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# Mentors

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**1 | Bonnie Baker**  
**Marketing Communications, Kettering Health Network**

If you are currently pursuing degree in healthcare, or a woman interested in TV, media relations, PR or fundraising, turn to Bonnie for advice. For 15-years, she used her experience as a 2News health reporter, entrepreneur and video producer to prepare nonprofits to share their stories with the Mathile Family. As director of the Foundation's \$100M Mathile Community Fund, from 2001-2011, she oversaw the distribution of major awards to 30+ projects that continue to transform lives and the Dayton region.



**2 | Jill Barber**  
**Chief Client Service Officer, Mathile Family Enterprise**

Jill Barber is a member of CYMI's senior leadership team which provides wealth advisory services to the Mathile Family. Jill transitioned from her position as VP and CFO of CYMI, Ltd., to her current role as Chief Client Service Officer for the Mathile Family Office. Jill's expertise is in financial, tax, estate planning, and risk management.



**3 | Rebecca Benná**  
**Executive Director, Five Rivers MetroParks**

Becky Benná is the Executive Director of Five Rivers MetroParks. She has over 25 years of experience in working and leading various organizations serving communities with populations of 20,000 – to over a million. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Dayton and serves as vice-chairperson of the Dayton Convention & Visitors Bureau. Becky is also a board member of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and Bike Miami Valley.



**4 | Ann Berger**  
**Senior Business Development Director, Commuter Ads**

Ann Berger, Senior Business Development Director at CommuterAds, has always been aware of her natural tendency to build relationships. She was unaware, however, that skill would transfer into a successful sales career, earning her local, regional and national recognition for her accomplishments. "I never saw myself as a salesperson," said Ann. "But having been successful in sales for over 15 years now, it makes sense. I'm such a relational person. Networking has always come so naturally to me. Those factors are essential to success in sales."



**5 | Terri Bethel**  
**Market Manager for Ohio, Wells Fargo**

Terri Bethel is the local Wells Fargo Market Manager for the Ohio Middle Market Banking Group located in Dayton, Ohio. Terri and her team focus on companies with annual revenues of \$20 million to \$500+ million, including manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, importers and service companies providing a full array of credit, technologically advanced treasury management and investment products. Her team also acts as the point of contact for the many specialists and resources within the Wells Fargo Middle Market Bank.



**6 | Elizabeth Blattner**  
**Partner, Thompson Hine**

Elizabeth is a partner in the firm's Corporate Transactions & Securities practice. She focuses her practice on drafting and negotiating a wide range of contracts, advising privately held companies, representing companies in acquisitions and dispositions, and assisting companies with contract management programs. Elizabeth's has in-house counsel experience with Reynolds and Reynolds, and served as an intern for the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission while attending law school.



**7 | Marsha Bonhart**  
**Director of Development, Dayton Contemporary Dance Company**

After a career that spanned nearly 4 decades of radio and television news (Toledo, Dayton, Los Angeles, and Dayton again), she is now the director of development for the award winning Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. Marsha enjoys working with non profit organizations in any capacity and is an occasional student of ballet after more than 50 years.

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**8 | Mary Boosalis**  
**President & CEO, Premier Health**

Prior to her current role, Mary served as president of Premier Health and as executive vice president and chief operating officer for the organization. Joining the health system in 1986, Mary has served in progressively expanded leadership roles including five years as president & CEO of Miami Valley Hospital.



**9 | Dawn Conway**  
**President, Boost Technologies**

Dawn is President of the Boost Technologies enterprise and responsible for overall corporate leadership and execution of all brands within the portfolio. Dawn is the former Chief Operating Officer of Cision, where she led sales, marketing, finance, analysis, research and content acquisition to drive the overall strategic vision for North America. Prior to joining Cision in 2012, Dawn held key leadership positions a 20 plus year career within LexisNexis in corporate responsibility, global licensing, business development, sales and marketing.



**10 | Catherine Crosby**  
**Director of the City of Dayton's Human Relations Council, City of Dayton**

Catherine "Katy" Crosby is the Executive Director of the City of Dayton's Human Relations Council. Most recently, Katy has been involved with negotiating public benefit agreements with financial institutions on behalf of low-to-moderate income communities and communities of color totaling over \$60 billion combined.



**11 | Rita Cyr**  
**CEO, Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Miami Valley Region**

She is a graduate of Ohio University, Athens Ohio. Rita joined the RMHC leadership team in 2002. She also worked with the YWCA and YMCA of Dayton prior to joining RMHC. She has worked in non-profit administration for her entire professional career in positions committed to improving the lives of women, children and families. Rita has been an active member of Dayton Rotary since 2005. She is a graduate of Leadership Dayton.



