Nicholas Anderson is currently the senior global product manager for the Neuro division of Philips, a medical device and solutions company. He completed his PhD in biomedical engineering at Washington University in Saint Louis, building on his electrical engineering education at Purdue and Notre Dame universities. From there he entered the medical device industry with roles in development, research, marketing, and sales, successfully leading cross-functional teams across a variety of technological and healthcare projects. Anderson has 15 years of experience in healthcare and medical devices. He looks forward to continuing his journey here in the Pacific Northwest.

Tor Berg is a strategic, results-driven leader with more than 20 years of successful domestic and international experience building and motivating cross-functional teams. He is currently focusing his time on family and education, but previously he served as a naval officer and aviator in the United States Navy. Berg's last position with the navy was in Italy, where he was the assistant base operations officer for Naval Air Facility Sigonella. He has also been an officer in charge of a helicopter unit, a squadron safety officer, and a fleet-training officer. Berg holds a bachelor of science degree in aerospace engineering from San Jose State University and is a licensed airline pilot.

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Sean Brice is the director of trade sales for Dark Horse Comics, a Portland-based comics, entertainment, and media company. During his time there he has been responsible for changing distribution partners to Penguin Random House and managing sales and marketing for all Dark Horse books. Brice has worked with world-renowned authors such as Neil Gaiman, Chuck Palahniuk, and Margaret Atwood as well as such licensors as Netflix, Nintendo, HBO, and Sony, among others. His marketing and sales expertise has led to numerous bestsellers on the New York Times and Amazon lists. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in business and marketing.

Jen Burke currently works as the senior media strategist at RWest, a Portland-based advertising agency. She leads a team focused on B2B advertising, media planning, strategy, and buying for a multibillion-dollar technology client, constructing advertising strategies, go-to-market plans, and live events. Prior to her role at RWest, she earned her bachelor of arts degree in mass communications from Walla Walla University and has been on marketing teams in the fashion and consumer goods industries.

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ADRIAN CAGNONI
ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE
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Adrian Cagnoni is currently an enterprise account executive at Pure Storage responsible for growing an estimated $150 million total available market across a few of the largest corporations in the Pacific Northwest. With more than 20 years of experience in IT, he strives for transparency and sustainability in business and focuses on driving visible value through technology. Cagnoni excels in the most challenging circumstances. He has established himself as a change agent while always acknowledging that great tech is useless if it does not generate new lines of revenue, decrease operating expenses, or differentiate an organization from its competitors. With a nearly flawless record of execution in roles ranging from engineering to sales, he’s not afraid of risk or even failure, knowing full well that the wins are sweeter when we can humbly learn from our mistakes.

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Dwayne Castrillon is a credit approver for U.S. Bank, covering lending commercial and consumer relationships for the bank’s high net-worth segment and supporting the underwriting activities of multiple teams. Castrillon started his career at U.S. Bank, beginning as a credit analyst and later assuming management responsibilities for an analyst team. In 2013, Castrillon moved to Portland from New York City, where he was an analyst for an international bank covering the commodity finance segment. He earned his bachelor’s of science degree from Boston University, where he majored in business administration with a finance focus and minored in economics.

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Julian Dunn is senior manager of product marketing at PagerDuty, Inc., a San Francisco-based technology company focused on real-time digital operations management. He has had a 20-year career in technology, holding a variety of roles in product marketing and product management, engineering, and professional services across such diverse industries as financial services, broadcasting, advertising, and print media. Dunn holds a bachelor of applied science degree with honors from the University of Toronto and is a licensed professional engineer in the province of Ontario.

WESSAM ELTOUKHI
PROGRAM MANAGER
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Wessam Eltoukhi was born and raised in Cairo, Egypt, where she earned her engineering degree in telecommunication. In 2004, she moved with family to Ontario, Canada, for post-graduate studies and work. She moved to Portland, Oregon, in 2008. She worked remotely for a Canadian telecommunication network company for 11 years. In 2018, she joined the software company Digimarc as a program manager. She enjoys exploring the amazing nature and weather of Oregon by hiking and biking in different locations.
SEBASTIAN ESTADES
ACCOUNT MANAGER
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Sebastian Estades is currently the healthcare sales executive at Nutanix responsible for business in the Pacific Northwest. Estades has held various positions within both Citrix and Nutanix. With more than six years of professional experience in the information technology industry, he is currently focusing his attention to the sales side of the business. His goal is to learn all facets that go into running a company, and in doing so become qualified to take over and manage the daily operations of a business. Estades holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida.

NICHOLAS A. FRANCK
SALES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
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KATHARINE GALLAGHER
VISUAL MERCHANDISING MANAGER
Nike, Inc.

