The Office of Student Life’s Buckeye Leadership Fellows Program’s Leadership Luncheon Speakers

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Amy Weldele

Amy joined the Budros, Ruhlin & Roe team in 1998 after graduating with a bachelor’s degree in economics from Ohio Wesleyan University. She is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certificant and has been advising clients for more than 15 years in all aspects of financial planning and investment management. She is a current member of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) and National Association of Personal Financial Advisors (NAPFA). She is also a current class member of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute. Prior to joining Budros, Ruhlin & Roe, Inc. she advised clients with Lutheran Brotherhood (now Thrivent for Lutherans).

Amy has served her alma mater, Ohio Wesleyan University, for more than 10 years as Treasurer of her sorority’s house board. She is also a current board member of the Columbus Alumni Association for Kappa Kappa Gamma. Amy lives in Westerville with her husband Eric and two children. They are current members of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

Bob LeBoeuf

Mr. LeBoeuf is responsible for the strategic direction and day to day operations of the Dispatch’s digital website network and other digital products as well as the division’s evolution, growth and integration with traditional media units.

John Lowe

John Lowe joined Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams in 2009 as Chief Executive and part-owner after receiving a late-night call from his long-time friends, Jeni Britton Bauer and Charly Bauer. The couple knew they had created something amazing, and they knew their friend was just the person to help it skyrocket. Since John joined Jeni’s, the Company has grown from 4 shops to 15, and has "gone national" with its pints on the freezer shelves of more than 1,000 of America's finest retailers, causing Time Magazine to feature the Company under the headline, “Can The Best Ice Cream In America Be Its Biggest?”

John joined Jeni’s from General Electric Company, where he held numerous executive roles, from serving as General Counsel of GE Aviation’s $11B Global Operations, to being an Officer of GE Honda Aero Engines, LLC, a joint venture created to power HondaJet. During the 2008 financial crisis, John was
tapped to lead multiple business-critical divestitures. Lucky for him, each deal closed minutes prior to GE's quarterly reporting cut-off, and his future outside the law was cemented.

After graduating from THE Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, John began his legal career with Kegler Brown, where he served as outside counsel for numerous start-up businesses, including a certain ice cream company. In addition to his role with Jeni’s, John is Founder/CEO of Eat Well Distribution, which leverages Jeni’s infrastructure to help artisan food companies get their products on the shelves of great retailers. John serves as an outside director of White Castle Company, on the advisory boards of Portfolio Creative, Mizzen+Main and Watershed Distillery, and on the non-profit boards of the Columbus Sports Commission and the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Matthew Goldstein

Matthew Goldstein is a social entrepreneur. He is originally from Philadelphia but has called Columbus home for nearly 15 years. In 2012, Matthew launched Besa, a Columbus-based nonprofit that connects busy professionals to community service. To date, Besa has managed over 85 service projects, contributed $59,000 in goods and services and 1,700 volunteer hours, back to the local community.

Matthew is a 2003 graduate of The Ohio State University with degrees in Marketing & Political-Science. He has been recognized as a ‘Person to Watch’ by Columbus Alive and Besa is ranked as a Top 10 Local Nonprofit by ColumbusUnderground. Prior to Besa, Matthew was employed by Abercrombie & Fitch in the Market Research department.

Angela Mingo

Angela M. Mingo, director of community relations at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, is helping to implement an unprecedented vision of the board to improve the lives of all children in the community, not just the hospital’s patients. As a woman who knows the value of extending her own boundaries, she is thinking globally and acting locally.

Studying abroad in high school put Angela on a global path that ended back in Ohio. After returning from Brazil, she pursued bachelor’s degrees in Portuguese and international relations, and then a Master of City and Regional Planning degree from The Ohio State University. “Having studied in Brazil and Portugal, and experiencing different cultures, I learned that all great cities are based on good infrastructure and community,” Angela says.

“It was the social aspects of urban planning, understanding what folks value and treasure, that I was able to relate to as a minority who grew up in the city.”

After marrying attorney Clarence E. Mingo, Angela’s feet were firmly planted in Columbus, where she worked for the State of Ohio and the City of Columbus. It wasn’t until she Spent time as the director of community affairs for the Columbus City Council that she began working with Nationwide Children’s Hospital.
Jeffrey Chapman

Mr. Jeffrey Chapman has been Executive Managing Director of Capital Markets at Huntington Bancshares Inc. since February 16, 2011. Mr. Chapman has more than 25 years of experience. He was instrumental in building the Capital Markets business at Fifth Third Bank following his arrival there in 1993. He joined Huntington from Fifth Third, where he served as managing director of Capital Markets and led institutional brokerage, foreign exchange, interest rate management, and commodities hedging services. Mr. Chapman has worked at Society Bank (now KeyBank) and National City, after beginning his banking career in 1982 at Huntington. Active in his community, he served in leadership roles for United Way campaigns in addition to other activities. He is a founding member and serves on the Board of Trustees for the Bond Dealers of America association. Previously an adjunct faculty member at Cleveland State University (Cleveland, Ohio) and Franklin University (Columbus, Ohio), Mr. Chapman holds an MBA from the University of Dayton and a bachelor's degree in business administration from The Ohio State University.