**12 | Juanita Darden-Jones**  
**Owner, Third Perk**

Dayton, Ohio native Juanita-Michelle Darden-Jones is the owner of Third Perk Coffeehouse & Wine Bar and Third Perk Express. Juanita-Michelle is a dreamer who works hard at turning her passions into reality. Juanita-Michelle is also an Associate Professor of Developmental Mathematics at Sinclair Community College where she has served since 2008.



**13 | Shelley Dickstein**  
**City Manager, City of Dayton**

As City Manager, Dickstein oversees a City budget of over \$600 million and a workforce of approximately 1,900 employees. Dickstein, who previously served as Interim City Manager and Assistant City Manager, has over 20 years of urban administration and economic development experience. She has a demonstrated record of successful collaboration with business, community and government leaders.



**14 | Diane Ewing**  
**VP of Marketing and Communications, Premier Health**

Diane Ewing is system vice president and chief communications officer for Premier Health, serving communities in Southwest Ohio. She joined the organization in 2008. She has more than 25 years of experience in healthcare marketing, public relations, internal communications and community relations.

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### 15 | Jacqueline Gamblin CEO, JYG Innovations

Ms. Gamblin is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of JYG Innovations, an Information Technology Solutions provider for the Department of Defense and State/ Local Government. She is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and has over 22 years of experience in Information Technology. Ms. Gamblin is responsible for defining corporate strategy and executive leadership.



### 16 | Elizabeth Garrison Executive Director, Kettering Health Network

Elizabeth Garrison is an oncology executive with a proven track record for transforming cancer care delivery in community oncology programs. As a nursing student in pediatric oncology at Dayton Children's Medical Center, Elizabeth recognized the need for advocacy and clinical expertise in healthcare administration. Elizabeth purposed herself to build a career with the singular goal of creating environments of care where all providers and staff are empowered to provide exceptional care to cancer patients and their families.



### 17 | Jennifer Gibbs Director of Marketing and Communications, CHI Living Communities

Jennifer Lugo-Gibbs, Director of Marketing and Communications with CHI Living Communities, provides leadership for the sales and marketing teams in Ohio, Kentucky and Colorado, and is responsible for the development and implementation of strategic plans to build census. In addition, she oversees the organization's brand integration, sales training, and budgeting processes for the marketing and admission functions.



### 18 | Carmen Gooden Executive Director, Linda Vista

Ms. Carmen Gooden is the co-founder and executive director of Linda Vista, Inc, which is a transitional housing and self-sufficiency program for single homeless women and women with children. In 2004, she started Linda Vista out of a God-given vision to help women who struggle with drug and alcohol addiction, abuse, and mental health challenges. Under her leadership, Linda Vista has served over three hundred women and children.



### 19 | Deborah Gross President & Owner, D Gross Consulting

President/Owner of DGrossConsulting, LLC, a consulting business headquartered in Beavercreek, OH. Deborah is a lifelong Daytonian and works from her office in Beavercreek, helping defense companies work through the complex process of working in the Defense sector. Deborah also often does speaking engagements with topics ranging from general business success, doing business with the government, and helping women be successful in business.



### 20 | Beth Grubb Partner, RSM US

Beth works with business owners and high net worth individuals who need tax strategy and tax compliance services for their closely-held, middle market companies. Businesses served operate in the service, defense, healthcare, manufacturing and distribution industries. Clients come to Beth for tax savings solutions and ideas that help them benefit from a coordinated, well-planned business and individual tax strategy. In this role, she works directly with her team of talented professionals to deliver exceptional client service.



### 21 | Cynthia Hatton Tepe Senior Vice President, Gem Real Estate

Specializes in consulting and valuation of market-rate and subsidized multi-family projects, churches and self-storage. Her analyses assist clients in a variety of uses including financing/refinancing, real estate tax appeals, acquisitions and sales and accounting purposes.

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**22 | Lisa Henderson**  
**Executive Director, Dayton Children's Health Partners**

Lisa Henderson, MHA, serves as the executive director for Dayton Children's Health Partners. She has been with Dayton Children's for over 11 years, during which she has served in various roles including director of business development, establishment and management of a laboratory outreach program and oversaw referral marketing. She has extensive experience in business growth, strategic planning, operations and physician relations. She received her master's in health services administration from Xavier University and has served on the boards of Boonshoft Museum of Discovery and American Red Cross.



