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Vidya Nagarajan, MBA, Director of Product Management at Google

Vidya Nagarajan is the Director of Product Management at Google, overseeing Infrastructure products on the Google Cloud Platform. Before this role, she successfully led multiple product initiatives within Google Workspace and Chromebooks, targeting Education and Business markets. Vidya's career in the technology sector began as a software engineer, and she holds a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering and a Master's degree in Business Administration.

Vidya is a current Ohio Wesleyan Trustee, an angel investor, and philanthropist. Additionally, she believes everyone should have access to resources that promote a holistic lifestyle and conducts workshops promoting mental well-being.



Catie Butt '91, J.D., Owner, CEO & Delivery Lead at Evergreen Legal & Business Solutions, LLC

Catie is a highly experienced legal and business professional with over 28 years of experience, leading in the areas of strategic transactions, legal function transformation, business operations consulting, and strategic planning and execution. She builds excellent relationships with clients at all levels of the organizations she works with, and she brings a combination of in-house, legal service provider, and consulting experience to her endeavors.

Prior to launching her independent consulting business in October of 2024, Catie was the Executive Director and U.S. Head of Consulting by A&O Shearman where she delivered business transformation services for corporate, legal and compliance functions of all size and scale. Before then, Catie was a senior in-house lawyer and business executive for various technology, telecom and IT outsourcing companies.

At Ohio Wesleyan, Catie was an active member of WCSA and served as Senior Class President for the Class of '91. She won 4 letters in swimming and helped the 400 freestyle relay team tie for sixth at the 1991 NCAA Division III championship meet, the best finish ever by an Ohio Wesleyan women's relay team. She won 3 All-America citations during her Battling Bishop career.

Catie has continued her support of Bishop swimming and Ohio Wesleyan athletics through service on the Ohio Wesleyan Board of Trustees, as a women's swimming representative of the "W" Association, and through swimming alumni reunions. She was inducted into the Ohio Wesleyan Athletics Hall of Fame in 2002 and was the first woman to receive the George Gauthier Award in 2021 which recognizes graduates of Ohio Wesleyan for exemplary "service above self" and sustained contributions to the Ohio Wesleyan athletics department as both an undergraduate and alumnus. Catie also served as chair of the 2024 WOW Leadership Committee.



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Natalie Milburn Doan '03, J.D., Vice President, University Advancement, Ohio Wesleyan University



Natalie is the Vice President of OWU's University Advancement office, where she leads strategic efforts to strengthen the university's mission through philanthropy, alumni engagement, and community partnerships. As an attorney with experience in nonprofit, government, and higher education sectors, Natalie brings a unique blend of legal expertise and strategic vision to her role. She is passionate about fostering growth and creating opportunities for students, faculty, and the OWU community through her authentic and purpose-driven leadership style.

Natalie earned a B.A. from Ohio Wesleyan University with a double major in Politics and Government and Psychology. She earned a J.D. from Capital University Law School and has been a licensed attorney in Ohio since 2006.

Stephanie Hanna, J.D., Attorney and Founder of The Other 85



Stephanie has been coaching attorneys and other professionals for the past decade – helping them navigate their profession, build their reputation, and develop their careers. As the Founder of The Other 85, Stephanie coaches executives to develop and maintain key relationships, how to value people skills, and how to fit it all into a busy life. She also co-hosts the Capture Your Confidence Podcast - a podcast dedicated to helping women get out of their own way and go after the life they desire.

Franchesca Nestor, Ph.D., M.A., MPP, Department Chair and Associate Professor Politics & Government, Ohio Wesleyan University



Dr. Franchesca V. Nestor is an Associate Professor in the Department of Politics & Government at Ohio Wesleyan University. She holds a Ph.D., M.A., and B.A. in Political Science from West Virginia University, a M.P.P. from the University of Chicago. Dr. Nestor teaches Equality and American Politics, the American Presidency, Congress and Legislative Process, Women and Politics, Food Politics and Policy, Environmental Public Policy, the Conduct of Political Inquiry, and Power and American Politics. Dr. Nestor's research interests include racial and ethnic politics, Congress, congressional committees, food policy, and increasing citizen interest in and understanding of regulatory policy.

