

M.S. in Supply Chain Management Board Members

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Director, Supply Chain – Green Coffee and Tea Supply, The J.M. Smucker Company



Michael Bartikoski '84

CEO and Consultant, Summit 5S Consulting
Senior Vice President of Operations, Land O'Frost

Michael Bartikoski is currently CEO and a consultant at Summit 5S Consulting and also serves as the senior vice president of operations for Land O'Frost, a leader in the production and distribution of processed lunch meats; and was previously COO for Roskam Baking Company, a leading privately held bakery products company specializing in the co-manufacturing of food and confectionary products for leading branded consumer goods companies. Summit 5S Consulting works with client companies on strategy and the use of 5S and other Lean tools as foundations for their Lean journeys. Prior to that, he worked at The Hershey Company, as vice president of global manufacturing alliances – Michael and his team ensured that Hershey's external manufacturing alliances furthered Hershey's overall global operations strategy and delivered competitive, high-quality products as a complement to internal manufacturing and supply chain capabilities. Previously, also at Hershey, as vice president of international operations and supply chain services, he was responsible for all international supply chain efforts with a focus on driving strategic sourcing solutions, productivity, margin enhancements, operational improvements, and capital planning.

Michael has extensive experience in operations and supply chain and has worked around the world for many leading companies including: E. & J. Gallo, Coca-Cola, Quaker Oats (Gatorade), Pepsi-Cola and Nestle Foods. He has his Bachelor of Science degree in industrial and management engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. and his MBA from Villanova University, Villanova, PA.

Michael currently serves on the supply chain advisory board for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Lally School of Management, a group of Rensselaer graduates and industry leaders active in all areas of supply chain management working with school faculty and administration to build its graduate programs in supply chain. He also was a member of the board of Catholic Charities of Harrisburg – Catholic Charities is dedicated to non-denominational charitable works focused primarily on families. Previously, Michael was on the board of the Foundation for Strategic Sourcing, an industry trade group focused on the contract manufacturing and contract packaging industry. He also served on the board of the American School of Warsaw.



Michael Bulone '83

Regional Director Health Care Logistics, Johnson & Johnson

Mike Bulone is currently the regional director, Health Care Customer Logistics (HCCL) for Johnson & Johnson Health Care System Inc. (JJHCS). JJHCS is responsible for providing logistics, sales, and marketing services to the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies.

Mike leads the HCCL team responsible for driving operational efficiencies through the order-to-cash activities, VMI relationships, reverse logistics, and customer focus team logistics. Additionally, he is a member of the customer services leadership team reporting directly to Sue Wetzel.

Mike earned a biomedical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. He entered the workforce as a clinical engineer at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Bay Pines, Florida. During his more than 25- year tenure with the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, he has held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility from leading a repair service center for medical devices to managing a product complaint-handling department to leading the global demand planning team for Ethicon, Inc.



David Carlisle '89

Director of Operations, Isle of Dogs

David Carlisle has more than 20 years of experience in operations and project management within supply chain and logistics. Previous to this role, he worked for Patina Solutions supporting their client base with supply chain expertise. As the global logistics strategic planning director for General Electric Healthcare in Milwaukee, WI, he planned and managed the execution of a \$600m logistics spend. Prior to joining GE, David was vice president of operations for Ohio Wholesale Inc., a consumer goods provider for more than 30,000 customers including TJX

Companies, HomeGoods, Walgreens, and Tractor Supply. David also worked as a transportation manager for General Electric's Aviation business in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he subsequently served nearly 10 years in the U.S. Army with the Army Corps of Engineers and commanded in the 101st Airborne Division. David received his MBA in operations and supply chain management from The Ohio State University and holds a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering from Rensselaer. David is Lean Six Sigma and APICS CSCP certified.



James Franz '92

Head of Supply Chain and Logistics, Canary

James Franz is a supply chain executive living in the New York tri-state area. He grew up in Long Island, N.Y. and attended Rensselaer from the fall of 1986 thru the spring of 1992. He graduated with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, concentrating in manufacturing and design, in the spring of 1990, and then his MBA, concentrating in manufacturing, in the spring of 1992. During his time at Rensselaer, he participated in varsity football for five years and was an active member in Theta Chi fraternity.

Since his graduation, James has worked for several fast-paced consumer packaged goods companies across many different industries. Over his career he has provided operational leadership in entrepreneurial, privately-held firms. He has experienced successes within every company. James has worked for for-profit as well as not-for-profit all within the consumer goods industry. His broad array of experience ranges through all aspects of a global supply chain. Working for privately-held companies has allowed James to manage and develop expertise within all areas of a supply chain. He has interacted and travelled to international suppliers in China, Central America, and Europe. James has vast experience in working with all major U.S. retailers including Wal-Mart, Target, Costco, Amazon, CVS, Walgreens, etc.

James is currently working as the head of supply chain and logistics for Canary. Canary is a NYC-based crowd-funded start-up. The company is rapidly expanding from the U.S. to Europe as the business continues to grow. James has been responsible for defining and designing the supply chain and logistics operations from the early beginning of the company.

