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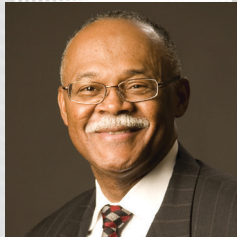
# CIO OF THE YEAR AWARDS



**FROM OUR CHAIR**

**CIO Leadership  
Drives Growth**

Aligning technology  
strategy with business  
strategy leads to success.



**KEYNOTE**

**Leading Beyond  
the CIO Role**

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executive to celebrate  
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## CIO OF THE YEAR® AWARDS

# Leadership Enables Transformation

In 1998, when the first CIO of the Year® ORBIE® Award was presented, it was the products, not the people, who were at the center of attention. Laptop of the Year, Printer of the Year and PC Magazine's Editor's Choice awards were common, but it was a start-up called Intellinet that noticed the real heroes were Chief Information Officers (CIOs) who implemented these products, developed solutions and created business value for their organizations.

Roll the clock ahead twenty years, and today CIOs are at the center of business transformation for all organizations. Technology is the engine that drives innovation and growth in every industry and sector in our global economy. It is the leaders and their respective teams, who facilitate change by tech-enabling their organizations who are the rock stars of business today.

The first CIO of the Year Awards was not only a trailblazer for recognizing the people leading transformation, but eventually led to creating GeorgiaCIO - a local, member-centric, profes-

sional organization dedicated to helping corporate technology leaders foster meaningful relationships, share best practices, solve problems and achieve their leadership potential.

In 2015, we launched BostonCIO and formed the Inspire CIO Leadership Network (Inspire-CIO), a national professional association for CIOs with local chapters in Georgia, Boston, Dallas, Chicago, Alabama, Charlotte, Houston, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, DC and soon to be New York & Bay Area. We are proud to serve CIOs in growing relationships, recognizing professional achievements and inspiring the next generation of technology leaders.

This year, nearly 150 nominations were received for the 2019 Houston CIO ORBIE Awards, which will honor CIOs across six categories for leadership effectiveness and business value created through innovative use of technology. Finalists and winners are selected through a rigorous, independent judging process led by prior ORBIE winners.

The power of CIOs working together & collaborating - across public and private business, government, education, healthcare and nonprofit organizations - is incredible. Together, we are making a difference transforming our organizations with technology and enriching Houston and our world.

The CIOs honored this year are inspiring and challenge all of us to step up and lead well in our organizations. On behalf of HoustonCIO, I congratulate all the finalists on their accomplishments and share our gratitude for the sponsors, underwriters and staff who make the 2019 Houston CIO ORBIE Awards possible.



Sincerely,

*Ish Cooper*  
Chair, HoustonCIO  
VP & CIO, LivaNova

A question for IT pros who feel the winds of digital transformation at their backs.

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EXEC JAMES DALLAS  
TO CELEBRATE  
CHANGE**

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**JAMES DALLAS**

President, James Dallas & Associates

**Resume:** Former Senior Vice President of quality, Operations and IT, Medtronic (seven years); Former Senior Vice President and CIO, Georgia-Pacific (22 years)

**Education:** University of South Carolina Aiken, Georgia State University, Emory University

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*James Dallas is the former senior vice president of quality, operations and IT at Medtronic. Prior to that he was at Georgia-Pacific for 22 years, and in 2015 he wrote "Mastering the Challenges of Leading Change."*

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## CIO OF THE YEAR® AWARDS

**C**hange is never easy, but James Dallas has spent three decades developing techniques to make it as painless as possible in the business world. Now retired after 22 years with Georgia-Pacific and more recently seven years at Medtronic, the former senior executive and agent of change will be the keynote speaker at the Houston CIO of the Year ORBIE Awards.

Born in Atlanta, Dallas was one of five children. His father died when he was 10 years old, leaving his mother to raise them alone. Dallas learned early on how to adapt to change, attending six different elementary schools and four different high schools across Atlanta.