Katharine Gallagher is a corporate retail professional with more than 11 years of experience combining creativity and strategic thinking to impact business results and connect with consumers. She currently holds the role of visual merchandising manager at Nike, overseeing one of the largest wholesale accounts in North America. Gallagher is passionate about empowering teams through collaboration and positive leadership. She earned her bachelor’s degree from the Ohio State University where she was also a collegiate athlete.

DON GAMILES
CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER
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Don Gamiles is the chief technology officer for Argos Scientific, Inc., which he founded in 2006. Gamiles has been involved in the field of air-pollution monitoring for more than 30 years. During that time, he has worked for the Department of Energy and the U.S. Army where he spent four years as a weapons inspector for the United Nations in Iraq. Argos Scientific manufactures innovative air-monitoring systems and manages air-monitoring programs all over the world. Argos works with industry, community groups, and government officials to provide real-time air-monitoring data to the public via websites and social media. Argos also leads the field in developing fully automated air-monitoring systems that can be deployed anywhere in the world. Gamiles and his team have successfully deployed numerous systems in remote locations in Africa.

CHRISTIAN GARELLI
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Nike

Christian Garelli is currently a senior manager of platform partnerships at Nike. In this role, he is responsible for managing digital app distribution and experiences for Nike's apps on the App Store and Google Play marketplaces. Prior to joining Nike in 2018, he worked at The Walt Disney Company managing their apps and games distribution partnerships for the parks, studios, and channel business segments. Garelli earned his bachelor's degree from Lafayette College, with a double major in international affairs and government and law.

DOUG GARLAND
PROJECT MANAGER
Day CPM, a division of Otak

Doug Garland is currently a project manager at DAY CPM, a division of Otak, where he specializes in delivering complicated and high-profile projects for public and private developers. With his 15 years of experience in the construction industry, he has performed roles in maintenance, project engineering, contracting, and project management. He is committed to every project that he takes on and always delivers with a strong follow-through.
Bob Hestand leads the technology initiatives for one of the nation’s largest home-remodeling firms, the Pacific Northwest-based Neil Kelly Company. His role includes the management of all information and communication technology resources, including policy and practice development, planning, budgeting, resourcing, and training. Prior to Neil Kelly Company, Hestand was an IT director for the American Red Cross National Headquarters in Washington, DC, and a consultant for Marquam, in Portland. Hestand has been involved in many local arts nonprofit boards and currently sits on the board of the Shakyamuni Tibetan Buddhist Center. Hestand earned his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University.

Reynolds Holmes is currently the director of system design and hardware product management at GAF Energy. He is responsible for the development and execution of the strategy, tactical direction, and roadmap for GAF Energy’s hardware products. With experience across program and product management, sales, engineering, and operations, Holmes accelerates product innovation through cross-functional collaboration. Prior to joining GAF Energy, he led design and strategic programs at both Tesla and SolarCity. Holmes earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Yale University.

Kyle Kaczmarek is a business development and sales executive possessing more than 18 years of professional experience in the entertainment industry. He holds a bachelor of science in film production from Ithaca College and currently serves as CEO of Kaczmarek Digital Media Group, Inc. (KDMG). Prior to KDMG, Kaczmarek served as head of digital distribution for Echo Bridge Entertainment and was also a key member of the Warner Bros. digital media team from its inception. He is also a third-degree black belt and certified martial arts instructor who has been happily married to his wife Casey for 10 years.

Jillian Kereczman oversees the operations for Propeller, an employee-owned management consulting firm with offices in Portland, San Francisco, and Denver. As director of operations, Kereczman leads the firm’s internal team on finance, human resources, and core operations. Prior to joining Propeller in 2014, Kereczman worked in the hospitality industry for 10 years as a meetings and events manager, supervising logistics and execution while creating exceptional experiences for her clients. She holds a bachelor’s degree in social work from James Madison University.

Bill Ketrenos is a technologist and consultant with more than 25 years of success helping enterprise clients realize competitive advantage through the adoption of advanced technologies. At Z-Axis Advisory Group, Ketrenos’s team provides advisory and professional services in the areas of contemporary software development, devops, microservices, internet of things, advanced analytics, orchestration, automation, multi-cloud strategies, and cyber security. Ketrenos started his career in the telecommunications industry, served as a senior executive at a regional systems integration company, and worked for a national systems integrator where he led consulting teams and managed enterprise and global clients.