Robert Griffiths

General Manager, Engine Center, Pratt & Whitney

Les Hoogeveen

Director, Contract Manufacturing, Medtronic

Ernest Jones

Director, Organizational Change Management, Teva Pharmaceuticals

Roynan Jones

Senior Vice President, Global Manufacturing Operations, EMC

**Brian Masterson '84**

Vice President, Global Supply Chain, GE Healthcare

Brian Masterson joined GE Healthcare in January 2009 as vice president of global supply chain after successfully leading the global supply chain function for GE's Oil and Gas business based in Florence, Italy. He leads a team of talented supply chain domain experts, covering a variety of disciplines including: manufacturing, sourcing, materials, facilities, logistics, environment, health and safety, LEAN manufacturing, and advanced manufacturing engineering.

Prior to joining GE Healthcare, Brian held a variety of leadership roles within GE's Oil and Gas business. He joined GE in 1989 as a product engineer in GE's Naval Nuclear business. In 1992, he moved to GE's Energy business where he held roles in engineering, quality, and later leadership roles in all facets of supply chain management. Before joining GE, Brian worked at AT&T Microelectronics and Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) Company as an engineer.

Brian holds a master's degree in industrial engineering/management from George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering/economics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Josef Mueller '86**

Industry Strategy and Advisory Consultant, Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Joe Mueller is an industry strategy and advisory consultant for Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE). Joe is a retail and consumer goods industry expert having spent 29 years, including 16 years in Asia, with HPE and Accenture as well as co-founding OPS Rules, a supply chain and operations strategy consultancy recently acquired by Accenture.

Joe has also served as president of strategy and insights for RetailNet Group, a leading global retail intelligence think-tank helping retailers and brands plan tomorrow's strategies today. He is a 1986 graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Jay Nearnberg '77**

Supply Chain Consulting Manager, Accenture

Jay Nearnberg is a supply chain consulting manager in Accenture's strategy practice, specializing in supply chain planning. Prior to Accenture, Jay was a consultant in Spinnaker's supply chain management consulting practice and focuses on providing supply chain and operations management consulting services to Spinnaker's consulting clients. He has domestic and international expertise in the areas of process improvement, demand planning, sales and operations planning, forecasting, forecasting process improvement, vendor managed inventory, partnership development, metrics, production planning, global supply planning, customer service transformation, analytics, procurement and inventory planning. Jay is a recognized industry leader with a record of devising innovative strategies and tactics,

leveraging cross-functional relationships, and driving execution through leadership that generates cost savings, improved business processes and growth. He has extensive experience building and leading various supply chain departments, as well as leading planning system implementations. Jay has delivered assessments of existing supply chains, along with recommendations for transforming the organizational structure and planning capabilities to enable best-in-class performance.

Jay has worked with companies, leading projects in the CPG, consumer healthcare, high tech electronics, retail and pharma industries in a variety of departmental leadership positions, project leadership, strategy development, business process reengineering, organizational readiness and technical solution leadership roles.

As a leader in change management, Jay has led the ground-breaking development of collaborative planning, forecasting, and replenishment with major manufacturers and global retailers. He currently is a: Certified Supply Chain Professional, Certified Professional Forecaster, and Six Sigma Green Belt. Jay also serves on the boards of APICS, Institute for Business Forecasting, and the Rensselaer Supply Chain Management Master's Degree Program. He earned a bachelor's degree in management engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from Hofstra University.

Wendy Nicoson

Director of Global Supply Chain, Edwards Lifesciences



Dan Ostrosky '90

Vice President of Supply Chain Management, Triumph Group

Dan Ostrosky is the vice president of supply chain management for the Triumph Group, a \$4 billion global designer and manufacturer of aerospace structures, systems, and components. He has held a variety of management and engineering roles over the past 25 years. A majority of his career has focused on supply chain operations, managing and developing suppliers and procurement organizations in over 20 countries across Europe, Asia, and North America for the telecommunications, consumer electronics, and aerospace industries.

Previously, as vice president of supply chain management for the Aircraft Systems Segment of United Technologies Aerospace, he successfully led the integration of supply chain operations for the \$16 billion acquisition of Goodrich Corporation. Prior to this acquisition, Ostrosky led the supply chain organization for Goodrich, as vice president and chief supply chain officer, transforming it from a largely tactical, purchasing-based organization to a more optimized, strategically-focused global function. Before joining Goodrich, Ostrosky spent 16 years in engineering and supply chain management roles of increasing responsibility at Raytheon Corporation, Flextronics International, Compaq Computer, and Elbit Systems. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer.



Mark Presar

Senior Director, Global Supply Chain for Kinetic Systems, Inc.

Mark Presar joined the Rensselaer Lally School Supply Chain Board in 2014. He is currently senior director, global supply chain for Kinetic Systems, Inc., based in Fremont, California. He provides global leadership and direction to plan, organize, and control the business/contracts/negotiations in support of strategic acquisition of materials and services at Kinetics. Prior to joining Kinetics, he was the director of global supply management for GLOBALFOUNDRIES, where he led all supply management operations supporting the Malta, New York Fab 8 manufacturing ramp, the companies' newest, leading-edge semiconductor fabrication site.

