

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
(She/Her)
Gryphon Place
Director of Partner Engagement



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



Alex Birchmeier
(She/Her)
Landscape Forms
Associate Market Specialist Group Leader



Bobby Boyd
(He/Him)
City of Kalamazoo
Economic Development Supervisor



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



Blair Brindley
(She/Her)
Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International
Airport
Deputy Director, Finance & Administration



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



Brian Cake
Kalamazoo Department of Public
Safety
Sergeant



Ashley Cekola
(She/Her)
Imperial Beverage
Portfolio Manager

CLASS OF 2026

LEADERS OF TODAY



Philip Clark
(He/Him)
Plante Moran
Partner



Danyall Darden
(She/Her)
Kalamazoo Gospel Ministries
Director of Food Service



Brandi DeVries
(She/Her)
Re: Build Manufacturing
Information Technology Service Desk
Manager



Melissa Dillon
(She/Her)
Lockhart Management & Consulting
Vice President & Principal



Willa DiTaranto
(She/Her)
Kalamazoo County Government
Deputy Housing Director



Tad Ellard
(He/Him)
Graphic Packaging International
Production Supervisor



Shane Evens
TowerPinkster
Electrical Department Manager



Sarah Gerstner
(She/Her)
Visiting Angels of 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
(She/Her)
Clark Logic
Director of Marketing



Lacie Hartman
(She/Her)
BDN Industrial Hygiene Consultants
Accountant

CLASS OF 2026

LEADERS OF TODAY



Christine Hatfield
(She/Her)
Ralph Moyle, Inc
Director of Operations



Matthew Hillsburg
(He/Him)
4 Flutes Machining
Project Manager



Amy Hoffman
(She/Her)
Advia Credit Union
Regional Manager



Twayne Howard
(He/Him)
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
(He/Him)
Douglass Community Association
Director of Programming and Strategic Partnerships



Giselle Martinez
(She/Her)
The Kalamazoo Promise
Digital Media Specialist



Theresa McGoff
(She/Her)
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine
Director, Data Analytics Services Unit



Deanna Omoniyi
(She/Her)
Kalamazoo Empowerment Services, PLC
Owner | Clinical Supervisor



Melissa Patton
(She/Her)
Miller-Davis Company
HR Generalist



Joe Roberts
(He/Him)
Kalamazoo Wings
Corporate Sponsorship Sales Manager

CLASS OF 2026



Leadership
Greater Kalamazoo

LEADERS OF TODAY



Joshua Ross
(He/Him)
Kalamazoo Country Club
Member Experience Manager



Jennifer Rutledge
(She/Her)
Synfinii
Chief Operating Officer



Julia Sanders
(She/Her)
Rose Street Advisors
Retirement Relationship Manager



Kyle Shack
(He/Him)
Kalamazoo RESA
Assistant Principal of Instruction for the
Career Connect Campus



Annette Sigman
(She/Her)
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Client Operations Manager



Brock Smith
(He/Him)
Pfizer
Manager Injectable Manufacturing



Jenny Sowell
(She/Her)
Greenleaf Trust
Sr. Trust Relationship Associate



Lindsay Thomas
(She/Her)
Consumers Credit Union
Senior Project Manager



Suzanne Day Weeldreyer
(She/Her)
Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
Vice President of Advancement



Brenna West
(She/Her)
Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
Chief Communications Officer



Jack Whitman
(He/Him)
ELITE Companies
Chief Operating Officer



Aaron Williams
(He/Him)
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Assistant Director of Kalamazoo Valley
Accelerated Associate Program