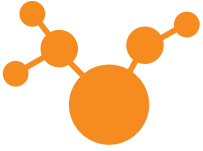


Update



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This update reflects information known as of December 2024.

'40s

Jack Weatherford (HCB, '49), a longtime force in the Murfreesboro area banking industry, celebrated his 100th birthday on September 29, 2024.

national certified public accounting, healthcare consulting, and professional services firm headquartered in Knoxville—a "Top Workplace" for a sixth time.



Dane Scism (HCB, '89) founder and CEO of Cellular Sales, was spotlighted by *Asap Land*.



Lauren Blevins (HCB, '06), chief leasing and acquisitions officer for Birmingham, Alabama's America's Rental Managers, was recognized by BestAgents.us as a 2024 top agent.

'70s

Terry May (HCB '76) recently retired as senior vice president of Associated Terminals, LLC after 43 years in maritime transportation and logistics.



Steve Elder (HCB, '89) joined Baird, an employee-owned, international wealth management, asset management, investment banking/capital markets, and private equity firm, as a director and financial advisor, in its Franklin, Tennessee, offices.



Joe Walker (HCB, '84), joined FirstBank's office in Franklin, Tennessee, as senior vice president.



John Marshall Bank hired **Robbie Hancock** (HCB, '09) as vice president, commercial real estate lender, in Alexandria, Virginia.

'80s



Christi Branscom (HCB, '87), who served as commissioner of the Department of General Services for the State of Tennessee for nearly six years, rejoined her former firm, Partners Development, as principal, general counsel, and managing broker.



Dyersburg, Tennessee's **John Holden** (HCB, '83) was named Mayor of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League.

'90s

John Ley (HCB, '97) joined SmartBank as senior vice president and relationship manager in the Knoxville market.

Shiley K. Harper (MBA '06), chief financial officer for Bon Secours Mercy Health Center's West Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio, was named to *Becker's Hospital Review's* 2024 list of 156 Women Hospital and Health System CFOs to Know.



Knox News honored PYA President and CEO **Marty Brown** (HCB, '85) with a 2024 Top Workplaces Leadership Award, while designating PYA—a



Nashville's LBMCM, a top accounting and business consulting firm in the nation, added **Cheryl Panther** (HCB, '87) as a shareholder and co-leader of the practice area for expert financial services to family law, as well as estate attorneys and their clients.

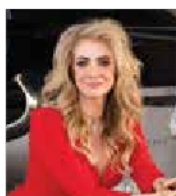


Shane K. Best (MBA, '01), owner of Best Solutions Group in North Carolina and a principal consultant at Proxima, was selected for inclusion in *Marquis Who's Who* in honor of his expertise in supply chain operations.



Felix Kwan (HCB, '00) joined Prime Capital Financial in Overland Park, Kansas.

Willis Towers Watson promoted **Autumn Schneider** (HCB, '08) to surety client service team lead for the Southeast.



Eve Storm (ADMBA, '08) president, CEO, and owner at START PAC, was included in for *Marquis Who's Who* for her expertise in entrepreneurship and aerospace and defense business management.



Sabrina Young Preston (HCB, '06, MAcc, '07) is now a partner at Forvis Mazars in Greenville, South Carolina.

'10s



Hunter Baddour (MBA, '11), co-founder and president of Spyre Sports Group, was named to Silver Waves Media's 70 Most Impactful People in the NIL Space.

Bethany Beets-Fields (ProMBA, '16) is now associate director of development for the Haslam College of Business at The University of Tennessee Foundation, Inc.

Taylor Davls (ProMBA, '17) is now a protocol and community engagement

specialist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.



Knox News featured an article on **Keith Gray** (PEMBA, '14), new president for the University of Tennessee Medical Center.



Daniel P. Green (HCB, '11), Financial Advisor in UBS Wealth Management USA's Knoxville office, was named to the *Forbes* Top Next-Gen Wealth Advisors Best-in-State list for 2024, ranking #1 in Tennessee on this year's list.

Whitney Hardy (HCB, '10, MaCC, '11) was appointed the director of the Crews Center for Entrepreneurship at the University of Memphis.



Grant Hendrix (MBA-HL, '19) joined Avenues Home Care, Inc. as senior care coordinator for northwest Georgia and southeast Tennessee.

Chlp Hooks (ProMBA, '17) is now controller at

Berthold Technologies USA, LLC.

Stephen Johnson (ProMBA, '18) is now an application engineer with Eaton Data Center.

Jordan King (ProMBA, '17) is now business performance advisor at Vulcan Materials Company.

Pierce LaMacchia (HCB, '12) partnered with the university and Vol Dining to introduce his local coffee businesses to campus. LaMacchia founded K Brew in 2013 to bring Knoxville craft coffee and New-York style bagels. Since opening, K Brew has expanded into three additional locations across the city and two on UT's campus.



Poets & Quants named **Richard Lindeman** (HCB, '14) one of its 2024 Best & Brightest Online MBAs. Lindeman is senior manager in supply chain strategy at PepsiCo Frito-Lay in Dallas, Texas.

Jenifer Marler (ProMBA, '18) is now vice president of category at PetSafe Brands.