Before joining GLOBALFOUNDRIES, Mark worked for First Solar as director of glass procurement. He also held procurement-related positions with increasing responsibility for companies such as Spansion, Applied Materials, Advanced Micro Devices, and the United States Air Force. He earned a B.S. from Ohio University, with an emphasis in

business management and an M.S. from the Air Force Institute of Technology, with a concentration in logistics management.



Professor T. Ravichandran

Associate Dean of Research, Irene and Robert '55 Bozzone Distinguished Professor, Rensselaer Lally School of Management

Professor T. Ravichandran is the associate dean for research and the Irene and Robert '55 Bozzone Distinguished Professor in the Lally School of Management at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. His research expertise includes: strategic implications of information technology, supply chain management, business-to-business electronic markets, innovation diffusion, and assimilation and organizational renewal/growth through innovation. He has published more than one hundred research papers in leading academic journals and conference proceedings. He currently serves as a senior editor of *MIS Quarterly* and as a department editor for *IEEE Transactions on Engineering*

Management. He recently completed a four-year term as an associate editor of *MIS Quarterly* and a three-year term as an associate editor of *Information Systems Research*.

Dr. Ravichandran works closely with several large firms on IT strategy, supply chain management, and innovation management. He has had extensive business experience as a consultant to the Reliance Group, Bombay; as the assistant director of the National Productivity Council, India; and as a production manager in Flakt AB (now Asea Brown Boveri). He has also been a successful entrepreneur of an IT services firm. Dr. Ravichandran has a Ph.D. in business administration with a focus on information systems, a postgraduate diploma in industrial and systems engineering, and a Bachelor of Engineering in production engineering.



Todd Snyder '89, '98

Vice President of Healthcare Customer Solutions, UPS

Todd Snyder has served as vice president of the UPS Customer Solutions group since 2011. His global group works in a consultative approach to develop and implement customized and configurable solutions that address the specific needs of UPS's healthcare customers. These solutions provide clients with a sustainable competitive advantage by not only focusing on cost reduction, but also addressing accelerated cycle times, improved cash flow, and customer service as value. Todd and his team are instrumental in defining and expanding UPS's healthcare portfolio

around the globe. He also has responsibilities for the humanitarian sector at UPS where his team works closely with various government and private agencies to facilitate the movement of goods to critical markets.

Todd has spent a total of 28 years at UPS in various leadership roles in solutions, operations, industrial engineering, sales and the supply chain business unit. He also spent several years in global supply chain management consulting working with middle market and Fortune 100 companies while at Ernst & Young and PriceWaterhouse Coopers. He earned a master's degree in business administration from Syracuse University, and a B.S. in industrial engineering and a M.S. in management of information systems from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Meredith Stevens '84

Vice President of Supply Chain Strategy and Deployment, Johnson & Johnson

Meredith Stevens is vice president of supply chain strategy and deployment at Johnson & Johnson. Previously, she served as chief supply chain officer at Newell Rubbermaid. Prior to that position, Stevens was head of the global fire and security install and service supply chain at Tyco.

Before Tyco, Stevens led strategic sourcing for media conglomerate Bertelsmann Inc., where she designed and implemented a new strategic sourcing operation. She began her career at General Electric in a number of operations management and supply chain roles, developing significant

expertise in six sigma and lean manufacturing. She earned an M.S. in industrial management and a B.S. in mechanical and electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Paul Testa '89
Head of Global Supply Chain, Shire

Paul Testa is the head of global supply chain for Shire. He has more than 25 years of experience in a unique mix of industries and roles along the supply chain – including leadership roles in the plan, source, make, and deliver functions in the aerospace, life sciences, contract manufacturing, and biotechnology industries.

Paul is a passionate developer of people and talent pipelines, working within organizations and with universities, professional associations, and recruiting firms to find, place, retain, and accelerate the challenge and development of the most qualified professionals. With formal training in engineering and business, he has come to appreciate the challenges and rewards associated with engaging teams to make levels of performance, once thought impossible, actually become reality.

Paul also enjoys endurance sports – he has completed eight marathons and three Ironman 70.3 races – and is a youth basketball coach. He and his wife Rebecca have three children and enjoy travel and experiencing the cultures of the world.



Mr. Peter Vanderminden '78
Senior Industry Analyst of IoT and Digital Supply Chain, Flatiron Strategies

Mr. Peter Vanderminden '78 is a senior industry analyst of IoT and digital supply chain at Flatiron Strategies. He is a widely recognized thought leader in the “Internet of Things” and supply chain management practices. He works with companies in the industrial manufacturing, transportation, and health-life sciences sectors to integrate physical and digital supply chains for IoT enablement.

Vanderminden earned an MBA with Distinction from Leeds University, Leeds, U.K.; a Bachelor of Science in communications science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.; and a post-graduate certificate in system dynamics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.