Robert J. Kovey

Bobby Kovey is an experienced government relations professional, having worked extensively in both the public and private sector. Prior to becoming a partner at The Credo Company with Don Thibaut, Kovey worked with some of his first mentors at Preisse Consulting and Van Meter Ashbrook & Associates.

Kovey began his career in government as a page in the Ohio Senate. He then served as a legislative aide in the Ohio House of Representatives. After his time in the legislature, Kovey managed and worked on several local and statewide political campaigns.

Born in Binghamton, N.Y. and raised in Pennsylvania and Northeast Ohio, Kovey is a graduate of The Ohio State University's Max M. Fisher College of Business. There he earned a B.S.B.A. degree in Finance. Kovey resides in Columbus, where he is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a volunteer mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio. A fan of college basketball and football, Kovey passionately follows The Ohio State Buckeyes.
Linda S. Kass

Linda Stern Kass of Columbus was appointed to the OSU Board of Trustees by Governor Strickland in 2008. A native of Columbus, Ms. Kass received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Arts degree from The Ohio State University. A former journalist, she wrote for regional and national publications, including TIME and The Detroit Free Press, and later served as a corporate communications and public affairs executive within the cable television and broadcasting industries in New York City. She currently plays a leadership role in a number of civic and community organizations in Columbus, including Bexley Education Foundation, Kidsohio.org and United Way of Central Ohio. Since 2000, she has authored education columns for Columbus Business First, and has recently completed her first novel.

Michelle Galligan

Michelle started her career at Ernst & Young, where she worked on all kinds of "cool projects" from financial statement audit to SEC restatements to loan securitizations. She firmly believes that open and direct communication with a client or candidate is the most effective way to ensure satisfaction. Michelle is proud of founding ViaVero and working hard to make it a success. She loves being an entrepreneur and thrives on the opportunity to be creative. When she isn’t focused on ViaVero and its clients, Michelle enjoys helping other entrepreneurs, travel, scuba diving, and great food.

Favorite Quotation: “It is what it is.” –Unknown (“It’s a good perspective on life. People get really stressed about what “should be” and it’s just not worth the energy.”)

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"So humbled and excited to be included among Columbus Business First's 2013 "Forty Under 40" class!"

Tricia Wheeler

Tricia Wheeler, Publisher and Editor in Chief, is a local entrepreneur and a classically studied chef, graduating number one in her class at the celebrated French Culinary Institute in New York City in 2009. Tricia’s latest endeavor is the launch of Edible Columbus, a magazine dedicated to the way lives are touched by fresh, locally grown foods, encompassing everything from the farmer’s field to the dining table and the journeys in between. Tricia is passionate about the joys of home cooking and entertaining, and teaches a popular cooking series in Columbus, Ohio. Before attending FCI, Tricia owned and built a successful business that was acquired by a national company in 2007. She has received numerous business awards and accolades. Tricia is passionate about French cooking, visiting France, antique dishes, elaborate table settings and exquisite food!

Tom Katzenmeyer

On April 1, 2013, Tom Katzenmeyer became President and CEO of the Greater Columbus Arts Council. Just prior, as Senior Vice President for University Communications for The Ohio State University, Tom led an office that oversaw OSU’s university-wide communications and reputation management. The office included the units of Internal Communications, Marketing Communications, Media Relations, Research Communications, and WOSU Public Media.

Before joining Ohio State in Tom was senior vice president of investor, media, and community relations for Limited Brands, Inc (NYSE: LTD). He was responsible for the company’s relationships with investors and analysts, local media, national business and trade press, and the non-profit and philanthropic community.

Prior to joining Limited Brands in 1990, Tom served as executive assistant for legislative affairs to the Governor of Ohio for four years. His public service career spans nearly 15 years, including time on the staff of Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Department of Development.

Tom is actively involved in community service. He is the past chair of the board of the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation and immediate past chair of the board of the Columbus Clippers, the county-owned International League baseball team that is affiliated with the Cleveland Indians. He recently co-chaired the $16.2 million capital campaign for the MidOhio Food Bank. In collaboration with three other community leaders, Tom completed a $14 million capital campaign to build an Audubon Nature Center on the Whittier Peninsula in downtown Columbus. He currently serves on the boards of the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, the YMCA of Central Ohio, the Columbus Clippers, and the Columbus Metropolitan Library Foundation.
Tom’s prior board service includes: National Investor Relations Institute (NIRI) Board (four years), North Market Development Authority (six years), Earthshare Ohio (six years), and the Ohio Chapter of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy and Heritage Trail. He chaired the board of Leadership Columbus from 2007 – 2010. He was an appointed member of Hilliard City Council and has taught media ethics at The Ohio State University.

Tom has a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Georgia and a master’s degree in journalism from The Ohio State University.