**23 | Ann Hurley**  
**CEO, LDSS Corporation**

Ms. Ann Hurley is co-owner and CEO of Leading and Dynamic Services and Solutions (LDSS) and its recently acquired subsidiary, Encore Support Systems, LP. LDSS is a Woman-Owned Small Business headquartered in Dayton, Ohio. LDSS' mission is to deliver Leading and Dynamic Services and Solutions to their customers and to offer an exclusive and rewarding work experience to their highly skilled and motivated professionals.



**24 | Jamie Kenny**  
**Principal, Kenny Consulting Group**

As founder and principal of the Kenny Consulting Group, Jamie Kenny has a wide range of expertise to offer clients as a trusted advisor and effective communications and marketing resource. Before starting her own firm in 2013, Jamie spent more than 25 years in agency work and in corporate environments focusing on public relations, strategic communications planning and new business development. She is a multi-faceted communications professional with expertise developing and implementing creative, business-driven, results-focused programs.



**25 | Jenny Matthews**  
**Vice President, Marsh & McLennan**

Jenny Matthews is an Employee Benefits Consultant for MMA's Cincinnati office, where she focuses on bringing innovative solutions and meaningful savings to her clients and their employees. Jenny is passionate about removing the smoke and mirrors from the benefits purchasing process, so her clients feel confident that they are providing best-in-class benefit programs to their employees at affordable costs.



**26 | Renee McClure**  
**Food Fashionista/Owner, Elite Catering & Events**

Renee has spent 18 years in the special event & catering industry. She is known for creating innovative displays, interactive events and tasty cuisine. As a passionate believer in women's leadership and entrepreneurship, Renee is on a never ending quest to master the work/life balance of a working mother.



**27 | Laura Mercer**  
**Chief of Staff, Sinclair Community College**

Laura Mercer serves as the Chief of Staff at Sinclair Community College. She has over 30 years of experience in higher education and has held a variety of roles at the college since 1989, including serving as a loaned executive to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (Director of Adult Education Initiatives for the State of Ohio). She has extensive experience managing technology, construction, workforce development, and research initiatives. She is highly skilled in comprehensive planning, implementation and management within the higher education environment.



**28 | Mary Miller**  
**Manufacturing Growth Specialist, FASTLANE**

Mary R. Miller is a Manufacturing Growth Specialist with FASTLANE, an Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) affiliate located within the University of Dayton Research Institute. Mary is a specialized manufacturing and engineering consultant. Mary helps small and medium size manufacturing companies to grow. Mary has a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering, an MBA, and is a Certified Small Business Coach. She has more than 20 years of successful manufacturing and technology experience.

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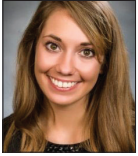
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### 29 | Felice Nudelman

#### Chief Global Officer, Innovation and Partnership, Antioch University

Felice Nudelman, Chief Global Officer, Innovation and Partnership for Antioch University has spent the majority of her career in education. She previously served as Chancellor, and prior to joining Antioch, she spent 12 years with the New York Times Company, where she most recently was executive director of education. In this capacity, Ms. Nudelman developed and oversaw education initiatives including The New York Times Knowledge Network.



### 30 | Courtney Osting

#### Director of Recruitment, Northwestern Mutual

Courtney Osting is a current resident of the Beavercreek area after attending Wright State University where she received her undergraduate degree in Business. She began her career in the recruiting department of Northwestern Mutual-Dayton in 2015 and is proud to now work as the Director of Recruitment. Courtney enjoys meeting new people and encouraging careers in the financial services industry while improving the Northwestern Mutual company.



### 31 | Kelli Pettigrew

#### VP of Business Development, Marketing Support Services

Founder and former owner of an INC Magazine's Top 5000 Fastest Growing Company and animation/motion graphics design firm in Indianapolis, Kelli led her team to win a national Addy award prior to joining LEAP Agency, in 2014. She just accepted a leadership role with Marketing Support Services as VP of Business Development in Cincinnati, a leading marketing services provider of fulfillment, print and contact center services.



### 32 | Rose Plummer

#### CFO, Projects Unlimited Inc.

Rose Plummer is Chief Financial Officer at Projects Unlimited Inc., a Class Three Contract Manufacturer to the Aerospace and Electronics Industry. Rose joined Projects in June 2006 as Controller, and was promoted to CFO in January 2011. She is a graduate of Wright State University, and holds both a BS and MBA degree from the University. Prior to joining Projects Unlimited, Rose held financial positions with NCR, MeadWestvaco and GE Aviation.



### 33 | Tina Rezash Rogal

#### Director of Sales, Sinclair Broadcasting Group

Tina Rezash Rogal has a passion for helping local businesses grow. In her current role as Director of Sales for ABC22/FOX45, she leads a team of multi-media consultants who become true business partners with their clients to design marketing plans to target customers in our multi-screen world. Tina is a champion of personal and professional development.



