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Tribute to Women
Sara Morales
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Emerging Leaders

SOUMYA AGASTYA, Senior Manager, Sales, Synopsys
Nominated by: Elaine Yang, HRBP Director, Synopsys

She has over 26 years of experience in the Semiconductor/EDA industry in Product Engineering, Software Engineering, Application Engineering, Business Development and Sales. She is a producer and dance director for Naatak, the biggest South Asian American theater company in the US, and a 501c(3) organization. In her free time, she loves to cook. Her instagram handle, Epicurryan, has grown to over 4K followers in a few months.

SARAH MICHELLE BOBEK, PHD, Process Engineering Manager, MTS, Applied Materials
Nominated by: Shankar Venkataraman, Vice President, General Manager, Applied Materials

After receiving a PhD in Materials Science and Engineering, with a focus on single crystalline 2-dimensional materials deposition and integration in photoelectrochemical and optical systems, she joined Applied Materials. As a member of technical staff and process engineering manager at Applied, Sarah manages product development and productivity for hardmask deposition tools used in critical patterning applications worldwide. Work has resulted in 5 patent grants and 44 pending applications. Sarah enjoys volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank and is a mentor to women engineers.

IMMALLA CHEN, Software Developer, IBM
Nominated by: Steven Liddle, Software Development Manager, IBM

Immalla Chen is a Backend Software Developer at IBM. After graduating from Boston College in 2021, she began working for IBM and has been in her role for almost two years. She designs and implements new features and requirements given by her customers and collaborates with her team to ensure the best results. Outside of work, she loves to dance and help with the youth students at her church.
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ALYSSA OFSTEIN, Responsible Innovation Manager, Cisco
Nominated by: Dev Stahlkopf, EVP, Chief Legal Officer, Cisco

Alyssa is an expert on the intersection between technology and corporate responsibility to respect human rights, with a specialty in the rights of vulnerable groups. They started their career at Article One, advising clients including Microsoft, HPE, Meta, Twitter, and many others in the ICT sector on their responsible innovation strategies. At Cisco, Alyssa is on the Business & Human Rights team, where she equips Cisco’s product teams to build with respect for human rights by design.

SUMERA PATAN, Senior Product Engineering Manager, NVIDIA
Nominated by: Debora Shoquist, EVP, Operations, NVIDIA

Sumera Patan is a Senior Product Development Engineering Manager at NVIDIA. Over her 15-year career, Sumera has led her team to bring six new-generation products to market and influenced future silicon design and architectures. Passionate about fostering curiosity and enjoyment in STEM, she has helped develop the math curriculum for gifted students at a local elementary school and volunteers as a tutor for children at the Family Supportive Housing Homeless Shelter.

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Erica Terry Derryck
Vice President, Communications

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REBECCA BARKER, M.D., Geographic Medical Director, Palo Alto Medical Foundation
Nominated by: Kurt VendeVort, M.D., CEO, Palo Alto Medical Group

Dr. Rebecca Barker has been a Primary Care Physician at PAFMG since 2006, serving patients in clinical and hospital settings. Wanting to better serve her patients and colleagues, she became Geographic Medical Director and chaired her group’s Benefits Committee. In 2021, her colleagues selected Rebecca to represent them on the PAFMG Board of Directors; she now serves as the Vice Chair. She leads with these three principles: providing world-class patient care, supporting her colleagues, and driving PAFMG’s healthcare strategy.

MAGDALENA L. BARRERA, Vice Provost for Faculty Success, San José State University
Nominated by: Dr. Vincent Del Casino, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at San José State University

Magdalena is an author, educator, and university leader with 18 years of experience in higher education. She is an expert in diversity, equity, and inclusion, particularly within Hispanic Serving Institutions. Magdalena’s publications and speaking engagements explore the navigational pathways and professional development of first-generation and historically underserved scholars. She is the co-author of The Latina’s Guide to Graduate School, a roadmap for surviving and thriving in advanced degree programs in humanities and social sciences.

