them along their paths to define and finish their majors. She believes in the achievement of the greatest potential possible for all people, and is excited to use her influence on individuals around the globe.



**Dr. Craig Bailey**

Dr. Craig Bailey is a successful physician who has started his own businesses and worked for well-respected clinics in the United States. He is a man of wisdom and has a wild, impactful story of how he used determination to rise above the ashes of his background. He received his medical education and training in Detroit and is happily married. He is very involved in his community and feels an obligation to serve his city. His example proves that you can make your life whatever you'd like through grit, endurance, and changing your perspective and surroundings.



**Danielle Bailey**

Danielle Bailey is a successful travel nurse in Los Angeles, California, specializing in neurosurgery and plastic surgery. She is a strong, intelligent, and compassionate woman who fights the ills of the world with passion and purpose. Outside of the operating room, her artistic flair and visual abilities in the arts fuels her life. She has worked as a set decorator and cast member extra in the movie *Gifted Hands*. She also volunteers in orphanages and homeless centers around the world. She has a story of redemption and is an inspiration for those looking to find success and happiness.



**Rich Beckman**

Rich Beckman is a natural leader who is passionate about leadership and helping teams reach their highest potential. As the CEO of Great Expressions Dental Centers, he grew the company from 21 establishments in three states, to more than 260 establishments across 10 states. The dental centers treat more than 150,000 patients each month and are enjoying their sixth year as an Inc. 5,000 company. He has experience as a CEO and a consultant for many retail health consulting firms. He has worked hard his entire life to serve as an example for younger generations that you can achieve anything you want, as long as you set your mind to it.



**Robby Berthume**

Robby Berthume is an author, a speaker, and the CEO of Bull & Beard, a company that connects brands and advertising agencies with creative and digital talent, teams, and tools. He started his first digital agency when he was only 14 years old and was a millionaire by the time he hit his early 20s. He's also the co-founder and CEO of Millennial Entrepreneur, LLC, and the co-founder of MANE, a digital design shop based in Serbia. He's been featured in media outlets including *Forbes*, *Fortune*, Fox News, and the *Huffington Post*, is a founding member of the Forbes Agency Council, and was among the Los Angeles Business Journal's "Twenty Entrepreneurs in Their Twenties." Berthume frequently judges creative, interactive, and business-oriented competitions. He holds a marketing degree from Liberty University and lives with his wife and three children in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He's living out his purpose one match at a time.



**Chad Billmyer**

Chad Billmyer is the cofounder of Panjo, a marketplace catering to the needs of auto, sport, and hobby enthusiasts. He also led the interactive marketing arm of Petersons.com, which involved the oversight of sales, solution-selling training, product development, customer support, marketing, and strategic planning for Petersons.com. Billmyer was also involved in similar endeavors for StudentEdge.com, an education-planning website with an annual audience of more than six million.



**Allan Branch**

Allan Branch is an expert on simplicity and one of the original co-founders of LessAccounting, a bookkeeping software "designed to bring people joy," and LessFilms, which creates videos for tech companies to increase website conversions. Allan recently sold LessAccounting, which has an 87,000+ person email list and 73,000+ unique visitors every month. Branch has been highlighted on many podcasts and interviews on the internet and is known for his unique, laid-back approach to business and life. He is passionate about helping business owners simplify their bookkeeping and become more successful. Most of all, he loves spending time with his family and is changing the world one small business at a time.



**Terry Briggs**

Terry Briggs has more than 15 years of experience in entrepreneurship, senior-level sales, business leadership, and business and brand development. He has recently worked primarily in the tech start-up sector as a CEO and in the development of businesses, brands, and software, as well as in sales and many other roles. He is the author of the book *Stop Making Excuses, Get Off Your Butt & Fight for Your Dreams*, an extreme advocate for women's rights and empowerment, the cofounder of Partiiio, a stakeholder in Jem and Adorn, and founder of Success Beyond Beauty—just to name a few of his life's ventures.



**Amanda Brown**

Amanda Brown is an experienced coordinator with a demonstrated history of working in nonprofit organizations and the management industry. Skilled in trauma therapy, operations management, crisis intervention, and fundraising, she found her passion of helping others at a young age working in AmeriCorps in New York City. She strives to bring real change to people's lives by providing them with strategies for redirection and healing. She collaborates with schools and juvenile judicial courts to bring social justice, therapy, and development to young people suffering from trauma and mental illness.



**Cora**

Cora is an energetic and born leader. She loves hanging out with her family and helping those in need, and is passionate about learning and teaching others. One thing you'll notice immediately when you meet Cora is her genuine happiness and desire to encourage everyone around her to have fun and be happy. She's changing the world one smile at a time.



**Daniel Budzinski**

Daniel Budzinski started his first company as a sophomore in college and immediately got the bug of serial entrepreneurship. His passion is to inspire and help others live out their full potential and discover the power of purpose in their lives. He travels and speaks at large conferences globally and is the author of *The Purpose Workbook*. His work has impacted millions and he spends every minute of his days helping others. Daniel has also served on the board of directors of multiple local charter schools in urban Michigan cities, serving thousands of K-12 students.



**Elizabeth Budzinski**

Lizzy Budzinski is a passionate woman, always reinventing herself. She seeks to inspire others to search for their meaning and purpose. She always tries to see the beauty in everything and continues to live a life that is fun, playful and purposeful! Budzinski resides in eastern Michigan where she was born and raised. She has two daughters, Everly and Ivy, and a son, Daniel. She continues to pull out the potential and greatness in others and is dedicated to never stop learning, growing, and loving other people. Her top three favorite things include coffee, chocolate, and her family. She also enjoys being outdoors, doing anything active, traveling, and being with her two very large families.



**Everly**

Everly is an unstoppable force against negative emotions, and a happy and friendly girl. She is detailed, strong-willed, and has a lot to say. She's wise beyond her years and loves making friends with everybody. Everly is changing the world by being the best version of herself.



**Gary Budzinski**

Gary Budzinski has founded and led many global companies as the president or in a top-five executive position. He is an accomplished senior executive with broad financial accountability in multiple technologies such as business process, software development and technology outsourcing, next-generation cloud-based solutions, support, and consulting. With experience in more than 100 countries and cultures, Budzinski has led billion-dollar Fortune 25 companies through restructure and expansive growth, while managing hundreds of thousands of employees.



