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Josie Abboud, RN, BSN, MBA, FACHE, is the President and CEO of Methodist Hospital and Methodist Women's Hospital. Abboud's career at Methodist began in 1996 as a Critical Care Staffer. She has held roles as Core Coordinator for Critical Care and Service Leader of the hospital's Cardiovascular, Pulmonary and Intermediate Care Units.

In 2017, Abboud was the ACHE Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Award recipient and the American Cancer Society National St. George Award winner. In 2009, she was named one of the *Midlands Business Journal's* "Women of Distinction" and in 2006 she was a *Midlands Business Journal* "40 Under 40" honoree.

She is an active community leader and currently serves on the boards of the American Cancer Society, Hospice House, Creighton Prep Board of Trustees, Creighton University's College of Nursing Advisory Board, Christ the King's Steering Board, and the Archbishop's Committee for Development.

Abboud earned her Bachelor's degree in Nursing at Creighton University and her master's degree in Business Administration and Health Care Management from Regis University in Denver.

Beatriz Arellanes is the Latino School Enrollment Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Omaha. Her job is to invite Latino families to join the community of schools throughout the Archdiocese. Through her office, rural and metro schools have served more than 800 families and welcomed more than 770 students.

Born and raised in the north of Mexico, Arellanes worked for 15 years in the food industry, mostly working in logistics. She later became a consultant and opened a firm of supply chain management and leadership. Arellanes was also a high school teacher for Life Science and Health in a prestigious school in Mexico, called Tecnológico de Monterrey, and a college teacher of Communications at Universidad Celaya.

In April 2017, she received the National Catholic Education Association President's Award, the Sister Catherine McNamee CSJ Award, in recognition of the work the Archdiocese of Omaha has been done through her office.

She is a Biochemical Engineer who majored in Food Science.

Cortney A. Bauer is the Assistant Vice President for Development at Creighton University. In this role, she coaches a team of forty-five leaders to drive maximal fundraising production and revenue for the University's greatest philanthropic priorities.

In addition to her ten years of experience with development work, Cortney also has expertise within the industries of retail banking (J.P. Morgan Chase) and consulting (Gallup).

She has a Bachelor of Arts as well as a Master of Science in Leadership from Creighton.

Kathy Bertolini is the Division Vice President for Philanthropy for CHI Health Systems. She brings 30 years of experience in strategic and tactical leadership to this role. Bertolini previously spent several years at Creighton Prep High School as the Vice President of Development where she implemented a successful \$40 million fundraising campaign.

Bertolini is very active in the Catholic community. She served as a member and President of the Catholic Charities Board and was named the Catholic Charities Board Member of the Year in 2012.

She currently serves as President of the Dreamweaver Foundation and is a board member of the Marian High School Board. She has also contributed as a Director of the Nebraska Bank Board and Creighton Prep Development Committee.

Tricia Brundo Sharrar, JD, is the Vice Provost for Academic Administration and Partnerships at Creighton University. Sharrar oversees the general operation of the Office of the Registrar, Office of Disability Accommodations, Business Office, Creighton EDGE©, Career Center, Military and Veterans Affairs, Educational Opportunity Programs, and other academic and student support related programs. She serves as lecturer in the College of Arts and Sciences and as faculty in the Interdisciplinary EdD Program in Leadership.

Sharrar has held several numerous leadership positions at Creighton. She received the University's Mary Lucretia and Sarah Emily Creighton Award and the Order of Omega's Outstanding Faculty Award. She serves as faculty moderator for the Theta Eta Chapter of the Delta Zeta National Sorority and previously served as a moderator for the Women's Law Student Association at Creighton.

She received a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, and her Juris Doctor from Creighton University. She is a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association and the Omaha Bar Association.

Cristina Castro-Matukewicz is the Vice President and Community Affairs Manager at Wells Fargo. She represents the bank in community affairs, coordinates financial literacy programs, in outreach to the un-banked and under-banked, and chairs the charitable contributions committee. Originally from Barranquilla, Colombia, she came to the United States to complete her post-graduate education and has lived in Omaha for the past 11 years. Cristina worked at the Girl Scouts-Great Plains Council where she built a successful eight-year career.

Her involvement with different causes has taken her to volunteer at the Omaha Children's Museum, Junior League, African American Achievement Team, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Latino Midlands Community Development Corporation, Heartland Latino Leadership Conference, Project Harmony, Girl Scouts-Great Plains Council, and the Women of Color Awards Committee among others.

Castro-Matukewicz was recognized in 2001 as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Omahans, and she also received the Distinguished Community Service Award by the Omaha Jaycees. In

2006, she was selected as one of the “40 Under 40” professionals in Omaha by the *Midlands Business Journal*.

She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Master’s degrees in Management and in Business Administration.

Shonna Dorsey is a Senior Business Systems Consultant for Mutual of Omaha. Her career includes business ownership and leadership, sales, training facilitation, management consulting, project management, and web development.

Dorsey serves on several boards including Heartland Workforce Solutions, Omaha Girls Rock, and Defy Ventures Nebraska. She is dedicated to providing access to career advancement and professional development opportunities to people throughout our community and beyond.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 2003 and a Master’s degree in Management Information Systems in 2010 from the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Viv Ewing is Vice President of Human Resources and Community Relations at Nebraska Families Collaborative. She previously served as the Executive Director for Alzheimer’s Association Nebraska, Director of Government affairs for Habitat for Humanity, Assistant Operations Director at The Salvation Army Kroc Center, Human Resources Manager for ConAgra Foods, Senior Director of Human Resources & Administration at Omaha Housing Authority, and Human Resource Representative at Omaha Public Power District.

