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Joe Alvillar

Joe Alvillar is a 2021 Tauber alum, who began his career as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army. In 2017, he transitioned to corporate America, driving operational transformation for Stryker's MedSurg business unit. At Microsoft, he leveraged his experiences through his career and the Tauber Institute to establish Microsoft's Medtech industry practice. Today, Joe partners with leaders in the Medtech industry to drive AI adoption and transformation into Frontier Firms."

Mike Baughman



With more than 35 years of finance experience across technical and business roles, Mike brings a wealth of knowledge to his role as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Emerson, where he is responsible for the company's global financial strategy and operations. Baughman is a member of Emerson's Office of the Chief Executive, which helps develop and guide the company's global business strategies. Prior to joining Emerson in 2017 as vice president and controller, he held a variety of finance and accounting roles of increasing responsibility over 14 years at Baxter International. Mike started his career as an auditor at PricewaterhouseCoopers where he spent 16 years, was admitted to the partnership, and finished there in the Deals practice. Mike is a Ross Alum.



Dr. Mosharaf Chowdhury

Dr. Mosharaf Chowdhury is a leading systems researcher and co-creator of Apache Spark, the platform that helped power today's \$100B AI/ML and Big Data ecosystem. An Associate Professor at the University of Michigan and founder of the ML.ENERGY Initiative, his work focuses on making AI systems scalable and energy-efficient. His research has been adopted by Google, Meta, Microsoft, Amazon, Cisco, and LinkedIn, and has earned over 30,000 citations and numerous top awards.



Jason Clark

Jason Clark is vice president and general manager of the Boeing 777/777X program, where he leads the design, development, certification, production, and delivery of Boeing's most popular widebody airplane family. He also oversees regulatory compliance and community engagement at Boeing's Everett, Washington site. Previously, Clark led the 767 program and held senior engineering and product development leadership roles across multiple Boeing commercial aircraft programs.



Nester de Mattos

Nestor is Corporate Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer for Dow's Integrated Supply Chain, overseeing global end-to-end operations including planning, logistics, customer fulfillment, sustainability, and innovation across more than 150 countries. He leads an integrated network supporting Dow's advanced materials, industrial intermediates, and plastics businesses. Previously, de Mattos held senior commercial and business leadership roles within Dow Packaging and Specialty Plastics. He joined Dow in 2000 and has held numerous leadership positions across Latin America and North America.

Angela D. Henderson



Angela is a seasoned executive and board director with nearly 30 years of experience leading global supply chain, procurement, and operational transformation across Fortune 20 automotive and Fortune 500 utility companies. Most recently, as Vice President of Supply Chain at Consumers Energy, she managed a \$3.2B+ vendor portfolio and delivered \$120M+ in savings while elevating supply chain into a strategic enterprise function. Previously at Ford Motor Company, she led global supply chain strategies across a \$120B+ budget, generating \$900M+ in savings, and served as Ford's inaugural Director of Racial Equity and Head of Supplier Diversity & Sustainability.



Ia Ko

Ia is people scientist and entrepreneur who helps organizations turn culture and talent strategy into real business impact. She held senior roles at Salesforce, Microsoft, and LinkedIn, advising executives and building evidence-based people strategies at global scale. As a Co-founder of Culturebie, she led product strategy to empower leaders with actionable insights and clear pathways to lead effectively in the AI economy. She is also a Founder of WorkMaru, where she partners with leaders to design bold, data-driven approaches to organizational culture and change. I bring a pragmatic, future-focused lens to building workplaces that actually work for humans and for results.



Maya Mileski

Maya Mileski is an Industrial and Operations Engineering Master's student. She recently completed her undergraduate degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Michigan. Maya is a student in the Engineering Global Leadership Program and the Tauber Institute for Global Operations. She completed her Tauber project at Emerson in Stafford, Texas. After graduation, she will be joining an engineering rotational program at Stryker Neurovascular.