MARIE T. BERNARD, Executive Director, Sunnyvale Community Services
Nominated by: Jeremy Nishihara, Board President, Sunnyvale Community Services

Marie Bernard leads Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS), a local nonprofit whose mission is preventing homelessness and hunger in our community. She leads with compassion, bringing 40+ years of leadership experience in nonprofits and high-tech business. Under her stewardship, SCS has expanded financial aid, food assistance, and case management for 10,000+ low-income individuals each year. Their new Sunnyvale facility is a vital hub for safety net services. Marie actively advocates for policies supporting affordable housing, food security, and a living wage.

RENU REKHI BHATIA, Vice President, Business Development and Sales, NVIDIA
Nominated by: Jay Puri, EVP, Worldwide Field Operations, NVIDIA

Renu Bhatia has driven collaboration across NVIDIA functional teams and has executed long-term strategic partnerships across our CSP partners. Previously, at Marvell she accelerated growth and scaled the Data Communications business. She has a proven record of successfully turning new markets and opportunities into businesses with billion-dollar revenue streams. Renu is passionate about the advancement of women in the workplace and has mentored women in STEM for over a decade. She serves on the board of the Children’s Discovery Museum of San José, as well as HealthUnity, non-profit organization. Among other awards, Renu has been recognized as Top 100 Women of Influence by SVBJ.

DR. FIDELIA BUTT (In Memory Of), Physician, Kaiser Permanente
Nominated by: Karla Rodriguez Lomax, Public Affairs Director, Kaiser Permanente

Fidelia was a surgeon at Kaiser Permanente for over 20 years. She was also an Adjunct Clinical Associate Professor at the Stanford School of Medicine and volunteered at the VA Hospital. Locally, Fidelia was a co-founder of the Asian American Cancer Support Network. She ran the free medical clinic for CityTeam’s men’s homeless shelter. And she volunteered with numerous non-profits and at Menlo Church. Globally, Fidelia went on medical missions trips providing pro bono surgical care in numerous countries. Fidelia was a 3-time breast cancer survivor. Sadly, she lost her battle to pancreatic cancer in April 2022.

CECILIA CARRANZA LEWIS, Senior Technical Staff Member, Software Engineer, IBM
Nominated by: Paul Jenss, Director, z/OS Development, IBM

Cecilia is an STM with over 35 years of experience in IBM z Systems. She leads global teams to deliver complex z/OS data management solutions focused on supporting clients’ data growth and data security. She has several patents and is a frequent speaker at user conferences. Cecilia is extremely passionate about D&I, growing technical talent and outreach. She helps lead diversity efforts within IBM, as well as dedicates time focused on strengthening a diverse pipeline and encouraging K-12 youth in STEAM.

LISA CHAMBERLAIN, M.D., M.P.H., Professor of Pediatrics, Stanford Medicine Children's Health
Nominated by: Sherri Sager, Senior Vice President and Chief Government Relations Officer, Stanford Medicine Children’s Health

Lisa Chamberlain is a pediatrician and the Associate Chair of Policy and Community and the Director of the Office of Health Equity at Stanford Department of Pediatrics. As Stanford’s Aline and Pete Harman Faculty Scholar, she studies the evidence base for “Kinder Ready Clinics”, bridging the early childhood education and pediatric sectors. She founded the Stanford Advocacy Track, a nationally replicated program training pediatricians to address child poverty through community/policy engagement, now a national requirement. She lectures frequently at Stanford and has been awarded two of its highest teaching awards.

SOUMI DATTA, VP R&D, Cloud Infrastructure Business Group, VMware
Nominated by: Krish Prasad, Senior Vice President/General Manager, VMware

Soumi Datta is the VP of R&D at VMware leading Central Engineering and Services team for Cloud Infrastructure Business Group having over 20 years of Industry experience. Her passion for quality and reliability is aimed at delivering flawless customer experiences. Soumi is a committed supporter of Thrive-WISE, a non-profit whose mission is to provide support and inspiration for women in STEM. Soumi embodies DEI by having the most diverse set of leaders in her organization. Soumi has a Master's in Mathematics from IIT Kharagpur.
ERICA TERRY DERRYCK, VP of Global Communications, Intuit
Nominated by: Lara Balazs, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, and General Manager of Strategic Partner Group, Intuit

Erica Terry Derryck leads global communications for Intuit’s Small Business and Self Employed Group. Prior to joining Intuit, she led PR, social, editorial and marketing partnership teams at Mozilla, the maker of the Firefox web browser and served as communications director for Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf and former San Francisco District Attorneys Kamala D. Harris and George Gascon. Erica holds a master’s degree in journalism from UC Berkeley and a BA from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT.