### 34 | Erin Rhinehart

#### Partner, Faruki Ireland Cox Rhinehart & Dusing P.L.L.

Erin is a Partner with Faruki Ireland Cox Rhinehart & Dusing P.L.L. Her litigation practice focuses on class action defense, media and communications law (First Amendment, defamation, privacy, public records, advertising, social media, trademark, and copyright litigation), breach of contract and tortious interference, and environmental litigation matters. Erin has significant trial experience in federal and state courts across the country.



### 35 | Carolyn Rice

#### Treasurer, Montgomery County

Carolyn Rice has served as Montgomery County Treasurer since February 2007. Carolyn serves as Chair of the Montgomery County Land Bank and leads the Montgomery County Vacant Properties Solutions (MVPS) group. She has chaired the Land Bank Committee of the County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO) for the past five years. Carolyn is active in the community and has served on the boards of Dayton Rotary, Dayton Council on World Affairs, and Community Blood Center/Community Tissue Services.

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**36 | Michelle Riley**  
**Chief Executive Officer, The Foodbank**

Michelle Riley is the Chief Executive Officer of The Foodbank, Inc. in Dayton Ohio. She is a graduate of Wright State University and Leadership Dayton, which recognized her as Leader of the Year in 2013. In 2013, Michelle was also recognized for her lifelong dedication to bettering the Dayton community as a winner of the Dayton Daily News Top 10 Women of the Year award. Just this year, she was also named a YWCA Women of Influence honoree.



**37 | Marya Rutherford**  
**VP and Community Economic Development Manager, Fifth Third**

For more than 20 years Marya Rutherford Long has been an advisor and catalyst to community organizations, financial institutions and business ecosystems. In her new role at Fifth Third Bank she will work to responsibly empower underserved individuals, families and communities through the delivery of responsible and innovative financial solutions, leading to financially healthy people and sustainable communities.



**38 | Jenell Ross**  
**President, Bob Ross Auto Group**

Jenell is the only second generation African-American Woman Automobile Dealer in the country. She accepted the leadership role of the dealerships in July 1997 after the untimely death of her father Robert P. Ross Sr., who in 1974 started the family-owned business in Richmond, Indiana. Ms. Ross became president after the passing of her mother, Mrs. Norma J. Ross in 2010. Today the Bob Ross Auto Group located in Centerville, Ohio, includes five franchises: Buick, GMC, Mercedes-Benz, Fiat and Alfa Romeo. Mercedes-Benz of Centerville was the first African-American owned Mercedes-Benz Dealership in the world.



**39 | Debra Savage**  
**Executive Recruiter, Gilman Partners**

Debra Savage joined Gilman Partners in 2016, bringing with her a broad range of professional experience. She specializes in searches in the areas of finance and operations, with a focus on CFO, controller, human resources and strategic planning roles. A self-proclaimed non-traditional CPA, beginning with her career at Deloitte, she has held several senior roles including CFO, controller, Director of HR, and business manager that allow her to bring a unique perspective to client searches.



**40 | Connie Sawdey**  
**President, Sawdey Solution Services**

She is a graduate of the University of Dayton with over thirty years of Department of Defense (DOD) experience in acquisition, technical support, and program management. Sawdey Solution Services, an ISO 9001 certified company, based in Dayton, Ohio provides innovative professional services to include: strategic and technical planning, engineering, information technology, acquisition, integration, cyber security, financial management, logistics, and program management...far-exceeding customer expectations.



**41 | Sheri Scott**  
**Founder, Spring House Architects**

As Founder and Principal Architect of Springhouse Architects, Sheri's mission is to lead clients through the building process with the clients in control and Springhouse as their guide, advocate and ally. With over 20 years' experience in residential architecture, Sheri brings knowledge and confidence to your home-building project. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, and has her NCARB licensure. Sheri is also the lead architect on three Homeowner's Association Boards, and volunteers extensively for her boys' high school marching band.



**42 | Margaret Soda**  
**Vice President, PSA Airlines**

Margaret Soda joined PSA as Vice President — Human Resources in August, 2016. She oversees all functions of the department, including employee relations, recruiting, compensation, benefits, retirement programs, internal and external communications, and community relations. Before coming to PSA, Soda was with Clearwater Paper, where she oversaw human resources for the company's Neenah, Wisconsin facility. She has 15 years of human resources experience.