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Marie Rymut Schaefer '07, M.D., Sport and Exercise Medicine Physician, Cleveland Clinic; Head Team Physician, Cleveland State University

Marie Schaefer, MD is a Cleveland Clinic staff physician with appointments in both Orthopedics and Family Medicine. She is board certified in Family Medicine with a specialty certification in Sport & Exercise Medicine.

She is from Parma, OH and completed her undergraduate studies at Ohio Wesleyan University in Politics & Government and Botany-Microbiology in 2007. While at the OWU, she competed in Track & Field and was the president of WCSA. She attended Yale School of Medicine and upon graduation in 2012, she completed a residency in Family Medicine at The Ohio State University and completed a pediatric and adult Primary Care Sports Medicine fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

She works primarily in Sport & Exercise Medicine and serves as the Head Team Physician and NCAA Health Care Administrator for Cleveland State University. She is also the team physician of Lakewood High School and the Ohio Contemporary Ballet Company as well as an assistant team physician for the Cleveland Cavaliers. In August 2024, she was appointed to the NCAA's Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, where she serves as the Chair for the Drug Testing Subcommittee and the Drug-Test Appeals Subcommittee as well as being a member of the medical review panel. She was previously the Chief Medical Officer of the Premier Hockey Federation (women's professional hockey league).

Dr. Schaefer enjoys working with athletes and active people of all ages in injury treatment and prevention. She has a special interest in concussions, pediatric sports specialization, women's health and performance, and medical problems in sports. She has a passion to make sports more accessible, inclusive, and safer by advocating for athletes especially through policy change.



Rachel Seibel '10, Senior Director, Business Development, Global Partnerships, National Basketball Association (NBA)

Rachel Seibel graduated from OWU in 2010, with a degree in Economics Management. She currently works for the National Basketball Association (NBA) in Global Partnerships, leading business development efforts to secure new marketing partners across NBA properties, including the NBA, WNBA, NBA G League and USA Basketball.

During her time at OWU, Rachel was an active member on the Women's Basketball and Softball teams. Immediately upon graduation she served as the Office of the President intern. After the year-long internship, and thanks to OWU alumni connections, Rachel moved to New York City to work for the New York Mets. She spent 5 seasons with the Mets working in Sales and Sponsorship.

Rachel currently resides in Johnstown, OH with her husband and two boys, Maddox and Hudson.

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Lauren Thompson, MAPP, Senior Education Advisor, GALLUP

Lauren uses her MAPP degree to help school districts and higher education institutions build strengths-based campuses, improve student and employee engagement, and cultivate positive work cultures as a Senior Education Advisor at Gallup. She also enjoys coaching high school girls' varsity basketball and working to support and amplify young female leaders.

Prior to working at Gallup, Lauren spent 15 years in public education as a special education teacher, graduation coach, assistant principal at a 5th/6th grade building, assistant principal of a high school and principal of an alternative high school. She is currently ABD as a Doctoral student at Loyola University Chicago in Curriculum, Cultures and Community, where her research centers on giving voice to veteran teachers across the country, so we can learn from their resilience, grit, purpose and meaning to better inform our teacher preparation programs.

In addition to her education and work, Lauren loves being a mother to her 17-year-old son, who is the light of her life. She holds a Master in Applied Positive Psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, a Masters in Educational Leadership from Purdue University, and a Bachelors in Biology from Wittenberg University.

Generations in Dialogue. From Boomers to Gen Z, an Interactive Session Around the Evolving Roles, Perceptions and Expectations of Women.



Ronnesha Addison '12, Public Health Program Specialist, CDC

Ronnesha has worked as a Public Health Professional for the last decade. Her expertise is in health education and outreach, inter-agency program planning, and contracts and grant project management in the federal, state and local public health sectors.

Ronnesha serves on the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Board and is a member of the Women of Ohio Wesleyan (WOW) leadership team. She holds a BA in Sociology and Anthropology, and English from Ohio Wesleyan University.



Victoria Joshua Gresh '88, Executive Director, Ohio Assisted Living Association

Victoria Gresh brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her role as the Executive Director of the Ohio Assisted Living Association (OALA). She earned her Certified Association Executive (CAE) certification in 2008, which is held by only 5% of executive directors nationwide.

