

# CLASS OF 2026

## LEADERS OF TODAY



**Kristen Aguirre**

(She/Her)  
Public Media Network  
Director of Strategic Relationships & Growth



**Mike Augustine**

The Christman Company  
Project Manager



**Jordan Avery**

(He/Him)  
Kzoom  
Lead Media Producer



**Ashely Bergeon**

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Gryphon Place  
Director of Partner Engagement



**Eric Berry**

(He/Him)  
Bronson Healthcare Group  
Facilities Plant Operations Manager



**Bobby Boyd**

(He/Him)  
City of Kalamazoo  
Economic Development Supervisor



**Chief David Boysen**

(He/Him)  
Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety  
Chief of Public Safety



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Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport  
Deputy Director, Finance & Administration



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(She/Her)  
Stara Collaborative  
Director of Project Development & Impact



**Brian Cake**

Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety  
Sergeant



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Imperial Beverage  
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Plante Moran  
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Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries  
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Manager



**Melissa Dillon**

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Vice President & Principal



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Deputy Housing Director



**Tad Ellard**

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Graphic Packaging International  
Production Supervisor



**Shane Evens**

TowerPinkster  
Electrical Department Manager



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(She/Her)  
Visiting Angels Southwest Michigan  
Business Development Manager



**Heather Graves**

(She/Her)  
Kalamazoo Nature Center  
President & Chief Executive Officer



**Daniel Gwin**

(He/Him)  
Zoetis  
Team Leader



**Kristin Hagen-Keirns**

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Clark Logic  
Director of Marketing



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4 Flutes Machining  
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**Amy Hoffman**

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Advia Credit Union  
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Southwest Michigan First  
Chief Financial Officer



**Courtney James**

(She/Her)  
Wightman & Associates  
Construction Administrator



**Dalton Ketelaar**

(He/Him)  
Athletic Mentors  
Strength Coach



**Victor Ledbetter II**

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Director of Programming and Strategic Partnerships



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The Kalamazoo Promise  
Digital Media Specialist



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Western Michigan University Homer  
Stryker MD School of Medicine  
Director, Data Analytics Services Unit



**Deanna Omoniyi**

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Kalamazoo Empowerment Services,  
PLC  
Owner | Clinical Supervisor



**Melissa Patton**

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Miller-Davis Company  
HR Generalist



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Kalamazoo Country Club  
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Assistant Principal of Instruction for the  
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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan  
Client Operations Manager



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Manager Injectable Manufacturing



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Greenleaf Trust  
Sr. Trust Relationship Associate



**Lindsay Thomas**  
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Consumers Credit Union  
Senior Project Manager



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Landscape Forms  
Associate Market Specialist Group Leader



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Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra  
Vice President of Advancement



**Brenna West**  
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Chief Communications Officer



**Jack Whitman**  
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**Aaron Williams**  
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