Marilyn Kun has built a career serving nonprofits. At the National Animal Interest Alliance, she oversees strategic fundraising and marketing to strengthen public policy and expand resources. Previously, she led a capital campaign at Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center + Rosemary Anderson High School, developed partnerships at Quest Center to provide care for people living with HIV/AIDS and members of the LGBTQ community, and raised support at Portland Opera. A graduate of Purdue University, Kun began her career as a writer at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.
Kara LaDuke Zucker is currently a global HR manager for Nike, where she supports the chief administration office. Prior to joining Nike, LaDuke Zucker worked for State Farm Insurance in California, Iowa, Texas, and Arizona, and held various roles in sales, diversity and inclusion, customer service, HR, and philanthropy.

Rob Lesniowski has more than 10 years of experience leading teams across a broad spectrum of environments, roles, and responsibilities. As a recently transitioned veteran, he is currently an IT consultant at a local systems integrator, where he is responsible for identifying opportunities and delivering positive business outcomes. Prior to his move into civilian industry, Lesniowski served as a U.S. Army infantry officer and culminated his service as a basic training company commander. The army took him all over the country and to Afghanistan in support of training and combat operations. Lesniowski holds a bachelor’s degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Jeff Lindquist is the director of the Veteran’s Medical Initiative, a division of the Seattle Space Exploration Medical Initiative (SSEMI) Foundation. SSEMI is a 501(c)(3) that focuses on the development of integrating programs and technologies via collaboration with universities and industry leaders to insure best practices for improving patient outcomes with a specific emphasis on co-occurring disorders. He previously worked at the Brain Treatment Center and University of California San Diego, where he coordinated and facilitated veteran-focused clinical research trials. He is a retired United States Marine, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and avid Ducks enthusiast.

Todd Martinez is a civil engineer specializing in civil design and project management for storm water collection, conveyance and treatment systems; water transmission; and wastewater collection and conveyance systems. As Oregon infrastructure leader, he is responsible for business development in addition to civil design and project management for the Oregon office of Brown and Caldwell. He brings more than 13 years of municipal infrastructure engineering experience in Oregon. His commitments with the US Army ended July 2018, after he served the previous eight years in leadership and military engineering roles, stateside (CONUS) and overseas (OCONUS).

Renata Melo is a senior global product manager at Blount International, a global manufacturer and marketer of products for the forestry, lawn, and garden; farm, ranch, and agriculture; and construction markets. She oversees Blount’s $80 million guide bars and sprockets for cutting systems. In this role, Melo leads product development projects and global strategic initiatives. Prior to her current role, Melo led the sales and operation planning for the same company, improving product availability, customer service levels, and cross-functional interaction and collaboration. Melo received her bachelor’s degree in business administration back in Brazil, where she is from.

Mary Miksch is a design consultant with the Neil Kelly Company, one of the largest design/build and remodeling firms in the United States, with more than 70 years of history in Oregon. Miksch manages more than $1 million in sales each year. In 2017, the magazine Professional Remodeler recognized Miksch with its Forty Under 40 award. Prior to joining Neil Kelly, Miksch spent a decade working for architecture firms in Portland and Chicago. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a professional degree in architecture and spent a year studying in Rome, Italy.
HARRY MUELLER
OPERATIONS MANAGER
Element Materials Technology

Harry Mueller is currently the operations manager for Element Materials Technology in Hillsboro, Oregon. In this role, he is responsible for the profit and loss of a start-up aerospace non-destructive testing facility. Since 2014, Mueller has performed a variety of roles in the aerospace industry including demand planning, master production scheduling, and leading continuous improvement. Mueller earned his bachelor of science in supply chain management from The Pennsylvania State University in 2014, with minors in international business and German.

DIRK MUESSIG
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Dirk Muessig is the senior director, clinical and applied research at Micro Systems Engineering. In 1996 he started his professional career at Biotronik Berlin, Germany. In 2002, Muessig and his family relocated to the United States to work for Micro Systems Engineering (MSEI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Biotronik. In his position, Muessig directs a team responsible for technical product management, feature development, and IP management at MSEI. Muessig holds a master of science degree in physics from Friedrich-Schiller University in Jena and a PhD in physics from Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg.

KASEY NGUYEN
MANAGER, GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN QUALITY
Blount International

Kasey Nguyen currently manages Blount’s global supply chain quality department. In this role, he leads a global team of professional managers and engineers to support both the new product development and re-sourcing efforts of all of Blount’s divisions. His role focuses him as a subject matter expert in quality and technical affairs. In the past year, Nguyen has placed significant importance on internal problem solving, efficient business system creation and implementation, and strategic planning for supply chain. In addition to his internal support, his teams also serve to aid in the management and development of Blount’s supplier base, aiming toward cooperative value-engineering activities to create increased value for both Blount and its business partners. Prior to joining Blount in 2016, Nguyen has held various senior leadership roles across various manufacturing industries. He holds a bachelor of science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry from Oregon State University and is a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

AMANDA PAHLKE
DIRECTOR OF PAYMENT SERVICES
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Amanda Pahlke is the director of payment services for Advantis Credit Union. An industry veteran, Pahlke has 20 years of experience in credit unions. She was instrumental in leading several key initiatives, including the implementation of online and mobile banking systems, and credit and debit card processor conversion. Currently, she is creating a payment channel strategy. While she holds a bachelor’s of science degree in business leadership and management from Marylhurst University, Pahlke leverages her experience with business analysis, technology, and member service to enhance Advantis’s payment platforms. She is passionate about improving the member and employee experience.