Growing to a height of 6-feet, 7-inches, Dallas went to the University of South Carolina Aiken on a basketball scholarship. He majored in accounting. "I was going to be in the NBA," he said confidently. "But I was going to keep track of my money." Dallas didn't achieve

basketball stardom. "The NBA didn't pan out," he said. "But being an accountant did." Dallas was employed as a cost accountant at Georgia-Pacific when he saw his first personal computer and realized, "It's going to change everything." Dallas recognized the computer's potential to improve communication in the workplace. "At the time, we were having trouble talking to the data processing people," he recalled. What they needed was someone to bridge the gap between the business side and the technology side. Dallas set his sights on becoming that bridge. "Whoever is the bridge, whoever connects the two sides, is invaluable," he explained. Dallas enrolled at Georgia State University, taking night classes in computer science and eventually joined Georgia-Pacific's IT team. His efforts paid off. Dallas spent more than two decades at Georgia-Pacific, eventually serving as senior vice president and CIO. He was about to retire in 2006 when an executive

recruiter convinced him to take a senior vice president position in Minnesota with Medtronic. He would go on to spend seven years with the company before officially retiring in 2013.

"James is an exceptional executive with uncanny ability to listen, synthesize and then galvanize the team into the appropriate line of action," said Sandy Cutler, retired chairman and CEO of Eaton Corp. who served with Dallas on the KeyCorp board. "His understanding of the complexities and nuances of change management makes him a go-to executive for any organization taking on large-scale change."

Over the course of his career, Dallas successfully implemented more than 10 transformational and turnaround initiatives, 30 acquisition integrations and five operations/quality shared services centers of excellence. "I see strategy as a commodity," Dallas said.

Despite retiring, his legacy lives on in the talent he worked to cultivate during

his tenure. Dallas proudly notes that there are at least eight CIOs of billion-dollar companies who used to work for his organizations. He continues to help develop talent through his consulting business James Dallas & Associates and through his 2015 book "Mastering the Challenges of Leading Change."

Joan Rohs, managing director of World 50 Inc., has worked with Dallas to help technology executives become more effective leaders.

"He is one of the most astute people I've ever had the pleasure to work with, particularly as it comes to leading transformational change and influencing, both in the C-suite and more broadly," she said. "Using his own experiences in these areas, he's a wonderful sounding board and thought partner for these executives. And he does all of this with a sense of humor and humility that is truly remarkable."

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## CIO OF THE YEAR® AWARDS

# Super Global Finalists

**BILL BRAUN**

*CIO and ITC President  
Chevron Corporation*

Bill joined Chevron in 1991 as a programmer, and has held technical and management positions across the organization, including Chevron North America Exploration & Production, Supply & Trading and ITC. These positions included responsibilities in telecommunications, fraud management, project management and operations. He has served with the corporation in Texas, California and Singapore.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*My proudest achievement -- how we're changing our culture. In 2016, I started 'Clear Leader 2.0' to define our future state, rally our organization around a shared mission and inspire our workforce to help Chevron compete in this increasingly digital world. Culture changes are notoriously tough and slow, but we have pressed hard and persistently, and the change is taking hold. There's more innovation, improved decision making, speed to value, and genuine excitement. We're far from done but it's visibly working, helps us compete today and tomorrow, and is the best legacy I can leave for the future.*

**ALFRED LINDSETH**

*SVP - Technology, Process and  
Risk Management  
Plains All American*

Al joined PAA in 2000 from PricewaterhouseCoopers. Al is responsible for the design and functionality of our risk management policies and procedures, information systems and business processes.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*Currently I play three critical roles for Plains that most other companies have individual senior leaders running: Risk Officer, CIO and CISO (cyber) and am starting a role focused on large scale process improvement and innovation. I really think my greatest accomplishment is not any one project or success, but rather being in that senior role for 19 years at Plains and wearing a lot of hats, often stepping into roles which needed drastic improvement as a strategic problem solver. I thrive on a good challenge and am not afraid to take on risky leadership roles to help the company.*

**WAYNE SHURTS**

*EVP and  
Chief Technology Officer  
Sysco Corporation*

Wayne Shurts serves as Executive Vice President & Chief Technology Officer at Sysco Corporation the global leader (\$58b revenue) in the Food Service distribution industry.