**Ivy**

Ivy is one of the more unique people you'll ever meet. She loves to snuggle, laugh, play, and be extra goofy. She loves giving wild faces and making people laugh, but more importantly, she has a big heart for others and is a strong leader to everyone around her. Ivy is changing the world, one good choice at a time.



**Jesse Budzinski**

Jesse Budzinski has been a top performer and sales leader in some of the largest enterprise solution companies in the world. He has formulated and implemented goals and corporate strategies for Fortune 100 companies and provided independent advice to clients under management guidance. Budzinski has experience in multiple industries including technology, manufacturing, consumer, and financial.



**Karen Budzinski**

Karen Budzinski began challenging women to strengthen relationships soon after she married her husband, Gary, in November 1981. She did not realize at that time that her life work would be dedicated to helping others build better relationships. Over the years, Budzinski has served others in a variety of capacities, teaching and leading all age groups from birth to older people. She shares her passion to help others live victorious lives by teaching, speaking, and leading groups both in the United States and abroad. She teaches the “How to Build an Enduring Marriage” class in her home several times a year. The Budzinskis reside in Michigan, and their family has grown to include five adult children and their spouses, and three granddaughters.



**Peyton**

Peyton is a caring and compassionate individual. He strives to become a better version of himself every day and uses his life experiences to impact others. Peyton enjoys sports and hanging out with friends.



**Carianely Caballero**

Cari Caballero is a second-year business education professor and National Academy Foundation’s Academy of IT Coordinator at Kid’s Community College Preparatory High School. She loves to lead, inspire, and use creative outlets to allow minds to grow. As a business education professor, Caballero helps graduating seniors focus on college and career readiness through résumé building and industry certifications. As an NAF coordinator, she helps all scholars get an inside look at IT fields from web design to computer networking; creates college/career expos; works on portfolio building through culminating projects, mock interviews, and job shadowing; and has officials from various industries host internships to build their talent pipeline through work-based learning.



**Danniebelle Cagas**

Danniebelle Cagas is passionate about helping young people find purpose and has done so in many different areas. She has a professional background in teaching music and an extensive history of managing and running communications within and outside of many organizational settings, including curriculum planning, youth camps, and events. She lives in California with her beautiful family.



**Alex Capecelatro**

Alex is deeply passionate about the intersection of design and technology. After working on nanotechnology and bioengineering projects for the Naval Research Lab, Harvard University, Sandia National Lab, NASA, and University of California Los Angeles, Alex consulted for the X Prize Foundation and Aerogel Technologies. In 2011, Capecelatro started Hyphos Inc., a software company based in Los Angeles. His first product, At the Pool, was featured in *Forbes*, *LA Times*, and *Fast Company*, and boasted members in more than 120 countries.



**Frank Casale**

Frank Casale is passionate about artificial intelligence and its influence in changing the world. He is a well-known industry trendsetter, as well as the founder of the Institute for Robotic Process Automation and the Outsourcing Institute. This is a global community and marketplace of more than 70,000 members, including leading practitioners, service providers, advisors, thought leaders, industry observers, and analysts. He has authored numerous articles and serves as a regular commentator on artificial intelligence for the *Financial Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *FORTUNE* magazine, and the *New York Times*.



**Dr. Mark Colgate**

Mark Colgate, PhD, is an expert on employee coaching techniques, a professor in the School of Business at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, and the author of two published books. He is known as a favorite professor and works to inspire students and guide the school and university's brand, culture, and growth. He has taught around the world, including China, Australia, Ireland, and New Zealand. Colgate has received two university-wide teaching excellence awards and has been featured in the city of Victoria's *Times Colonist*, CTV News, and Toronto's *Globe and Mail*.



**John Cooke**

John Cooke is a police officer in Metro Detroit where he serves a large, diverse community. He has been a police officer for seven years and enjoys the day-to-day challenges of the job. Although his goal is to protect people, Cooke also enjoys finding new and innovative ways to serve the community better and interact with the citizens in a positive, meaningful way. He sets out to show love and kindness to others while attempting to help them during some of the most difficult and stressful times they may have ever experienced. Cooke is a loving husband and devoted father who lives just outside of Detroit with his family.



**Jared Davis**

Jared Davis is the principal of a thriving high school in Detroit, Michigan, and has worked in the education field for over a decade. He is experienced, wise, ambitious, and optimistic. He seeks to be part of the change that will thrust public education into the global forefront and make a difference in the lives of millions of young students.



**Walkiria De Jesus**

Walkiria De Jesus is a licensed school psychologist with 10 years of experience. She applies her expertise in mental health, learning, and behavior to help children and youth succeed academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally. De Jesus partners with families, teachers, school administrators, and other professionals to create safe, healthy, and supportive learning environments that strengthen connections between home, school, and the community. De Jesus earned her advanced diploma in School Psychology and a master's degree in Education from Fordham University in New York City. She worked in the New York City Board of Education for five years before relocating her practice to Florida, where she works with the Osceola County School District. De Jesus cares about each client's mind, body, and spirit, and encourages a positive outlook.



**Lela Dennis**

Lela Dennis has more than 20 years of experience in organizational management in various industries, including health care, education, banking, payroll, and telecommunications. She works with team building, organizational design and effectiveness, management development, leadership, organizational and group dynamics, motivation theory, strategies, and business planning.



**Tessa**

Tessa may not be loud, but she has a big personality. She's thoughtful and very intuitive. Everybody notices that Tessa cares about other people finding their purpose and being happy in life. She loves spending time with her mom and dad and brother and sisters, and hanging out with her cousins and friends. She's always ready to play and loves drawing and doing crafts.



**Tony Dunn**

Tony Dunn is an avidly sought-after speaker and a high-capacity influence coach. He has extensive international travel experience and is leading some of the largest and most dynamic community movements around the world.



**Aniah**

Aniah is an extremely bright, passionate, and mindful individual. Even at a young age, Aniah exhibits what it means to be socially and emotionally developed and uses her skills to bring light to others. She is often the “go-to” friend for advice and a shoulder to lean on, and loves to see everyone becoming better versions of themselves. Aniah will continue to make major impacts on the world with her positive and peaceful energy.