Inc. named PRS Global, a major health services staffing company, No. 200 in its 2024 Inc. 5000 list. **Greg Mitchell** (EMBA-SL, '10) is an owner/managing partner and **Spencer Smith** (EMBA-HL, '18) is CEO at the company.



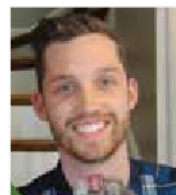
Eric Munoz (PEMBA, '13) joined TidalHealth Cardiovascular Surgery in Salisbury, Maryland.



Yaw Otchere-Boateng (PEMBA, '18), a hospitalist at HHomeCare in Kingsport, Tennessee, was featured in *IsStories*.



Seth A. Rhyne (HCB, '15), who recently joined his father, M.W. Rhyne Jr. O.D., in an optometry practice, East Tennessee Binocular Vision Center, was featured in an article in *Knox TN Today*.



The Hype Magazine reviewed **Colin Rowe's** (HCB, '16) marketing podcast, giving it an A-.

New Yorker **Ricky J. Sayegh** (PEMBA, '15) was featured in an article by *IsStories* magazine.

Daniel (Alex) Smith (HCB, '09, MBA, '11) became chief executive officer of Attention IT, Inc. in Knoxville, and Attention IT Ltd. in the UK.

Derrick Tarver (ProMBA, '17) is now a senior content activation manager with The Coca-Cola Company.



Arlington Sports Hall of Fame inducted **Kate Ziegler** (MBA, '17), a distinguished two-time Olympian and four-time World Champion.

'20s

Madison Armstrong (ProMBA, '23), is now an independent oversight program manager at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Jan-Karl Burkhardt (PEMBA, '24) was appointed the inaugural chairholder of the James and Agnes Kim Associate Professorship in Neurosurgery at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine.

The NCAA's 2024-25 Postgraduate Internship Program cohort recently began their yearlong work experience at the national office in Indianapolis, with two Haslam alums participating. **Brooke Dixon** (HCB, '24), former UT women's track and cross-country student-athlete, earned her bachelor's in marketing, and **Hunter Rose** (HCB, '24) earned his in finance and business analytics.

Mickey Napier (second from right) and the Innventure team.



Mickey Napier (HCB, '24), former Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation ambassador and founder of Napier Athletics, continues to manage her company while working for Innventure. Mike Otworth, the co-founder and chairman of the board of Innventure, was recently the featured speaker at the Anderson Center's lunch and learn on sustainability. The next day, Otworth, Napier, and the rest of the Innventure team rang the bell at the Nasdaq Stock Market to bring Innventure public.

Poets & Quants named

Ludmilla Groenner (MBA,'24), a corporate strategy manager with Eastman Chemical Company, one of its 2024 MBA To Watch.

James Hall (ProMBA, '22) is now corporate logistics manager with Virginia Transformer Corporation.



Financial Advisor **Josh Jackson** (CFP, '24) of Edward Jones received his Certified Financial Planner certification from UT's Haslam College of Business.



HCA Florida Ocala Hospital appointed **Dave MacIntyre** (PEMBA, '24) as the new

chief medical officer at HCA Florida Ocala Hospital and HCA Florida West Marion Hospital.



Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2025, **Hannah McKay** (HCB, '24), joined The Salvation Army's efforts at a feeding location in Newport, Tennessee, where 250 meals were distributed to flood survivors.

April Massingale (ProMBA, '21) is now director of marketing and content strategy at UT Institute of Agriculture.



The *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* named **Jarrett Millsaps** (MBA, '22), who

most recently was CEO of Tennova in Cleveland, Tennessee, one of its Champions of Health Care 2024.

Tylee Newman (HCB, '21) launched Collective35 event space in the Halls area of Knoxville.

Erlin Pukenas (PEMBA, '22) was promoted to associate dean for program development and strategic initiatives at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, New Jersey, where she also serves as vice chair/vice chief and associate professor of anesthesiology.



Brandon Rooney (HCB, '22, MAcc, '23), an audit associate with EY, was among those honored with the American Institute of CPAs' (AICPA) 2023 Elijah Watt Sells Award. The honor is granted to CPA candidates who obtain a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections of the Uniform CPA Examination, pass all four sections on their first attempt, and have completed testing in 2023.



The Trust Company of Tennessee hired **Braeden Salyer** (HCB, '24) as a client specialist, based in the firm's Knoxville office.



PYA promoted **Kathryn Good** (HCB, '10, MAcc, '12) and **Trevor Brown** (HCB, '11, MAcc, '13) to audit and assurance principals and **Nina Eiler** (HCB, '11), general counsel and director of litigation support, to principal. Good, Brown, and Eiler will join the PYA ownership team. Several other employees received promotions as well. These include: **Adam Cole** (HCB, '11, MAcc, '13), Senior Manager – Consulting/Strategic & Transaction Solutions; **Rena Beeler** (HCB, '89), Manager – Tax Services; **Karen Honeycutt** (HCB, '97, MAcc, '99), Manager – Tax Services; **Colleen Merrill** (HCB, '22), Senior – Consulting/Strategic & Transaction Solutions.



Top to bottom: Kathryn Good, Trevor Brown, Nina Eiler, Adam Cole, Rena Beeler, Karen Honeycutt, and Colleen Merrill.