MAGALI FASSIOTTO, PHD, Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity, Stanford Medicine
Nominated by: Yvonne Maldonado, Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity, Taube Endowed Professor of Global Health and Infectious Diseases, Stanford Medicine

Magali Fassiotto, PhD, is Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Diversity at Stanford Medicine. She has worked in organizational change and organizational management in the private, government, and educational sectors. In her role, she seeks to advance a diverse, equitable, and inclusive community to promote innovation and equity in health care and education. She leads professional development efforts, strategic initiatives related to the advancement of a diverse and inclusive workplace, and research related to leadership and diversity.

ANN FLEISHELL, Managing Director, Head of Global General Procurement, Applied Materials
Nominated by: Simon Dunning, Chief Digital Officer, Applied Materials

Ann has 20+ years of procurement, supply chain and consulting experience from companies including FreeMarkets/Ariba, Clorox, Twitter, and Tableau. She leads global business operations organizations, including enterprise transformations to scale for rapid growth and achieve high impact and sustainable value. Ann received her B.A. from the College of William & Mary. She is the proud daughter of refugees, mom of 2 girls, and wife of a feminist. She serves on the board of Junior Achievement, steering committee of the Bay Area Procurement Council, and advisory board of Sourcing Interests Group.

ANA GARCIA, Branch Manager, KeyPoint Credit Union
Nominated by: Doron Noyman, Vice President of Sales and Development, KeyPoint Credit Union

Ana is a branch manager at KeyPoint Credit Union with over 15 years of banking experience. She is committed to making a positive impact and improving the lives of her members and employees. One of her biggest passions is being able to give back to the community, doing so by providing financial literacy programs for multiple not-for-profit organizations. She is extremely thankful to have a great support system at KeyPoint, and her success would not be possible without them.

DEVIKA GHAISAS, Director of System Software, NVIDIA
Nominated by: Dwight Diercks, SVP, Software Engineering, NVIDIA

In her 22 years of experience she has lead diverse software teams from Professional Visualization to Infrastructure for various product lines. As an advocate for uplifting women from developing countries, Devika is a founding member of NVIDIA’s Women in Technology group in India. For a dozen years, she has mentored people at all levels within the company – as well as students and engineers in the Bay Area community and beyond.

LEANNE GIBLIN, Chief Administrative Officer, KeyPoint Credit Union
Nominated by: Doron Noyman, Vice President of Sales and Development, KeyPoint Credit Union

LeeAnne Giblin serves as the Chief Administrative Officer at KeyPoint Credit Union in San José, CA. KeyPoint is 1.6+B in assets and serves both the community as well as many high-tech companies. LeeAnne has over 25 years’ experience in the industry with a special focus on organizational development, business development and marketing. LeeAnne cares deeply about seeing employees thrive and grow to meet their potential and live out the corporate mission daily. LeeAnne is married with two grown daughters.

SABRINA RAZA GOMEZ, Director of Product Marketing, Intel
Nominated by: Rina Raman, VP and GM DCAI, Intel

Sabrina Raza Gomez is Director of Marketing for Intel’s Programmable Solutions Group where she leads FPGA-based solution product line management, marketing and ecosystem for cloud, networking and edge markets. She has over 25 years of experience in FPGAs including applications engineering, technical communications and marketing. As an advocate for diversity and positive work culture, she was part of founding group for Women@Altera and later led the Team First culture group at Intel PSG.