**Lior Elazary**

Lior Elazary is the creator of inVia Robotics and has more than 20 years of leadership and business experience. He has directed and guided business teams, developing everything from back-office systems to the core technologies of the business. As a serial entrepreneur, Elazary has completed several large successful exits, including HostPro (now Web.com). He has been the founder and CEO of many ventures, has earned his master’s degree, and is working on his PhD in Computer Science and Intelligent Robotics from the University of Southern California. He is a leader in robotics and a pioneer in the new age of computers for all.



**Glenn Elliott**

Glenn Elliott is the CEO of Reward Gateway. Since his company’s start in 2006, he has grown to become a global leader and provides more than 1,000 organizations worldwide with tools to reward staff and improve office communication. With more than 330 employees in eight locations, Reward Gateway has headquarters in London, New York, and Sydney, and boasts 1,300 clients, including American Express, Groupon, Yahoo!, IBM, and McDonald’s. He is also an avid blogger, writer, and speaker on the importance of company culture and employee engagement. He is changing the world one culture and employee at a time.



**Reuben Ellis**

Reuben Ellis grew up in a family of 12 in Detroit, Michigan, in circumstances that made it look as if the odds were against him creating a successful life. Nonetheless, he studied at Indiana State University and has taken on huge projects, roles, and objectives in his career, such as leading national and global campaigns to influence leaders. Ellis is passionate about thinking differently and empowering others to expand their capacities by provoking people to go higher and further in life. He has two children and loves spending time with his family and building his local community.



**DG Elmore**

DG Elmore has maneuvered and managed a team responsible for an annual budget of \$100,000,000 for the nonprofit The Navigators. He has more than 25 years of experience co-founding, leading, and acquiring multiple businesses in various industries. Elmore owns companies that span the travel, software, manufacturing, food, technology, medical, professional sports, and staffing industries. Elmore received a BBA from Southern Methodist University, an MBA from the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University, and a law degree from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University.



**Ryan Emmons**

Ryan Emmons grew up traveling between California and the island of Hawaii. At age 22, he created a company called Waiakea Hawaiian Volcanic Water®, which quickly became one of the most awarded and fastest-growing premium beverages in the United States. He has been featured by *Forbes*, *Environmental Leader*, *Fortune*, *Food Navigator*, and *Good Morning America* for his innovation. He has also been named "Top 10 Most Disruptive Leaders" in his industry by *Beverage World* magazine.



**Katie Farrell**

Katie Farrell is the founder of Dashing Dish, a healthy lifestyle website and recipe subscription service designed to nourish readers' minds, bodies, and souls. She has packaged, customized, and created more than 800 healthy recipes and 50 workouts to inspire others. She is also a registered nurse, author, blogger, and mother. Thousands of people have joined her community to capture all of life's opportunities. Farrell's social platforms have hundreds of thousands of followers, and she lives to provide others with the information and inspiration needed to create a healthy balance in their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual lives.



**Pamela Farris**

Pamela Farris has more than 20 years of experience in the US public education system. She has worked as a chief academic officer and leader in some of the largest charter school networks in Detroit, Michigan. One of them served more than 4,000 students. She is a thought leader and analyst, and serves on many boards, bringing change and growth to students everywhere. She believes deeply in being a lifelong learner and has been the principal of many different elementary and high schools throughout her career. One of her greatest passions is helping others discover the purpose of their life.



**Dr. Joseph Flynn**

Joseph Flynn, PhD, is the Associate Director for Academic Affairs for the Center for Black Studies and an associate professor of Curriculum and Instruction at Northern Illinois University. He is also the past president of the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum. His teaching and scholarship focus on the intersection of curriculum studies, multicultural and social justice education, Whiteness Studies, and media and popular culture. He has guest edited a special edition on African Americans in popular culture for *The Black History Bulletin*, the oldest African American themed education journal in the United States, founded by the great African American historian Carter G. Woodson. Most recently, Dr. Flynn published *White Fatigue: Rethinking Resistance for Social Justice* (Peter Lang, 2018), a book that considers the critical question of why it's a challenge to teach white students about race. The book has won the O.L. Davis, Jr. Outstanding Book Award from the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum.



**Alyssa Garcia**

Alyssa Garcia is a digital and social media marketing and strategy professional in Los Angeles, California. She has more than 12 years of impressive experience working in new media, content creation, campaign planning, and product development. Garcia is currently working at Facebook in Music Business Development and Partnerships, and has held previous leadership roles at Disney, Universal Music Group, and Warner Music Group. She is a passionate and great leader in everything she does and has managed many different teams, excelling in all of them.



**Brian Gee**

Brian Gee is currently the principal at Goddard Academy, Lakeside Academy, and the Goddard Virtual Program. He has been an administrator for 15 years, working in rural, inner-city, and suburban school districts. He has served as an assistant principal, athletic director, and principal during his tenure as an administrator. He has served in leadership roles in Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals and currently serves on the Evaluations Review Committee for Kansas Department of Education. Gee and his wife, Kasey, have four wonderful kids: Quentin, Braxton, Brooks, and Brynlee. As a family, they enjoy spending time together and watching sporting events.



**Katrina Gorospe**

Katrina Gorospe is a passionate young woman who is actively involved in community service, leading those younger than she and learning her own path in life. She is excited to share the importance of purpose with others and the knowledge that she has gained throughout her journey.



**Magaen Harris**

Magaen Harris, founder of C.E.O Professional Services, LLC, brings more than 14 years of insight and expertise in the mental health field and corporate training. She is currently a Licensed Professional Counselor in Georgia and Michigan. Harris is also a Certified Mediator and Relationship Coach, business consultant, and corporate trainer. She has a heart to help others and believes that there's plenty of room at the top for everyone. She views serving her community as a privilege and is determined to make an impact by reaching one person at a time.



**Stoan Harris**

Stoan Harris is a talented musician with a love for bringing life-changing experiences to others through music. He is happily married, and coaches other musicians in his community on weekends. He can play countless instruments and is a creative genius. Harris is passionate about helping young people gain better perspectives and make decisions that are meaningful to their lives. He is dedicated to inspiring others to tap into their creative sides and turn their passions into their professions.