Anne Partington



Anne is Managing Director and Head of Industry Partnerships at the Tauber Institute for Global Operations at the University of Michigan, where she leads strategy, corporate engagement, and experiential programs connecting students with real-world operational challenges. She brings over 20 years of global leadership experience across product, program management, and purchasing, including building Stellantis' first mechatronics purchasing organization with \$3.5B in spend, along with leadership roles at General Motors. Anne is known for driving transformation at scale, building cross-sector partnerships, and translating emerging technologies into operational impact. She is a Certified Cultural Intelligence Trainer and a strong advocate for purpose-driven leadership that fosters belonging, where people feel valued, respected, and connected.



Erin Price-Wright

Erin is a General Partner at Andreessen Horowitz, which has invested in iconic companies like SpaceX, Anduril, OpenAI, Applied Intuition, Base Power, Saronic, Radiant Nuclear, and more. Erin focuses on companies that promote American Dynamism, with an emphasis on teams building AI for the physical world, spanning manufacturing, robotics, energy, industrials, and defense. Before investing, Erin spent most of her career at Palantir, where she started as a Forward Deployed Engineer and later helped build and run Palantir's Product organization. She holds an MSc from the University of Oxford in Mathematics and Computer Science, and a BS in Engineering from Stanford University.

Karen Putterman



Karen is a Managing Director on the Blackstone Operating Team. She is the lead Operating Executive for energy transition and climate solution investments in Private Equity. Before joining Blackstone in 2024, Ms. Putterman spent 10 years at Collins Aerospace where she was most recently Vice President/General Manager for Collins Aerospace's Military Landing Gear Business. Previously, she held multiple business & operations leadership roles across the portfolio. Earlier in her career, she worked in manufacturing operations at The Boeing Company. Ms. Putterman received a BA in Natural Resource Management from Brandeis University, an MBA from University of Michigan Ross School of Business, and an MS from University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources & Environment.

Jon Riley



Jon is the Chief Digitalization Officer at the National Center of Manufacturing Sciences where he relentlessly supports the national strategy to make advanced manufacturing tools and technologies available to manufacturers of all sizes. Mr. Riley brings a clear vision and strong understanding of the benefits advanced manufacturing technologies provides for the defense industrial base. He brings more than 35 years of aerospace, defense and automotive experience in the areas of product development, design and validation, collaboration, program management, and digital capabilities. In his role at NCMS, Mr. Riley provides strategic leadership to a variety of the technological collaborations across industry, academia and government partners focusing on digital transformation.



Prashant Soman

Prashant is the Director of supply chain management at Amazon Transportation Systems overseeing S&OP, Mid Term Planning and Key initiatives for US and Canada. Prior experience in engineering consulting in automotive and heavy industrials. MBA UoM Ross. Based out of Princeton NJ.



Pamela Trouw

Pamela is a Director in Eaton's Electrical Sector Strategy and Business Development group focusing on Data Center and Distributed IT Strategy and M&A. She joined Eaton in 2022 after 20 years with Marathon Petroleum and Nestle in increasing roles across Marketing, Supply & Operations, Finance, M&A, and Strategy. Pamela holds both an undergraduate degree in Marketing and Legal Studies as well as an MBA from Indiana University – Kelley School of Business.



Geoff Van Natter

Geoff is an automotive technology and business development leader at NVIDIA, where he focuses on cloud-based solutions for the automotive industry. With expertise at the intersection of AI, mobility, and automotive innovation, Geoff works to expand strategic partnerships and drive adoption of NVIDIA's cloud and AI platforms across vehicle and mobility ecosystems. He holds an MBA from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business and is active in industry forums and events, including speaking engagements on autonomous vehicle development and automotive AI technologies.



Michael Vu

Michael is an MBA candidate at Ross with 6+ years of experience in Supply Chain & Operations strategy, spanning both consulting and industry. He specializes in optimizing supply chains, enhancing operational efficiencies, and creating value through strategic sourcing, category management, and continuous improvement.