For the past 12 years, she served as the Executive Director of the Ohio Physical Therapy Association, where she guided the association to legislative wins that included expansion of the practice act and the implementation of the PT Compact in Ohio. Prior representing physical therapists, Victoria was the Executive Director for the former Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes and worked on the initial implementation of the Certified Medication Aide program.

Currently as the Director of OALA, Victoria is responsible for leading the strategic direction of the organization and developing the programs, products, and services that enhance the Assisted Living Industry and the families they serve. A registered lobbyist, Victoria works with the policymakers and stakeholders in Ohio to drive initiatives that enable Ohio's assisted living providers to deliver quality care to a diverse population.

Victoria is a Director on the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Board and a member of the Women of Ohio Wesleyan (WOW) leadership team, which celebrates a community in which women can learn and share from each other, gain fresh perspectives, and build new or stronger friendships. She holds a BA in International Studies from Ohio Wesleyan, with a focus on foreign policy, history, and German.



Nikki Pollock '01, Vice President, The Daschle Group, LLC

As Vice President with The Daschle Group, a Public Policy Advisory of Baker Donelson, Veronica helps her clients develop relationships with key elected officials, effectively communicate their message, and ultimately reach their policy goals. She represents a range of international and domestic entities, including foreign governments, nonprofit organizations, trade associations, and multinational corporations.

Veronica is successful because she connects, strategizes, and advocates on behalf of her clients on the Hill, as well as, off the Hill. She takes pride in helping her clients develop long-standing relationships that not only help the matter at hand, but also future issues that may lie down the road.

Veronica is from Central New York and graduated with a BA in History from Ohio Wesleyan University. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and two children.



Amara Carlson '25, Ohio Wesleyan Student

My name is Amara Carlson and I am a current senior here at OWU. I am from Dublin, OH and I am majoring in Health and Human Kinetics. I'm a captain and member of the women's lacrosse team and I currently balance my athletic commitments with several leadership roles. I serve as the Director of Marketing for the Panhellenic Council and as the Vice President of Membership for Delta Gamma. I also intern for the OWU Connection and the OWU Alumni Office, and I serve as a Student Board Member for the HHK Department. Additionally, I am a lead coordinator for our Cooking Matters team, where we work with the Delaware Community to fight food insecurity.



Kelsea Cooper '26, Ohio Wesleyan Student

Kelsea Cooper is a junior double majoring in Public Health and Genetics, with a minor in Food Studies. She plans to pursue a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology, and possibly a PhD in Epidemiology in the future. On campus, Kelsea is an active member of Kappa Alpha Theta, where she serves as Vice President of Education. She also holds positions on the Public Health Board and the Honors Board. Off campus, she works as a Student Research Assistant in Dr. Brittney Keller-Hamilton's lab at the Ohio State Center for Tobacco Research.



Gabby Gonzalez-Duarte '26, Ohio Wesleyan Student

Gabby Gonzalez-Duarte is a junior at Ohio Wesleyan University, a first-generation student, and a Venezuelan immigrant dedicated to advocacy and public service. Gabby serves as president of both the Wesleyan Council on Student Affairs and VIVA (OWU's Latino club) and is a presidential fellow who researches racial health disparities and U.S. legislative efforts to address health inequities. They are also a member of the Politics and Government student board and a Spanish tutor. Known for their commitment to community and leadership, Gabby aspires to continue making an impact through future studies in epidemiology.



Liz Pollner '26, Ohio Wesleyan Student

My name is Liz Pollner. I am a junior Business Marketing Major with a Minor in Fine Arts. I am on the Women's Track and Field and Cross Country teams here at OWU. I am also a tour guide in the admissions office, a lifeguard at Meek Aquatic Center, and a Corns Business and Entrepreneurial Scholar. I love traveling and trying new foods whenever I can. And this past summer I interned at a winery in Oregon!



Anya Robinson '26, Ohio Wesleyan Student

Anya is a neuroscience major who plans on being a neuroscientist who works with neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's disease. At OWU, I am a part of the honors program, president of Neurds (neuroscience club), and part of other clubs. I have been fortunate to have been granted opportunities such as LAB (Leaders Across Borders), DEI Grants for Anarcha, Lucy, and Betsey The Day of Reckoning Conference and Women Evolve Conference, work in Dr. Bailey's EEG GameLAB, and be a researcher studying neuroinflammation and Alzheimer's at Tufts Medical School. Overall, I am working to help decrease racial disparities, especially regarding Alzheimer's disease.