**Cassandra Huysentruyt Grey**

Cassandra Huysentruyt Grey was a marketing consultant and fashion entrepreneur before launching her own beauty business, Violet Grey. Today it includes a gorgeous online magazine called *The Violet Files*, a super curated e-commerce site, and a beautiful boutique. A successful CEO and celebrity, Grey has 140,000 followers on one of her social media accounts and has worked with many top names in pop culture, including Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Eva Mendes, and Kim Kardashian.



**Sean L. Holland**

Sean L. Holland is a remarkable man who is always serving others and his community. He graduated from Florida A&M University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Public Administration. Holland was appointed as an ambassador to the United Nations Economic and Social Council for helping hundreds of resettled refugees in Lansing, Michigan. He has worked for major organizations such as Procter & Gamble and the Federal Reserve Bank. He is also an experienced saxophonist who has played in countries around the world, and is part owner of a jazz group, Horn & Holland (H&H).



**Shakuanda Holt**

Shakuanda Holt is a school psychologist for students in grades PreK–12 at the School District of Osceola County, Florida, where she develops strong relationships while advocating for students' needs. With more than 18 years of experience, Holt's practice extends beyond the traditional roles of a school psychologist by including her love of art and connecting with others. She consults and collaborates with team members regularly to provide schools with the academic, behavioral, emotional, and social intervention support needed for student improvement. Her services also include art therapy-based group counseling, individual counseling, student focus groups, mentoring, and team-building activities.



**Lakeesha Hines**

LaKeesha Hines obtained her Master's Degree in School Counseling and Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Argosy University in Tampa, Florida. Her background includes serving as a coach, trainer, liaison, and instructor professionally. Hines teaches psychology, on-site and virtually, as an adjunct instructor at a local college. She has also worked as a parent liaison for the School District of Hillsborough County, where she addressed a variety of parent issues and concerns regarding the academic success of their children with disabilities. She conferred with district personnel, providing and interpreting information about school procedures and instructional programs, coaching parents to become effective supporters for their children, and facilitating and participating in training efforts. Hines has self-published two books and is a wife and mom of four. She resides in Valrico, Florida.



**Zachary James**

Zachary (Zack) James is the founder and CEO of Animeme Studios, a successful digital animation studio with many fans on social media platforms. He began in 2009 on YouTube, where he quickly made a successful living. In 2013, James removed his original videos to protest larger companies taking advantage of creators. He went on to found Animeme Studios with other independent animators and creators, and they built viral hits, cracked algorithm codes, and won many awards and recognitions. James is a man of compassion, drive, and purpose who's constantly building something that millions love. He learned the power of purpose and personal motivation as a young child through traveling the world with autism and discovering how to use it to his advantage.



**Jessica Isham**

Jessica Isham is a school social worker, blending her passions and experience into one unique role: helping students eliminate barriers to academic success. She received her master's degree in social work from Florida State University. In the past, Jessica has worked as an adoption case manager intern, a victim advocate intern, an assistant at a law firm, and an employment consultant for adults with developmental disabilities. For about two years, she worked in Tanzania with a nongovernmental organization that focused on education and housing needs for vulnerable children.



**Richard Klein**

Richard Klein graduated from Michigan State University and was the former president and CEO of TIP Interactive, which created web-enabled solutions for company training and performance for managers and sales people. He later sold the business after 10 years of success. He is now on board with Accretive Solutions, a firm near \$100 million in yearly revenue, and works with senior executives and Fortune 500 companies on strategic communications, development of curriculum for global training, and sales and marketing.



**Lauren Klos**

Lauren Klos is a limited licensed social worker focused on developing and implementing client-centered treatment plans. She has experience working with children, youth, and families in a variety of different settings. Klos is particularly interested in counseling youth and families, focusing on strengthening relationships and treating issues of separation, loss, and trauma. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Oakland University, as well as a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan.



**Mikaiella Jones**

As a child, Mikaiella Jones always had a passion for creating and expressing herself. As she's grown older, she's followed her innate instincts and been able to pursue many different creative outlets through her photography, dance, and art ventures. In the last five years, she has primarily been dedicated to her photography career, and has shot photos of many models and well-known public figures. She is an example of leading a life created out of what you love doing, and staying true to yourself and your happiness.



**Jason Koshy**

Jason Koshy is passionate about building communities of people from all different walks of life. He is a world traveler and philanthropist who has done significant work in India. Koshy is the board chair of the nonprofit organization My Color Is Love, and a passionate speaker in the area of empowerment and transformation. He has participated in large food-assistance programs, as well as the building and maintaining of orphanages, community centers, and many other outreach programs. He is a happily married husband and father.



**Isaiah**

Isaiah has a smile that can brighten your day in seconds! He always looks for ways he can pitch in and make a situation better. He loves playing video games, swimming, camping, riding bikes, and hanging with his family and friends. He is very creative and can draw any of the Marvel characters to perfection. Isaiah has had to face many challenges in his life since birth. Having been close to death at one point, Isaiah remained strong and lived to be adopted after months of neglect. His adoption has helped him live with a heart full of gratitude and love for himself and others. He understands that life is a gift and that the people in it are what matter most.



**Bryan Kocol**

Bryan Kocol is the founder of many different ventures and the co-founder and CTO of Enroll Hero, a company that helps individuals choose the best healthcare plan. He has a proven track record of creating an environment that yields happiness and success, and is passionate about technology and agile software development. He has won impressive awards in his field, led many company teams, and even holds a patent.



**Sarah**

Sarah is one of the sweetest souls you will ever meet. She is naturally shy, but once you get to know her, she is hilarious and witty! She loves to cook and create special recipes in the kitchen to share with others. Sarah loves to make people feel special and cared for, whether she's buying a gift or giving up something for someone else! She is beyond generous with her time and her hard-earned money. She looks for ways to give by finding opportunities to celebrate others. Sarah was adopted at birth and has a beautiful heart. Don't mistake her sweetness for weakness; Sarah is fiercely loyal and someone you want in your corner for life!



