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## PRESENTING THE SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of the Advisory Board is to support the School of Information Systems and Technology's long-term strategy to enroll and retain high-quality students, to educate those students with more effective methods and curriculum content, and to engage students and alumni in IT community groups.

Advisory Board members represent some of the keenest minds in the IT industry. Each is expected to be available during the year to make recommendations to faculty members and to participate in a variety of online meetings and workshops.

Ongoing activities and objectives of the Advisory Board include:

- Identifying IT industry trends and executive educational opportunities
- Recommending new programs, specializations, career focus areas, and industry-certification preparation
- Validating the School's current curriculum
- Expanding externship opportunities for students
- Supporting community-building efforts within the School of Information Systems and Technology
- Building credibility for the School of Information Systems and Technology

## KAPLAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



### MARK SKILES, BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

As president of the Architect IT technology services firm, Mr. Skiles also serves as the solutions architect for its professional services division, applying practical technology to solve complex business challenges. He has led development and deployment teams for both application and infrastructure projects. Mr. Skiles utilizes his international experience in business intelligence (BI), project management, and enterprise architecture to craft business/technology solutions leading to reduced costs and increased agilities. Prior to starting a consulting company, Mr. Skiles held positions at EDS, Wells Fargo, and EDS International in Taiwan. He holds multiple technical certifications including Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and IBM certification.



### LARRY BONFANTE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP

Over the past 27 years, Mr. Bonfante has established himself as an IT leader in the financial, pharmaceutical, nonprofit, consulting, and sports/entertainment industries. In 2009, he was ranked in *Computerworld's* list of premier IT leaders.

As the current CIO of the United States Tennis Association, his group is responsible for all IT-related support services at the prestigious US Open. Mr. Bonfante has been a guest lecturer at Columbia University, NYU, and has spoken at key industry conferences such as Comdex, Network-Interop, and the Technology Manager Forum. He writes leadership columns for *CIO Insight*, *Baseline*, *Computerworld*, and *Information Week* magazines, and serves as president of the Westchester-Fairfield chapter of the Society of Information Management (SIM). His academic credentials include a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Mercy College and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Organizational Psychology from the City University of New York—Brooklyn College.



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**DR. JAMES STANGER,  
WEB AND eCOMMERCE**

Dr. Stanger is an award-winning IT author, security consultant, and Web designer whose writings have been translated into more than a dozen languages. He has spent the last two decades writing, lecturing, and consulting around the world on Web design, e-commerce, network security, convergence/VoIP, and the Open Source and Linux system administrations. Currently, Dr. Stanger serves as the Chief Certification Architect for the Certified Web Professional (CIW) certification and is the author of blogs on both the *CIW* and *O'Reilly Media* websites. Also active in the education community, Dr. Stanger chairs the Linux Professional Institute (LPI) Advisory Council and sits on the advisory boards of CompTIA Network+ and Server+. He has helped design certification exams and curriculum for IBM, Symantec, CompTIA, and the Telephony Industry Association (TIA). Dr. Stanger earned his PhD in English from the University of California at Riverside and his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from Brigham Young University.



**DR. ELIZABETH CHASE,  
ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY**

When EqualLogic Engineering was acquired by Dell to expand its enterprise storage, Dr. Chase was recruited to ensure the successful integration of the two companies by improving the customer experience. With her unique background in enterprise engineering, Dr. Chase was a perfect match for the job. During her career, she has held roles that touched consumers in many different ways; with projects ranging from product development to business management. Prior to joining EqualLogic | Dell, Dr. Chase served as an officer in the United States Army. Her assignments included leadership positions in Germany and the United States. Her last assignment was as medical company commander at Fort Hood, Texas. Dr. Chase earned her doctoral degree from Capella University, her master's degree from Southern Polytechnic State University, and her bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.