Raazia Aamir '26, Ohio Wesleyan Student

Raazia Aamir is an international Pakistani student at Ohio Wesleyan University. She is a junior majoring in Engineering Physics and minoring in Computer Science and Mathematics. She is the Vice President of the Wesleyan Council of Student Affairs (WCSA) and Horizons International. She presides over Tauheed (Muslim Student Association) and is on the Ohio Wesleyan Honors Board. She is also an RA in Smith Hall. Before attending Ohio Wesleyan University, she worked as a high school teacher's assistant during her gap year. Currently, she works in the service learning office at Ohio Wesleyan University. She previously worked there as a Bishop Scholars tutor. Raazia joined the service learning trip with the Ohio Wesleyan University Chaplain's office to South Dakota in Spring 2024 to Lakota Youth Camp.



Elizabeth Dale '04, Ph.D., Frey Foundation Chair for Family Philanthropy, GVSU

Elizabeth J. Dale, Ph.D., is the Frey Foundation Chair for Family Philanthropy at the Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy at Grand Valley State University. A former development director and Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), her research includes social justice philanthropy, giving among women and LGBTQ+ donors, and the intersection of identity and giving. She has published and presented her research nationally and internationally and has provided commentary for The New York Times, Forbes, Bloomberg, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, and The Guardian. She holds a Ph.D. in Philanthropic Studies from the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, a master's degree in women's studies from The Ohio State University, and a bachelor's degree in journalism and women's and gender studies from Ohio Wesleyan University.



Susan Farrell Palmer H'23, Vice Chair, Toledo Museum of Art

Education and the arts have been life-long passions for Susan Farrell Palmer. She graduated from the University of Toledo with her Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education and taught French at Whitmer High School. During her time as a French teacher she also began her career as a Docent at the Toledo Museum of Art.

In 1996 she became Head of TMA Docent programs, a position she held for 11 years, before moving to Director of Development for the Museum. She held this position for 6 years retiring in 2013. Following her retirement she returned to the Museum as the campaign consultant for the Polishing the Gem capital campaign and is currently vice chair of the Museum Board and co-chair of the 2025 Building on Brilliance campaign. In the community Susan was recognized as an Outstanding Young Woman of Toledo and a YWCA Milestones honoree. She served a 9-year term on the University of Toledo Board of Trustees, and a 9-year term on the University of Toledo Foundation Board, was on the ProMedica Board, and chaired the Toledo Children's Hospital Board.



Evelyn Jones Walter '91, M.Ed., Founder and Coach, NextUp

A career, executive and leadership consultant, Evelyn comes to coaching, training, and facilitation with 25+ years of experience leading human resources teams in global corporate environments at Level 3, Clorox, Vail Resorts, and Cummins. Today, Evelyn helps individual contributors, leaders and teams move to authentic self-awareness, leading to organizational and personal transformation. A natural servant-leader, Evelyn thrives as an advisor and coach to individuals who aspire to achieve their next level of employment, leadership, and team performance, often in the midst of rapid growth and change in their organization or life.

Based in Denver, Colorado, Evelyn, and her husband actively volunteer with several non-profit organizations, raise two daughters, and attempt to train one disobedient dog. Evelyn is happiest when she is planning her next trip.

Amy Prosenjak '94, President, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates

Amy Prosenjak serves as President, Oregon for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates, leading the company's Oregon business unit. She joined Ste. Michelle in September 2022.

Amy previously served as President & Chief Executive Officer for A to Z Wineworks beginning with the company's acquisition of REX HILL in 2007 through the company's own acquisition by Ste. Michelle in 2022.

Prior to joining A to Z, she held finance roles for furniture manufacturer American Signature and apparel retailer The Limited. Amy holds a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Ohio Wesleyan University. She serves on the Board of Trustees for Linfield University in McMinnville, Oregon, and is a member of the Oregon chapter of the Young President's Organization and is currently past chapter chair.