**Chris Lambert**

Chris Lambert, community activist and CEO of Life Remodeled, a Detroit nonprofit organization, is one of a kind. His team has raised more than \$21 million for the revitalization of city blocks in Detroit, Michigan, having already remodeled about 1,200 different blocks within the city. They have repaired 184 homes and boarded up 1,622 more to bring safety to neighborhoods and have mobilized more than 42,000 volunteers at events. Lambert is an inspirational and motivating speaker who lives his life empowering others to dream and create a life of purpose.



**Jazmine**

Jazmine (Jazz) is truly a gem—beautiful inside and out. The quote, “A diamond is a chunk of coal that did well under pressure” describes her life well. She has not had the easiest life; while in foster care for many years and with several families, Jazz has stood strong and believed in herself and her future. Adopted at the age of 12, she now lives with her forever family of three brothers and five sisters! She loves taking care of her nieces and nephews and serving in her school and community. She is a born leader and succeeds in academics and sports. Jazz is the first one to give you a compliment and see the good in you. She is determined and believes all things are possible!



**Angel**

Angel is a dynamic leader in his community. Because of the things Angel has gone through and his willingness to talk about it, he is making a profound impact on his friends and those who need it most. He loves sharing his story, teaching others, and being a leader in his local school. He is involved in his community and helps others embrace their past while telling their story.



**Leah Luong**

Leah Luong is a passionate and committed community leader. After leaving her hometown to move to Los Angeles, California, Luong and her husband are on a journey toward embracing their purpose. She is finishing her education in health information management while being a mom, working as a family assistant, and volunteering in her local community. She is deeply dedicated to helping people become better versions of themselves, take risks, and live their best lives every day.



**Amanda Latifi**

Amanda Latifi is an integrated marketer with a passion for entertainment, fashion, and lifestyle consumer brands and initiatives. She has a great depth of knowledge in content marketing, technology start-ups, mobile interface and brand marketing, experiential marketing, and digital and social strategies. Latifi is the founder of Hafta-Have, an award-winning technology company that helps retailers drive traffic and conversion to their stores. Latifi holds many degrees, and her career experience ranges from senior brand and digital strategist to freelancer director, head of marketing, all the way up to CEO.



**Denise Lyles**

Denise Lyles has a diverse professional background. She has worked in the accounting, healthcare, and insurance industries. Still morphing, Denise is currently the director of the Durfee Innovation Society, a building that brings profit and nonprofit businesses together to service students, adults, and the entire community. They have already repaired 184 homes and boarded up 1,622 more to bring safety to neighborhoods in Detroit, Michigan. Her path has taken many directions, but there have always been two constants in her story: helping others and advancing people.



**Cleo Martin**

Cleo Martin is a dedicated high-school mathematics teacher from Florida with a fruitful work history. Martin earned a master of science in engineering from Tuskegee University and worked as an engineer for the US Army CCDC Army Research Laboratory. She also worked as an instructor in tap, ballet, hip hop, and modern dance before transitioning to her current teaching role. Martin was awarded Teacher of the Year in May 2018 and is passionate about helping children develop into well-rounded individuals.



**Tommy Luong**



**Christina McGee**



**Dr. Ivan Misner**

Tommy Luong is a friend, husband, leader, and influencer. He's from Grand Rapids, Michigan, but he and his wife moved to Los Angeles, California, to pursue his life passions. After arriving, he instantly rose to the top through his fashion-related endeavors. Luong redirected his focus to building communities in LA, and quickly became a leader in one of the most popular movements: bringing hope and love to people of all ages and kinds. Luong now spends his time helping children/ youth groups and traveling the world—hosting, speaking, influencing, and empowering people to go higher and deeper into their personal callings.

Christina McGee is a school social worker, crisis team leader, youth advocate, and mental health facilitator. She graduated with her bachelor's and master's degrees in social work at Southeastern University and has been in the child welfare and social work services fields for 13 years. Her experience includes trauma-informed care, adoptions, foster care, mental health, victim advocacy, prevention services, therapeutic interventions, mentoring, social justice, and leadership roles. She has a heart of compassion that serves vulnerable children and her community.

Ivan Misner, PhD, is a leading expert in business networking and referral marketing. He is the founder of BNI, the world's largest business networking organization, which has more than 194,000 members and 7,300 chapters in 65 countries and has generated 7.3 billion referrals. , resulting in \$9,300,000,000 worth of business for its members. He's been featured in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, and MSNBC. *Forbes* magazine named him "One of the Top Networkers to Follow." Misner has published 21 books and is a *New York Times* Best Author, a past recipient of the Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year award, and the John C. Maxwell Leadership Award.



**Rachel McCord**

Rachel McCord is a self-made entrepreneur, model, talk show host, and speaker. She is the founder of The McCord List, a fashion and lifestyle blog. The McCord List community includes some of the most influential women in media and has a collective reach of one billion people. She has been recognized by *US Weekly*, *InTouch*, *OK*, *LA Confidential*, *Extra*, *Glamour*, *ABC News*, *UK Vogue*, *Hollyscoop*, *Perez Hilton*, *Forbes*, and *CNN* for her work, and regularly speaks to at-risk young people in camps and shelters. She is always evolving and pushing the limits to become the greatest version of herself.



**Alivia**

Alivia is one of the most fun and goofy people you'll ever meet. She loves to giggle, laugh, and play games. Most of all, she has one of the biggest hearts there is. She is extravagant when it comes to her thoughtfulness and believes in sharing, caring, and helping everybody create positive emotions.



**Matt Morris**

Matt Morris is an eight-time bestselling author seen on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox News, and CNN, and in *USA Today*. He's helped hundreds of clients become best-selling authors and has been a serial entrepreneur for more than 20 years. He's helped generate well over half a billion dollars through his band or leading sales organizations for other companies. Morris has spoken in 25 countries, has built sales teams of more than 900,000, and reaches hundreds of thousands of people weekly on social media. He has more than 100,000 email subscribers on his personal site and is changing the world one pioneer at a time.



**Sameer Mirza**

Sameer Mirza is a leading developer for Fox Network Group. He is skilled and experienced in technical specification writing, team management, and the development of web, desktop, and mobile applications. Mirza has created and been a part of massive projects that have had a global impact on millions of users. He's passionate about helping others and inspiring young people to discover their purpose.