MARY HUSS, President, Silicon Valley Business Journal
Nominated by: Monique Fayjor, Account Executive, Silicon Valley Business Journal

Mary Huss became publisher of San Francisco Business Times in 1992, and in 2018 she became market president and publisher of Silicon Valley Business Journal and San Francisco Business Times. She has a Bachelor of Journalism degree from University of Missouri-Columbia and began her career with business journals on the startup team that launched the St. Louis Business Journal and other business journals. Mary serves on the board of Silicon Valley Leadership Group. She is Vice Chair of the San Francisco State University Foundation Board and a past Board Chair of the Bay Area Council.

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MEGHAN LE, Sr. Director of Product & Solutions Marketing, Synopsys
Nominated by: Michael Sanie, SVP Enterprise Marketing and Communications, Synopsys

Meghan is responsible for driving product and solutions marketing at Synopsys. Over her 20+ years at Synopsys, she has shown her leadership, strategic thinking, and result-focused drive in several roles across the marketing spectrum. Meghan has built a strong legacy in (and beyond) her team, developing leaders who are mentors to others at Synopsys and around the industry. Over the last decade, Meghan has personally leaned in mentoring, coaching and advising ‘new in career’ demographics and emerging leaders, often overseeing their success not only in their careers but also in life itself.

ZHENG LIU, Partner, Rimon PC
Nominated by: Juan Zuniga, Managing Partner, Rimon PC

Zheng is an immigrant believing in the American dream. She obtained a J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law and litigated IP and technology cases in Silicon Valley for 20 years. She is also a rainmaker and a mentor to law students and young lawyers. She believes in winning cases for Asian companies in US courts, which is the best way to show people outside the U.S. the fairness of the U.S. legal system and open-mindedness of its people.

MIKA REINER MAYER, Partner, Cooley LLP
Nominated by: Lauren Creel, Partner, Cooley LLP

Mika Reiner Mayer is one of the most sought-after lawyers in patent prosecution and strategic portfolio management for life sciences companies. Widely known for her strategic insights and deep understanding of business, she is the go-to diligence counsel in Silicon Valley for life science companies and their investors. Mika also has a very active patent prosecution and counseling practice. Mika is a founding member of Chief, a network focused on connecting and supporting women executive leaders.

SARA MORALES, Vice President, People & Communities for Global Sales, Marketing, and Country, and Community Partner, Cisco
Nominated by: Francine Katsooudas, EVP, Chief People, Policy & Purpose Officer, Cisco

Sara Morales leads the people strategy for Cisco’s 20,000+ employee Global Sales and Marketing organization. She is responsible for providing best-in-class in-country consultation, accelerating business transformation, and driving people-centric approaches that set the standard for inclusive hybrid work worldwide. Outside of Cisco, Sara is an active community volunteer and voting rights proponent. She lives in Pleasanton, CA with her husband Armando, son Christian, and daughter Alyssa, where they can often be found adventuring throughout the Bay Area and beyond.

SHANEE Y. W. NELSON, Vice President of Legal and Head of Litigation & IP, Synopsys
Nominated by: David Purasley, SVP Legal, Synopsys

Shanée Y. W. Nelson is Vice President of Legal and Head of Litigation & IP at Synopsys in Mountain View, California. She manages a variety of litigation and other disputes around the globe for Synopsys. Shanée joined Synopsys in 2011 following 10 years representing tech companies as outside counsel in patent, trade secret, copyright, trademark and complex commercial litigation. Shanée earned her J.D. in 2002 from King Hall School of Law at the University of California at Davis and her A.B. in Political Science from Stanford University in 1999.

KRISTIE ORNELAS, Vice President of Communications & Enablement, Cisco
Nominated by: Maria Martinez, EVP, Chief Operating Officer, Cisco

Kristie Ornelas drives a robust set of employee engagement efforts across the COO organization. Kristie joined Cisco in 2018 and, since then, has led her team to build a brand that brings the organization’s mission to life through connected communication, culture, and development initiatives. Across the past 25 years, Kristie has led marketing, communications, and strategy functions at some of Silicon Valley’s most prominent tech companies, including Cisco, Salesforce, and Juniper. Known for her desire to create democratized and meaningful experiences for employees, she is a gifted storyteller, a true servant leader, and a passionate advocate of others.