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**43 | Lori Spencer**  
**Marketing Manager, RSM US LLP**

Lori has nearly 20 years of experience as an innovative strategic marketing leader with an extensive focus on developing business, marketing and brand strategies. She has a proven track record of increasing revenue, market share and brand recognition by defining market opportunities and launching new products. She has excelled in designing and executing materials and core strategy for a wide variety of industries, including manufacturing, consumer, software and professional services.



**44 | Nancy Stapp**  
**Senior Director of Finance, Midmark**

Midmark Corporation's primary business is the manufacturing and marketing of medical, dental and veterinary equipment sold through dealers, physicians, dentists and clinics throughout the world. Her responsibilities include the financial accounting, consolidations and analysis. Prior to working at Midmark, Nancy worked at United Technologies, (formerly Goodrich Corporation) in Troy, Ohio in a number of financial and project leadership roles.



**45 | Belinda Stenson**  
**Director, Chamber of Commerce**

Belinda Matthews Stenson is a senior leader that is "passionate about linking people, processes and performance". She is the Director for the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's Minority Business Partnership (MBP). In this role, she champions the Chamber's efforts to grow the region economy and strengthen area minority businesses. Belinda spent over twenty years with NCR Corporation where she served in various leadership roles.



**46 | Susan Strong**  
**Director of Enrollment, Miami Valley School**

Susan began her career in 1981 as one of the first employees of MTV in New York. After six years of witnessing the channel become a household name, Susan left MTV as a senior copywriter and producer. She then became the editor of Z Channel film magazine in Los Angeles, where she also produced "Champlin on Film," a television interview series for Bravo. Susan is now the Director of Enrollment at The Miami Valley School, an independent school for early childhood through 12th grade.



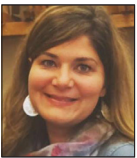
**47 | Julie Sullivan**  
**Vice President, Dayton Development Coalition**

Julie Sullivan brings nearly two decades of business development experience and a life-long passion for the Dayton region to her work at the Dayton Development Coalition. In 2014, Sullivan joined the Dayton Development Coalition, the Western Region JobsOhio partner. As Executive Vice President of Regional Development, Sullivan drives strategic initiatives to spur economic growth across the Dayton Region. She oversees marketing/communications of the organization as well as overall regional branding.



**48 | Tracy Szarzi-Fors**  
**Vice President, Marketing & Business Development, Wright-Patt Credit Union**

Prior to being named Vice President of Marketing & Business Development, Tracy served as WPCU's Director of Marketing & Business Development since 2007. With more than 25 years of marketing, business development, advertising, public relations, brand management and community development experience, she has also held positions as Corporate Marketing Manager for Pleasant Street Homes, Publisher/Owner of The Builder's Journal, and Executive Director for the Jackson Area Manufacturers Association in Jackson, MI.



**49 | Ryan Taylor**  
**Internship and Community Engagement Coordinator, Wright State University**

Ryan Taylor M.R.C., C.R.C., L.P.C. is the Internship and Community Engagement Coordinator at the College of Education and Human Services, CEHS, at Wright State University. Ryan has formalized relationships in the community to prepare graduates, increase faculty development, and provide inquiry for improvement of practice and enhanced consumer independence. Additionally, she has taught classes, supervised interns, and advised students.



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### 50 | Debbie Watts Robinson

Chief Executive Officer, Miami Valley Housing Opportunities

Debbie Watts Robinson, a native Daytonian, has a proven track record of successful professional leadership for over 30 years. She possesses a valuable and diverse educational background. Her training in both law and engineering provides her the framework to deal with a variety of issues effectively. In 2010, Debbie became the CEO of Miami Valley Housing Opportunities, an organization that now has been in business 25 years.



### 51 | Mary Wiseman

Judge, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas

Judge Mary Wiseman was appointed to the Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, in October 2007 by Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. She was elected to her seat in 2008, and re-elected in 2010 and 2016. She chairs the court's technology committee. She is active in many judicial and legal organizations and projects, including the ABA, OSBA, DBA, Inn of Court, Ohio Judicial Conference, and Ohio Common Pleas Judges Association.



### 52 | Alanna Wall

Founder of Polished Girlz

Dayton Native Alanna Wall is a 16 years old junior honors student at Stivers School for the Arts. When Alanna was 10 years old she founded the nationwide nonprofit organization Polished Girlz, which host mini manicure parties for hospitalized girls and girls with special needs. Polished Girlz has now served over 16,000 clients in 32 States and Canada and has over 900 volunteers. Alanna has been recognized nationally on the Disney Channel, ABC, CBS, as a Nickelodeon HALO Award Honoree, as a featured guest on the Ellen DeGeneres Show and also featured in hundreds of international magazines including, Nail Pro, Beauty Launchpad, Essence, Seventeen, Teen Vogue.

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