**Rhoda Nazinin**

Rhoda Nazinin is a passionate and energetic media director. She taught herself all of the Adobe Suite products on her own, while founding her own media company, procuring customers, submitting invoices, and leading her life. She is now an operations coordinator and has worked as a media director, an executive assistant, and the co-owner of a business.



**Drew Neal**

Drew Neal is an international speaker and trainer who supports people and organizations by providing them with authentic solutions. Passionate to create the next generation of leaders with the courage to think differently, he runs GenONE in Detroit, Michigan. Having raised more than 1.7 million dollars over the last few years, t This successful nonprofit organization works with families and fatherless young people and addresses literacy and economic development. Neal resides in Metro Detroit with his wife and four children. His passion is to see other people activated, empowered, and out in the world making a difference.



**Shayma Mustafa**

Shayma Mustafa is a teacher, author, mother of five children, and self-declared bibliophile. She graduated from Wayne State University with a master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration and is working on a doctor of education degree from Grand Canyon University, making her a super geek. Mustafa works from home in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and enjoys watching episodes of *Shark Tank*. When she's not busy with everyday life, she finds happiness in the simple pleasures of coffee and shi lap.



**Bill Orender**

Bill Orender has been helping people grow professionally and personally for more than 42 years. He made a decision to leave the corporate world and has since built his own team of thousands of leaders and employees. They have produced and managed billions of dollars in assets. He has also published a book that has sold more than a million copies. Orender is heavily involved with his community and is a world-renowned speaker. He has impacted millions of people and helped develop thousands of leaders.



**Jonathan Orr**

Jonathan Orr is from Detroit, Michigan, and is a former wide receiver who played for the NFL's Oakland Raiders and Tennessee Titans. He played college football at the University of Wisconsin-Madison before being recruited in the sixth round of the 2006 NFL Draft. After a successful football career, Orr founded Athlete Transition Services to help athletes with successful, healthy moves into the next phase of life. This organization is transforming the lives of thousands of students and professional athletes.



**Brian Nhira**

Brian Nhira is a singer and performing madman who's done more than 500 performances in 14 countries and US states. He is incredibly talented



**Dan Pontefract**

Dan Pontefract has led the company TELUS, an organizational culture change firm, to \$13 billion in



**Elijah Proge**

Elijah Proge recently earned a master's degree in social work with a concentration in interpersonal practice and a specialty in cognitive behavior

and musically gifted. Every time you're around him, you feel hope to live out your dreams and pursue your future with passion. Nhira appeared on season 10 of NBC's Emmy Award-winning show *The Voice*, and his first blind audition received a standing ovation from hundreds of people. His appearance on the show earned more than 9,750,000 views on YouTube. He was coached by some of the most popular artists of our day, such as Adam Levine, Pharrell, and Miley Cyrus. Nhira is changing the world one song at a time.

revenue. Formerly the Head of Learning and Collaboration, he was responsible for creating a collaborative-based leadership framework for more than 43,000 TELUS team members. This new framework increased employee engagement from 53% to 87%. Pontefract has published two books: *The Purpose Effect: Building Meaning in Yourself, Your Role and Your Organization* and *Flat Army: Creating a Connected and Engaged Organization*. He also writes for *Forbes*, *Harvard Business Review*, and *Huffington Post*. He's appeared on the covers of *T&D* and *Chief Learning Officer* magazines, and has given countless keynote speeches and presentations, including three TEDx Talks.

therapy. He has spent the last two years interning for courts that offer diversion programs to at-risk youth. He believes that everyone deserves a second chance and equality, and he will continue to fight for social justice and equity for all, until we achieve it.



**Susan Pierce Thompson**

Susan Pierce Thompson, PhD, dropped out of high school after getting caught with drugs and alcohol. She got clean at age 20, and has stayed that way for more than 20 years. However, she has struggled with her weight throughout her life and has devoted her time and talents to helping others manage their own. After earning her PhD, she developed the Bright Line Eating community, which started as an email list and quickly became wildly popular. Today, Bright Line Eating boasts 226,000 program subscribers in 63 countries.



**Eric Pulier**

Eric Pulier is an American entrepreneur, author, public speaker, and philanthropist based in Los Angeles, California. Pulier has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for ventures he has founded or co-founded. He began programming computers in fourth grade and started a database computer company while in high school. He obtained his English and American Literature degree from Harvard University, worked as an editor, wrote a column for the student-run newspaper *Harvard Crimson*, and took classes at neighboring university Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He uses his innovative mind to make a massive difference in the major industries of the world.



**Toni Rapinesi**

Antonia (Toni) Rapinesi is the supervisor of social services for a Florida school district. She studied social work at Adelphi University and human relations at St. Joseph's College. Rapinesi is trained to address the social and emotional issues that can block students' academic progress. Through counseling, crisis prevention, and intervention activities, she helps young people overcome the difficulties in their lives and give them a better chance at succeeding in school.



**John Pugno**

John Pugno is passionate about uplifting people through educating and mentoring, and starting and running small businesses. He began his business career in Mexico City in 2000; after four years of corporate life, he decided to move to a small organic farm where he spent two years learning to live off the grid. In 2006, Pugno returned to Mexico City and began a career as an educator at Alliant International University, while also working on renewable energy projects with Ford Motor Company and the United Nations. Three years

later, he returned home to Michigan with his wife and two small children. He started another clean energy company and began writing curriculum and teaching clean energy solutions to youth and adults. In 2014, Pugno and a group of friends launched a community center in Detroit, Michigan, and began mentoring youth through the Better Detroit Youth Movement. He continues to follow his passion for empowering people, especially youth, through educating and taking action in the community.



**Katie Reeves**

Katie Reeves has more than 15 years of experience in Michigan public education, serving students in Chippewa Valley Schools. She is a second-grade teacher and leader of the social emotional learning (SEL) innovation team in the community she serves. Reeves has created and taught professional development classes for K–12 teachers, social workers, and counselors who want students reach their emotional and academic potential through SEL. She’s a member of the board of directors of the Social Emotional Learning Alliance for Michigan, spreading awareness of SEL and its impact on student growth.