*Wayne has an extensive track record of delivering measurable results from business process and technology investments serving as CIO at three major public companies; Sysco, SUPERVALU and Cadbury. At each, he has transformed the technology function to deliver customer value with agility, speed and quality. At Sysco, Wayne abandoned an inherited ERP package implementation, replacing with extensive legacy modernization including implementing Workday HCM and Finance, and digital solutions. Wayne has also lead an end to end Agile/DevOps transformation making Sysco a destination location for technical professionals in the Houston Texas area.*



# CIO OF THE YEAR® ORBIE® AWARDS

The CIO of the Year® ORBIE® Awards is expanding to 12 cities. Since 1998, over 650 CIOs have been honored as finalists, and over 170 CIO of the Year winners have received the prestigious ORBIE Award.



	NOMINATIONS OPEN	CIO OF THE YEAR ORBIE AWARDS
ALABAMA CIO	October 2018	May 2019
BAYAREA CIO	March 2019	September 2019
BOSTON CIO	November 2018	June 2019
CAPITAL CIO	June 2019	December 2019
CHARLOTTE CIO	February 2019	September 2019
CHICAGO CIO	November 2018	May 2019
DALLAS CIO	August 2018	February 2019
GEORGIA CIO	April 2019	November 2019
HOUSTON CIO	September 2018	March 2019
NEWYORK CIO	May 2019	November 2019
PHILLY CIO	April 2019	October 2019
TWINCITIES CIO	October 2018	April 2019



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*Global Finalists***JIM BAILEY**

*Vice President and CIO  
MODEC International, Inc.*

Jim is a business oriented, strategic, innovative and transformational CIO with a proven success record of transforming organizations worldwide by leading technology enabled business process improvement initiatives in shared service centers, supply chain, engineering, finance, Capital Projects, and plant floor operations.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*Since joining MODEC 7 years ago, I've had the unique opportunity to lead the transformation of IT from a very reactive small and obscure department focusing exclusively on non-value add activities, to a business aligned and delivery focused strategic team driving change and working closely with global business teams to transform MODEC as part of a multi-year digital strategy. The first phase of this transformation was the successful transition from multiple disjointed business systems to a single instance global ERP built on a big-data platform in the cloud and utilizing advanced analytics to support data driven decisions. International business to a strategic enterprise solution.*

**BRAD BREAU**

*SVP & Group CIO  
Tokio Marine HCC*

Brad Breau comes to TMHCC with over 25 years of experience in the area of Information Technology. Prior to joining TMHCC, Brad served as Chief Technology Officer and Global Head of Information Technology Operations at AIG Consumer Insurance. His information technology services experience across various industries also includes roles at JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Accenture.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*Our greatest accomplishment has been accelerating our digital adoption to meet new challenges and threats to our business. We're at the beginning stages but have achieved significant transformation through building of a multi-year digital roadmap. We started with foundational projects such as transaction portals for agent/brokers, automated underwriting and straight-through processing, extended mobility offerings, digital claims submission, automated billing/payment, business intelligence reporting, and predictive actuarial modeling. We are also more than halfway completed in a multi-year initiative of migrating our legacy policy administration platform in our International business to a strategic enterprise solution.*

**SCOTT CROWDER**

*SVP & CIO  
BMC*

Scott Crowder is chief information officer for BMC Software, Inc. He is responsible for the company's Information Services and Technology group, which provides business applications, end user support, production and R&D cloud infrastructure, unified communications, information security and service governance.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*My greatest success is the IT transformation journey that has enabled BMC IT to meet business demands by adding dozens of new digital business services while reducing our annual expenses by \$32m. The organization has changed from a traditional IT delivery organization to a strategic organization focused on digital business enablement and acceleration. Attracting, developing, and retaining the best people and then molding them into a team is the most important part of what any leader does. Building a team with the inspiration and confidence to become world class is as much about the team as it is about me.*



## CIO OF THE YEAR® AWARDS

# Large Enterprise Finalists



## RICARDO CASTRO

*Head of Information Technology*  
Par Pacific Holdings, Inc

Castro is a technology executive with more than 20 years' experience driving enterprise level transformation initiatives for start-up and multi-national organizations across the Oil & Gas, Distribution/Logistics, Industrial Manufacturing, Retail, and the Financial Services sectors.