**TOM KOULOPOULOS,  
AUTHOR, FUTURIST, AND LEADER**

For the past 25 years, Mr. Tom Koulopoulos has provided keen insight and vision on the direction and evolution of global business and technology. *Information Week* magazine named him as one of the industry's most influential information management consultants. His articles and comments appear regularly in the pages of *BusinessWeek*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *The Economist*, and on *CNBC*, *CNN*, and *NPR*. He has served as executive director of the Center for Business Innovation at Babson College, and has lectured on management at Boston College, Boston University, and Harvard University. An active philanthropist, Mr. Koulopoulos was an early advisor to the Tech Foundation and Destination ImagiNation nonprofits. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy with a focus in computer information systems from Bentley University, and attended the American College and American Community Schools in Athens, Greece.



**STEPHANIE DROUILLARD,  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER,  
TECHNICAL RECRUITING**

Mrs. Drouillard is currently a branch manager for Robert Half International (RHI), a global leader in professional staffing and consulting services, with a network of more than 400 offices worldwide. Her extensive knowledge of the technology marketplace has bolstered her career, including recognition at the highest level for RHI—an invitation to the company's Reach for the Stars program in 2007 and 2008. Active as an advisor to several colleges in the Midsouth, Mrs. Drouillard also is an organizer of Oracle Without Limits (OWL), a user group for Oracle systems. In addition, Mrs. Drouillard is a member of several professional organizations including the Project Management Institute (PMI) and the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA). She holds an MBA with an accounting focus from the University of Illinois and a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Management from Christian Brothers University.



**FRANK GATLIN,  
KAPLAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL  
OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND  
TECHNOLOGY STUDENT**

Currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology program with a career focus in Web development, Mr. Gatlin is a self-taught webmaster who learned to read and write HTML and PHP Web languages by exploring source codes in the Internet Explorer browser and joining a number of online communities. A professional truck driver by trade, Mr. Gatlin takes advantage of his downtime to learn new IT concepts and enjoys helping others to succeed in their goals. Since early 2009, he has been a member of the Kaplan University chapter of the Association of Computer Machinery (ACM). His contributions include developing the chapter's first website and forming a help center for students that spans many IT topics.



**AARON LINDEMAN,  
KAPLAN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL  
OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND  
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Mr. Lindeman earned a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with an emphasis in network administration from Kaplan University and has 5 years of specialized experience in the IT field. He is currently an expert LAN/WAN engineer at a Baltimore-based IT company that handles government contracts. He also holds CompTIA A+, CompTIA Net+, and MCP certifications. Mr. Lindeman initiated the Kaplan University chapter of the Association of Computer Machinery (ACM) and served as its president from 2007 to 2008. He looks forward to working with Kaplan University in the future to ensure that students, faculty, employees, and potential students gain a favorable and optimistic view of what the University can do.

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**SIMON SZYKMAN,  
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As chief information officer (CIO) for the United States Department of Commerce, Dr. Simon Szykman has served the public interests for over a decade in high-level executive positions in the White House, Homeland Security, National Institutes of Standards and Technology, and most recently as the CIO for the Department of Commerce—a cabinet-level agency with an annual budget of \$9 billion and more than 38,000 employees.

Dr. Szykman earned PhD and master's degrees from Carnegie Mellon University, a Master of Engineering Management from George Washington University, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester.



**DR. ALFRED L. PASSORI,  
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Dr. Alfred L. Passori is a vice president and executive partner with Gartner Executive Programs, and an executive contributing editor of Gartner's CIO Desk Reference. His areas of expertise include risk management, security, governance, strategic planning, portfolio management, innovation, the business value of IT, business and IT alignment, IT organizational development, human capital management, process frameworks, and performance engineering management.

The author of numerous risk management and compliance articles, Dr. Passori has also served on the editorial advisory board of the Disaster Recovery Journal. His client list has included both public- and private-sector enterprise chief information officers, chief financial officers, and chief operating officers of the United States Department of Treasury, Department of Commerce, United States Navy, Social Security Administration, NBC, Office of Naval Research, and many more. Dr. Passori holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Maryland and a PhD from Pacific Western.



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