**Jason Riley**

Jason Riley is an alumnus of the University of Michigan social work program. He’s originally from South Bronx, New York, but grew up in North Carolina. He works at Assured Family Services, through the Lincoln Hall of Justice, as an assessment specialist in prevention services for youth. Riley’s areas of expertise are biopsychosocial development, childhood mental health disorders, and the impact of trauma caused by the social environments of at-risk youth. His goal is to reduce youths’ involvement in the justice system by providing structured programming and addressing mental health needs. As Riley continues to do prevention, he’d like to work with adults through reintegration services to assist in helping them productively and successfully reenter their communities.



**Jalem Robinson**

Jalem Robinson is an educator, community enthusiast, mentor, and youth advocate trained in English education, educational leadership, religion, philosophy, and youth programs and services. He has worked in education and childcare for more than nine years. Robinson’s experience ranges from working as a classroom teacher to supervising an after-school program. In addition to his work in education, he has served as a family service worker, partnering with childcare facilities, community centers, and community organizations to ensure children have free access to early learning before Head Start and kindergarten. He is committed to education, leadership, empowerment, and community development.



**Dr. Rod Rohrich**

Dr. Rod Rohrich is a world-renowned plastic surgeon, educator, and innovator who has been recognized as one of the best plastic surgeons in the United States. He’s appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, *The View*, *Good Morning America*, CNN, and many other outlets, and has been featured in countless publications including *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*. Dr. Rohrich has performed surgery for more than 30 years and was formerly a president of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.



**Ross Rossan III**

Professionally, Ross Rossan III is a passionate, successful business mogul and real estate agent. Rossan is also constantly engaged in bringing hope, healing, and purpose to those struggling with addiction. His story of using perseverance and strength to rise above his past life experiences is a constant reminder that anyone, no matter what they have faced or are facing, can turn their lives around and achieve the success they deem significant in their lives. One of his greatest joys in life is being a husband and father.



**Tiffany**

Tiffany is a young, bright, compassionate person who brings light to the world and awareness to the subject of diversity. She is an inspiring example of positivity and acceptance. Tiffany makes the world a better place every day by bringing her unique qualities to light, encouraging others’ unique talents, and uniting her community.



**Malini Saba**

Malini Saba moved to the United States from Australia at the age of 19 with only \$200 to her name. She is a self-made businessperson and philanthropist who embodies the concept of using business to serve humanity. She helps underserved women and children in South and Southeast Asia, South America, and the US gain access to lifesaving medical and educational services and achieve economic stability. She also works as chair of Saba Industries, which donates 50% of its profits to social change. Saba has had many successful investment ventures, pledged \$10 million to tsunami victims in India and Sri Lanka, and donated \$1 million to help start the world's first heart research center for South Asians.



**Gigi Salce**

Gigi Salce has worked as a mental health counselor, dependency case manager, and social worker. She is currently the Lead Family Coordinator for Wraparound Osceola, a mental health grant with the School District of Osceola County, Florida. Salce has worked in child welfare for the last 17 years, with children in foster care and within various community organizations. She is a wife and mother of two children. Her passion is working with children and their families, and volunteering to help the less fortunate.



**Rick Schirmer**

Rick Schirmer is a pioneer of viral and influencer marketing. He began his career at Disney/Pixar in their Corporate Alliance, Brand Strategy, and Motion Picture Marketing groups. He left this role to launch more than 200 campaigns and viral brand programs in over 12 countries for entertainment brands such as Universal Pictures, Lionsgate, NBC, ABC, and consumer brands including Chick-fil-A, Wal-Mart, Procter & Gamble, and Coca-Cola. Rick completed his master's degree in Global Enterprise Management at Oxford University and his Master's in Business Administration at Pepperdine University.



**Sarah Seifert**

Sarah Seifert's passion in this world is to offer the opportunity to inspire a life of worth and meaning for those who have lost their own along the way. This motivation and drive have led her to complete a bachelor's degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in education from Wayne State University to advance her ability to advocate for those who have struggled to find their light. She has a huge heart that shines through whenever she has the chance to show love to others.



**Ashesh C. Shah**

Ashesh (Alex) C. Shah is ambitious and makes the most out of each phase of life. He is a serial entrepreneur with a number of high-profile exits. Shah has more than 25 years of global operations experience in building, integrating, and managing enterprises from concept through initial public offering. He managed a venture capital portfolio with a market capitalization in excess of \$1.5 billion, and since 2006, has invested \$150 million in Indian and Brazilian private equity transactions. He also holds patents in intellectual property licensing, consumer loyalty, couponing, and payment technology.



**Herman Shelton**

Herman Shelton is a successful real estate agent and community leader, and has one of the most impactful stories of life restoration. Early in his life, he was told that he would never amount to anything and took on that identity. He started selling drugs on the streets at just 13 years old, was a part of dangerous gangs, and ultimately went to prison. After prison, he turned his life around, built a great relationship with his family, and got married. He is now making a difference in the lives of young kids and families through sharing his experiences. He is proud of the decisions he made to turn his pain into purpose and find success in life.



**Michelle Shelton**

Michelle Shelton is a respected, high-performing executive with 27 years of experience in the private and public sectors, building and optimizing organizational processes to maximize business results. She started her career as the senior project manager in the Detroit, Michigan mayor's office, then progressed to senior business consultant at the Bartech Group, executive director at Marygrove College, and director at CareTech Solutions. Shelton is currently client site executive at Atos and IT director at McLaren Macomb Hospital in Mount Clemens, Michigan.



**Danny Silk**

Danny Silk is an expert and legend in the art of love, connection, honor, and relationships. His Facebook page has already reached more than seven million people. He's the president and founder of Loving On Purpose and Life Academy. Loving on Purpose coaches people find their path to relational success and has helped people worldwide. His podcast brings in more than five thousand listeners per episode. He's been married for more than 30 years and has three beautiful children.



**Elijah Thomas**

Elijah Thomas is a man dedicated to serving others. He has worked at multiple international borders, been deployed overseas during the Iraq war as a soldier, and now works as a police officer in Michigan. Thomas has had a successful career in many roles and has continued to serve the US his entire working life. He recently moved into the business sector and is working in a top management position while continuing to advance his law enforcement career.