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

Cultivating a team of technology experts to build an IT function my business partners depend on. Spearheading the development of a workforce with a culture that embodies our company's core values of respect for others, integrity, creativity, and hard work has been a very rewarding experience. Every IT employee believes they have the opportunity to influence the decision making process and through this culture, I've been able to deliver creative and cost effective solutions critical to each of our business segments.



## DAVID MOSLEY

*VP & CIO*  
Kirby Corporation

David Mosley is Vice President and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for Kirby Corporation, a \$3B public marine transportation and diesel engine services company (NYSE: KEX). David has been in the VP & CIO role since 2007, serving as a member of the Kirby Executive leadership team as the company has grown from \$984M to \$3B in revenue over the past 10 years.

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

The greatest success we've achieved at Kirby is the building and development of a team that works well with the business users and is able to get things done in a rapidly changing and growing environment. Rather than a specific project accomplishment, building and maintaining a great team has helped transition IT from being just the technology gatekeeper and "order taker" into a much more strategic component to the business, one that has a broad understanding of the business combined with the ability to work with others to get things done and lead the effort in Kirby's digital transformation.



## SAMEER PURAO

*CIO*  
Austin Industries

Sameer is CIO at Austin Industries, leading IT as a Business Partner. Over 24 years of global IT leadership experience in Engineering, Manufacturing, Construction, Distribution & Service industries. Specialized in technology enabled business transformation in a complex global environment. Co-founder of a successful technology company & currently serving on the Board of Directors at Safer Systems.

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

Austin Industrial was experiencing a significant decline in market share with top customers not satisfied with productivity/efficiency of our services, manually intensive processes & lagging reporting metrics. IT in partnership with the president and operations group designed & developed a package of custom solutions called AIMS (Austin Intelligence Management System) to improve productivity, providing enhanced safety solution, providing customized virtual training & customer specific dashboards. Customers experienced \$6.5m in savings over last 7 months, win rate increased from 5% to 20% & Austin is quickly regaining its lost market share with technology being a key leading differentiator in the industry.



## DON RENY

*VP & CIO*  
Exterran

Don joined Exterran AS VP & CIO in January 2011, after serving in several roles at El Paso Corporation for 10 years. His most recent assignment at El Paso was Vice President of Information Technology Business Solutions, where he was responsible for applications supporting all aspects of the business worldwide.

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?

In 2015, we split the company into two separate public companies, Archrock and Exterran. This was accomplished in only 7 months and involved duplicating hundreds of systems and separating petabytes of data include duplicating the ERP system. We built an entirely new data center environment for Archrock, separated the networks, and met the goal of each company being able to function day one as its own public company.



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*Enterprise Finalists***JESSE CARRILLO**

SVP &amp; CIO

Hines

Jesse Carrillo is responsible for directing all corporate technology, strategy and standards for Hines worldwide. Jesse joined Hines in 1994 as a consultant to assist in the implementation of the firm's accounting and property management software. He took over the responsibility for Hines IT as CTO in 2007 and later promoted to CIO in 2009.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

The greatest success is the collaboration my IT team and I have with our Business Technology Team (BTG) and the Office of Innovation to deliver an in-house data reporting/analytics solution to provide leadership with more predictive analytics for decision-making. And at the same time, piloting a game-changer "tenant engagement app" that will put more services at the hands of our tenants; from finding a parking spot, to accessing the building/office, to ordering food, reserving a conference room, and signing up for other amenities -- all from a single app.

**JEFF ROBERTS**

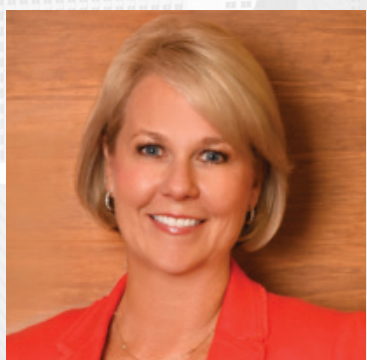
CIO

HFF

Jeff Roberts has more than 20 years of experience leading Information Technology for top financial services and real estate firms. Since 2015 he has served as the first-ever Chief Information Officer of HFF (NYSE: HF), a commercial real estate capital intermediary, where he is leading a digital transformation and technology platform upgrade.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

HFF's integration and rollout of Salesforce last year yielded huge benefits for HFF. It enabled advanced CRM and collaboration features without requiring a full rewrite of our custom deal tracking system. It proved to the firm's leadership that premier 3rd party platforms could be integrated with our custom system in a "best of both worlds" approach, paving the way for a Workday project. It proved that our IT could handle a project over 100 staff-months in size. And most importantly, in the initial 12 months it more than paid for the entire IT budget via incremental revenue.