Ewing has volunteered with several area organizations including the Literacy Center Board, Hope Center Guild, Immanuel Pathways, Douglas County Democratic Party, University of Nebraska Medical Center, American Red Cross, Hope Center, Sienna Francis House, Child Saving Institute, Catholic Charities, and the University of Nebraska Omaha.

The Omaha native received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from the University of Nebraska Omaha and her Ph.D. from University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Leah Georges, Ph.D., M.L.S., is an Assistant Professor in Creighton University’s Doctoral Program in Interdisciplinary Leadership.

As a member of the Association of Leadership Educators, Leah advises students and leadership educators in teaching and advising best practices, leadership theory, and policy reform. She conducts research and presents to local and national audiences in the areas of millennial leadership and generations at work, the power of effective followership, and emotional and legal decision making.

As a graduate of Leadership Omaha Class 38, Leah is also actively involved in the Omaha community through several nonprofit organizations. She serves as President of the Nebraska Innocence Project, an organization dedicated to improving the criminal justice system through education and reform.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Creighton University, a Master of Legal Studies degree from the University of Nebraska College of Law, and a Ph.D. in Social Psychology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Megan Hunt is a member of Nebraska's State Legislature, small business owner, and community activist. A sixth-generation Nebraskan, Hunt has lived and worked in the Dundee and Benson neighborhoods for the past 13 years. A seasoned entrepreneur, she is the owner of Hello Holiday, a community-facing boutique and e-commerce company supporting independent fashion designers and best known for its "Girls Support Girls" messaging and fundraising collaborations with local nonprofit organizations.

Hunt is also the founder and Vice President of Safe Space Nebraska, a 501(c)3 working to end harassment and assault in nightlife establishments. She is a trustee of the Business Ethics Alliance and has served on the boards of Friends of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, Friends of the Nebraska AIDS Project, and Omaha Area Youth Orchestras.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Intercultural Communication and German from Doane College and has continued her education in the University of Nebraska Omaha's Political Communication Master's Program.

Deborah A. MacDonald, President (Retired) Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipeline Group, was the first woman to manage a major U.S. natural gas pipeline company. She has held numerous management and legal positions in the energy industry. Deb has served as President of Transwestern Pipeline Company, Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs for Aquila Energy Company, and President of Kinder Morgan Natural Gas Pipeline Group.

She received Creighton University's School of Law Alumni Merit Award in 2005.

MacDonald earned her undergraduate and law degrees from Creighton University in 1972 and 1980, graduating magna cum laude and summa cum laude.

Tahnee J. Markussen is a Program Officer - Community Outreach at Lozier Corporation. She is responsible for developing, evaluating, and supporting grantee success as well as community outreach. Before working at Lozier, she was a TRIO Advisor and a Financial Literacy Counselor at Metropolitan Community College. She has also had positions with the Anti-Defamation League, Women's Center for Advancement, and Consumer Credit Counseling Service Nebraska.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Creighton University and a Master's in Public Administration from Bellevue University.

Sr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM, is the President of College of Saint Mary, the region's only Catholic university for women. Dedicated to creating an environment to call forth potential and foster leadership, College of Saint Mary has developed several innovative programs under her leadership, specifically: a special residence hall allowing college-age single mothers to live



with their children on campus; Marie Curie Scholarships for women majoring in biology, chemistry, mathematics or medical technology; and the development of a unique doctoral program for educators in the health professions.

Dr. Stevens serves on several community boards and has made numerous presentations to local and national professional groups on women's issues, the value of gender-specific education, and the value of meaningful work.

She has a bachelor's degree in Math and Sociology from College Misericordia in Dallas, Pennsylvania; a master's degree in Theology from St. Louis University; and a Ph.D. in Religion and Education from Boston College.

Erin Swanson Russell is the Vice President of Community Giving at Heider Family Foundation. Russell began her career at Creighton University where she was a recruiter in the Undergraduate Admissions Office. She also served as a front-line fundraiser in the University Relations Department. Then she joined a local fundraising consulting firm, The Steier Group. In 2012, she joined Goodwill Industries, Inc., working in development and raising close to \$7.3 million dollars in private, public, and federal support for Goodwill's mission programs.

Russell is considered an up-and-coming leader in the Omaha community, serving as chairperson for signature events for the Nebraska Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation and Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. In 2011, she was selected to the 34th Class of Leadership Omaha. In 2012, Russell was recognized as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Omahans by The Omaha Junior Chamber of Commerce, and in 2015 she was selected as one of the "40 Under 40" Award winners by the *Midlands Business Journal*. She is also a member of Suburban Rotary of Omaha.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from Creighton.

Kimberly Zuznak, is the Director of Alumni for the College of Arts and Sciences at Creighton University. Previously she was the director of e-commerce for Borsheims where she developed and built their client base, increased customer service enhancements, and used metrics and media campaigns to increase engagement. She has been a board member and past president for multiple jewelry industry boards.

Zuznak is an active member of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska, assisting with fundraising, recruiting volunteers, and granting wishes for 15 years.

Zuznak is a two-time Creighton graduate, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1996 and a Master of Science in Negotiation and Conflict in 2015. She is currently pursuing her Ed.D. at Creighton as well.