**Landon**

Landon is a bright and enthusiastic young man. He knows everything you'll ever need to know about comics and loves sharing his knowledge with others. You can see and feel Landon's positivity and compassion from a mile away. He is generous and always willing to help those in need. He is the one making everyone laugh. Since he was little, Landon has moved crowds with inspirational speeches, jokes, plays, and songs! He loves to read and spend time with his family and friends. Landon is the best big brother to his younger sibling, Weston. They enjoy the outdoors, camping, riding bikes, and swimming. If you need a good laugh, just ask Landon.



**Steven Torres**

Steven Torres was born in Puerto Rico under harsh living conditions. When he was 15 years old, he and his family relocated to Chicago, Illinois, in search of a better life. He has grown into a respected, passionate, and successful man and has dedicated his life to serving others. Over the course of his professional career, Torres has excelled as a vision and hearing screener for children between one and five years old at the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, & Children (SNAP/WIC), as a TSA agent, and as a border patrol officer for the last 15 years.



**Dee Ann Turner**

Dee Ann Turner is the CEO of Dee Ann Turner, LLC, which speaks to and consults with audiences around the world to help them understand how to leverage talent and culture to create legendary customer experience in business. She is also the former vice president of enterprise social responsibility at Chick-fil-A and an acclaimed author and speaker. She's been recognized on *Fox & Friends*, *Forbes*, *TwoTen* magazine, *Huffington Post Business*, *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, *Fortune.com*, and more. She and her family reside in Atlanta, Georgia.



**Ian Wagner**

Ian Wagner is a top sales performer and leader. He has experience in the advertising industry, serving as a major accounts district manager, project manager, and account executive. In his current role, Wagner consults with high-level members of companies to improve their business strategies and company culture. He is philanthropically driven and allocates time every year to lead teams of volunteers overseas.



**Rodney Walker**

Rodney Walker is an author, entrepreneur, and inspirational speaker. He is the bestselling author of *A New Day One*, and is most known for his work in trauma-informed education. His award-winning keynote, "The Power of Resilience: From 12 Foster Homes to Harvard University," has received acclaim from school districts across the nation. A Chicago native, Walker has a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College and graduate degrees from Harvard and Yale. Given the obstacles he faced as a foster child, Walker struggled academically and socially in school. In elementary school, he was diagnosed with autism, placed in special education, and repeated the fourth grade. He finished his first year of high school with a sub-1.5 GPA. But in his senior year of high school, Walker joined a youth mentoring program and was able to deal with his life struggles, and joined a youth entrepreneurship program that motivated and inspired him to start his first business.



**Linford Weaver**

Linford Weaver is an owner and vice president at Shady Maple Companies, which includes a grocery store, restaurants, an RV dealership, Houston Run Development, and Weaver Realty Investment Properties, all located in Pennsylvania. With more than 30 years of experience growing his business, he now manages and oversees more than 800 employees. One of his eateries, Shady Maple Smorgasbord, is the top restaurant in Lancaster, serving 1,900 people at a time. The restaurant served 1.4 million meals in just one year and was mentioned in *Forbes*.



**Marla Weber**

Marla Weber began her career teaching in 1981 for the Wichita Public Schools. In 1984, she became the first woman high school band director to be hired in that city. After nine years, she moved to Goddard Public Schools and has been there ever since. Weber has worked with many students in grades 5 through 12 during her 38-year career. Teaching life skills and helping teens through their formative years has always been important to her, so making the move to teaching social and emotional learning at Goddard Academy was a natural step in Weber's career.



**Eddie Weeks**

Eddie Weeks is a history enthusiast, a youth soccer coach, and a major sports lover. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science and mass communication from Arizona State University. Weeks has been teaching history for the past four years and was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2019. A true Floridian, when he isn't in the classroom, he can be found with his toes in the sand at his favorite beach or with friends on the local golf course.



**George Wells**

Formerly a Mechanical Engineer for Chrysler, George Wells is now transforming the way the financial industry does business. Black Oak Capital, his investment firm, only charges fees when its clients make money. He has been seen on *Fox Business*, *Crain's*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Detroit News*, *Detroit's Premier Business Journal*, NPR, CNBC, ABC 7, WXYZ Detroit, and many more outlets. Wells is also the host of the "Elevate Your Impact" podcast and author of the book *Think Differently: Elevate and Grow Your Financial Services Practice*. He is managing partner of FundTeq, a total asset management platform for financial advisors. He is also the founder of Fundmax and Versaille Capital.



**Sheri Weretka**

Sheri Weretka is the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) and Bullying Prevention Specialist for the School District of Osceola County, Florida. Sheri has been involved in bullying prevention for more than 15 years. Her team worked to create a district policy as well as strategies focusing on reducing bullying behavior that are implemented at every K-12 school. Teaching positive behaviors is her passion and she works diligently to train teachers and administrators about the importance of positive classroom and school communities.



**Sarita Whitcher**

Sarita Whitcher grew up in Charleston, South Carolina. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of South Carolina in 2015, then drove cross-country hoping to build a life in Los Angeles, California. She earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Southern California and has worked as a mental health clinician, providing individual therapy for teenagers and young adults to address various barriers to overall well-being. She also enjoys serving in her community, road tripping with friends, and Olympic weightlifting.



**Dr. Cory Zieger**

Dr. Cory Zieger was a well-known and successful orthopedic surgery specialist for more than 15 years. He retired from surgery to pursue many other passions. Dr. Zieger is now a venture capitalist and business owner, and holds a patent for a one-of-a-kind holographic weapons scope. Beyond being a successful doctor, business leader, and investor, he is passionate about working out and fitness, spending time with his family, and impacting the world through his unique perspective on purpose and principles that lead to success. He is a man of diverse life experiences, and proves that it is never too late to completely redirect your life and reach for the stars!



**Gary Zimmerman**

Gary Zimmerman's car dealership, Twin Pine, brings in roughly \$50 million per year. It was voted the "Number One Independent Car Dealership" in *Dealer Magazine* and was named a "Best of the Best" company. The company has been making customers happy since 1955, and has a great reputation as a family-owned business. Zimmerman has also donated a great deal of money through his charitable foundation. He's involved in agriculture contracting and invests in housing for chickens, currently co-owning more than a quarter million birds that he places in chicken farmhouses. He lives in Pennsylvania with his family.