**KRISTY SIMONETTE**

SVP Strategic Services, CIO

Camden Property Trust

Kristy is responsible for information technology, marketing and Camden's Contact Center. Before joining Camden, Kristy was director of sales and customer service for Ashford.com, an e-commerce company that offers luxury goods and corporate gifts.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

I am excited about my role as the executive sponsor of our Innovation Council (IC). It is very rewarding to engage with twenty forward-thinking, curious Camden associates to help vet, select and be the change agents for innovative solutions. The IC team members are excited to be a part of shaping the future of providing living excellence. The enthusiasm and passion are contagious; it is just FUN! Technology is moving at a rapid pace and it is critical for our company to investigate and adopt concepts and technology that differentiates our brand and catapults us past the competition.

**ROSS TUCKER**

VP &amp; CIO

Texas United Corp.

Tucker Joined Texas United Corp in January 2016. He is an experienced Chief Information Officer with a demonstrated history of working in the energy, mining & minerals and global logistics industries. Strong professional skilled in Customer Service, Operations Management, Strategic Planning, and Business Process Improvement.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

ERP (SAP) implementation and clean up: I was brought in to clean up a failing ERP implementation, re-staff and restructure the entire IT Department, complete a stalled WAN upgrade and nationwide VoIP deployment and update all legacy system to current supported platforms (document control systems, SCADA systems, corporate intranet, refresh the datacenter hardware, and develop new policies and procedures). All the above was accomplished over the past 24 month with an overall cost saving of approximately \$2M/year.



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## Corporate Finalists

**WILLIAM DEVLIN**

*Executive Director of I.T.  
Luby's Fuddruckers Inc*

Bill began his career in the restaurant industry at a very early age and was involved in restaurant operations for 35 years, starting out as an hourly employee cooking and service restaurant guests.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

After 38 years on the restaurant operations side of the business, I was asked to lead the technology team at Luby's Fuddruckers Inc. This was clearly a 'Baptism by Fire' experience. I was given the book *The Phoenix Project* by a mentor which laid out what was in front of me and how I could achieve success. I have been able to blend passion and experience from the operational side of the business with the technology side of the business and build deep trust within IT organization fostering a collaborative, open environment focused on problem solving, innovation and continual improvement.

**CHRIS HANZ**

*CIO, VP  
Houston Astros*

Chris Hanz joined the Astros in March 2016 and enters his third season with the World Champions as Chief Information Officer. Chris comes to the Astros with over 25 years of information technology leadership experience across a variety of industries.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

I am proud of the complete turnaround we have been able to achieve in the IT function under my tenure. IT used to be a four-letter word at the Astros, but because of the hard work and dedication of my team we are now viewed as a strategic partner that is deeply invested in the success of every member of the Astros organization. There are certainly no end of challenges, but my team and I address those head-on and always work to ensure we make the lives of those we support a little easier through their use of technology.

**ANTONIO MARIN**

*VP, IT  
WCA Waste Corporation*

Marin's career spans more than 20 years in IT with experience in strategic planning, business alignment, mergers and acquisitions, operations excellence, software development and project management.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

My greatest accomplishments evolve around creating a positive impact on our people and business, and especially the IT Team. We have been able to develop a work environment where we rely on each other to succeed both personally and professionally. Our team is diverse in culture, gender, nationality, and professional and educational backgrounds. We combine our differences to build strengths and convert our similarities into opportunities. We continuously challenge the status quo and lead an agenda of innovation. This can be attributed to the true respect and trust we have for each other.