JOSE A. PEREZCHICA
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Jose Perezchica is the director of information systems at Reser’s Fine Foods, Inc. In this role, he is responsible for leading and guiding the organization’s IT strategy, IT roadmap, system architecture, enterprise-wide business applications support, third-party vendor management, security, and project implementation teams. His experience includes project management, system implementation, systems architect, and business operations. He holds a bachelor of science degree in software engineering technology from Oregon Institute of Technology and a project management certificate from Portland State University.

JOSEPH PERKINS
MANUFACTURING MANAGER
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Joseph Perkins is a manufacturing manager at Boeing Commercial Airplanes in Portland. He oversees 35 employees for the actuation systems machining product business. In this role, he is responsible for the safety, quality, cost, and delivery of gearbox housing and driveshaft machining operations for all commercial airplane programs. He began his career with Boeing in 2012 at the Auburn, Washington, site as a business analyst supporting sheet metal forming, machining, tube bending, and integrated assembly. Perkins holds a bachelor’s degree in business from the University of Idaho.
SUNNY ROSE  
PROJECT MANAGER  
DAY CPM

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EMILY SLOAN  
DIGITAL MARKETING AND SALES MANAGER  
Benchmade Knife Company

Emily Sloan has a background in e-commerce and digital marketing in the outdoor industry. She currently manages Benchmade’s direct-to-consumer business and digital marketing initiatives. In this role, she leads a high-performing digital team responsible for Benchmade’s corporate websites, social media accounts, and digital content.

CHRISTI USHA  
PRODUCT DIRECTOR  
Nike Inc.

Christi Usha is a product director in the supply chain fulfillment organization at Nike, Inc. She is a results-oriented technology professional with more than 20 years of experience. She drives several global strategic and transformational initiatives for the organization. She has proven capability in working effectively across matrix organizations, driving collaborative engagements, influencing skills, multitasking, and people management. Previous to this role, Usha worked as a project manager. Usha holds a master’s degree in computer applications and a bachelor’s degree in physics.

BEHZAD VAFAKHAH  
SENIOR LEAD PLATFORM ARCHITECT  
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TYLER VOORHIES
PORTFOLIO MANAGER, SPIRITS
Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits

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CALLIE WAGNER
DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING
University of Oregon Duck Athletic Fund

Callie Wagner joined the University of Oregon’s Duck Athletic Fund, the fundraising arm of Oregon Athletics, in January 2014 and currently serves as the director of annual giving. In this role, Wagner manages the annual giving team and is responsible for the acquisition, retention, and stewardship of more than 7,000 donors and the generation of $1 million in philanthropic gifts annually. Wagner started as an intern in the Duck Athletic Fund before transitioning to the role of director of Women in Flight, where she built a campaign from infancy to increase awareness and funds for women’s athletics. Her work in Women in Flight combined her previous experience as a collegiate lacrosse player at the University of Oregon, where she completed her undergraduate degree, with her career aspirations in collegiate athletic fundraising and programmatic development. Prior to the Duck Athletic Fund, Wagner also spent a year as a merchandise manager with PepsiCo.

MORGAN WEAR
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Since 2013, Morgan Wear has been the director of the Centers of Occupational Health and Education program (COHE), a pioneering quality-improvement program that has become a national model for preventing long-term disability for injured workers. Applying his skills in strategic planning, program development and implementation, quantitative and qualitative research, project management, procurement, negotiations, and change management, Wear builds on the successes of COHE, leading teams to develop new evidence-based initiatives that substantially benefit population health. In previous professional work, Wear managed research studies at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

BECKY WETHERN
PLANNING DIRECTOR
Nike, Inc

Becky Wethern has a diverse background in corporate retail, holding various roles across merchandising, supply chain, capability development, and planning throughout her career. Her current role at Nike is planning director for Global Nike Direct. In this role, Wethern and her team are responsible for delivering long-range sales and supply plans to drive both manufacturing and financial decisions for Nike Factory Stores (approximately $7 billion annual revenue). Wethern has been with Nike since 2008. She earned her bachelor’s degree in marketing and management from the University of Portland.