**MIKE PROCHASKA**

*Director of Technology  
Strategy & Services  
Houston Wire & Cable Company*

As Director of Technology Strategy Services, Mike Prochaska brings over 25 years of experience as a technology executive, consultant, and leader - transforming technology organizations for proven business success.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

In my 2 year tenure, I have led the roll-out of the newest version of our ERP platform. 3 of our 4 businesses are now on the "new" ERP system. The fourth business unit is scheduled for an August 2019 launch. Previous attempts prior to my arrival were unsuccessful due to lack of buy-in and executive support. I have been able to articulate the business case to our executive team, Board, and business unit leadership, and use their support as a catalyst for the transformation. This move to the new platform improves BI/analytics, interoperability, and technology skill alignment.

**JEANA SUBLETT**

*Senior Director of IT  
Parker Drilling Company*

Jeana Sublett is the Senior Director of Information Technology for Parker Drilling (PKD), a provider of global drilling and rental equipment and services for over 80 years. As the top technology resource at PKD, she is accountable for a global infrastructure across 19 countries, network, business applications and the security of PKD's data and systems.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

My greatest success was leading the IT transformational journey while simultaneously integrating the largest acquisition in company history. A combination of tactical and strategic leadership was quickly needed to get the right plan, people and processes in place while influencing the modernization and standardization of technology with significant investment into cyber security. The value of IT processes and services provided gained the recognition, strategically enabling business through technology. Aside from technology, what I am most proud of is building and leading an amazing global team that focuses on partnering with business to deliver innovation,



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**LINK ALANDER**

*Vice Chancellor / CIO  
Lone Star College*

Link has over 25 years' experience in higher education technology management. In his current capacity he works with all aspects of technology and analytics for the delivery of core services to Lone Star College System's six colleges, ten resource centers, and two university centers. He is responsible for the Office of Technology Services and The Office of Analytics and Institutional Reporting.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*This may sound cliché but my greatest accomplishment is my team. Without their commitment, we would just be another IT shop. This team is not only a dedicated group of professionals, but they also understand and support the mission of Lone Star College. The team regularly goes above and way beyond IT both inside and outside our organization. Through their actions, they demonstrate their humble commitment to our students and the communities we serve, setting an example for others to follow. I am honored to be a part of this group each and every day.*

**MYRA DAVIS**

*Senior Vice President & CIO  
Texas Children's Hospital*

Myra Davis is the Senior Vice President of Information Services and Chief Information Officer at Texas Children's, an internationally recognized health care organization for pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology, research center and teaching hospital affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*For 30+ years I have been in the profession of bridging the gap between business and technology and leading opportunities to fully leverage the benefits of technology. I have served at Texas Children's Hospital as the Director of Customer Service in Information Services; Assistant Vice President of Information Services; Vice President of Information Services and now SVP & CIO. Before joining Texas Children's, my career included serving roles in software development; project management; leadership positions and various consulting roles where I have not only lead technology implementations, but I have been central in influencing the change management that's often forgotten.*

**KLARA JELINKOVA**

*Vice President for International Operations and IT and CIO  
Rice University*

She is responsible for strategic technology issues ranging from governance, policy and resource allocation to protocol and organization. She represents the university's information technology interests nationally and internationally. She also leads efforts for a seamless connection to our campus through technology as well as other operational issues.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*As the first CIO at Rice University I was able to establish the CIO role as trusted thought partner to the business and to create a new central IT organization that Rice can rely on for technology innovation. By setting up the right structure that takes advantage of both central and distributed IT staff I have been able to deliver projects more rapidly and with the engagement of the full enterprise. Creating an innovative IT organization from previously disparate groups and establishing a CIO role at the President's cabinet level is allowing me to deliver digital transformation at Rice.*

**LISA KENT**

*Chief Information Officer  
City of Houston*

Kent oversees the enterprise information technology services for 22,000 city employees in 23 operationally-diverse departments ranging from public safety, utilities, transportation, community services, and financial operations. transparency and innovation.

**WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST SUCCESS IN YOUR CURRENT ROLE?**

*I'm proud of repairing IT's credibility with Houston's Mayor, City Council, and our customer departments. Our central IT organization had experienced significant turnover and recurring service outages. To turn this around, we shifted our culture to focus intensely on what mattered most to the business. We put people and contracts in place to execute, gradually regaining trust and support. Now we're working together to transform Houston into a digital city for all. Our priorities are to improve citizen services through connected mobile and digital experiences, to inspire and empower employees, to optimize government operations, and to enable data-driven decisions.*



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