SUZANNE E. PERTSCH M.D., Medical Director of Physician and APC Wellness, Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group
Nominated by: Kurt VendeWort, MD, CEO, Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group

Suzanne E. Pertsch M.D. is an Internist and Palliative Care physician practicing in the Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group. Over the past 12 years she has held many leadership roles within Sutter Health and Palo Alto Foundation Medical Group. In her role as Medical Director of Physician and APC Wellness for PAFMG Dr. Pertsch has had significant impact on the strategic priorities and culture of the group. Her priorities remain human centered leadership to support the care of each other and our patients.

DIVYA RAMAKRISHNAN, Hardware Engineering Director, NVIDIA
Nominated by: Brian Kelleher, VP, GPU Engineering, NVIDIA

Divya Ramakrishnan is a Hardware Engineering Director at NVIDIA, where she helps transform chips into cutting-edge systems and products. She’s spent her 14-year career managing the performance, power, and quality optimizations of products across the NVIDIA business groups from concept to production. Divya strives to use her technical skills for good, including by mentoring others, guiding school-safety and student-achievement planning through the Alta Vista School Site Council, and supporting Isha Vidhya, an organization that provides underprivileged children in India with education.
GINHEE RANCOURT, Founder & CEO, Young Art
Nominated by: Lauren Rice, Vice President, Young Art

Ginhee never imagined she would become a founder or CEO. When life took an unexpected turn and she found herself raising seven younger siblings solo, Young Art was created. What started as a simple effort to care for her brothers and sisters evolved into a global mission reaching millions of children around the world. Along with a powerful team, she is on a quest to spearhead impactful creative learning for children globally, equipping them with the skills to become fearless problem-solvers and compassionate leaders. Ginhee has dedicated the decades ahead in service to the children of the world, educating and preparing young changemakers who will lead the future forward.

ELENA ROGERS, Business Development Manager, KeyPoint Credit Union
Nominated by: Doron Noyman, Vice President of Sales and Development, KeyPoint Credit Union

With 25 years of service at KeyPoint Credit Union, Elena has established herself as a leader and an invaluable asset to the company. Her unique gift for connecting with people and creating long-lasting relationships is truly remarkable. Elena manages the credit union’s partnerships with some of the Silicon Valley’s largest companies. Her passion and dedication to community involvement and financial literacy are also commendable. Elena’s efforts have been critical to KeyPoint Credit Union’s mission to empower its members and improve financial literacy within the community.

ANGELA SEASON, Branch Manager, KeyPoint Credit Union
Nominated by: Doron Noyman, Vice President of Sales and Development, KeyPoint Credit Union

With over 20 years of banking experience, Angela is an invaluable asset to the organization and is renowned for her infectious energy, genuine love of people, leadership, and sales skills. Angela has a long track record of immersing herself in the community she serves. She has forged partnerships with numerous community groups such as The Dublin Arts Collective, Dublin High School, Frederiksen Elementary School, and the Dublin Senior Foundation. She is an active member of the community and is always looking for ways to give back and make a difference. Angela currently serves as an Ambassador for the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, representing the credit union and actively participating in community events and initiatives.

JIGNA SHAH, SVP of Commerce & Lifecycle Operations, Cisco
Nominated by: Maria Martinez, EVP, Chief Operating Officer, Cisco

Jigna Shah, SVP of Commerce & Lifecycle Operations at Cisco, is responsible for running and transforming the way partners, sellers and customers conduct Cisco’s ~$51B business at scale. With extensive senior IT and operations leadership experience, she reduces operational complexities and integrates transformative operations to grow Cisco’s recurring revenue. A problem-solver at heart, Jigna is passionate about innovation, process simplification, and leveraging technology to solve business challenges. She has a bachelor’s degree in Computer Engineering and an MBA in Finance.

LUANNE M SMEDLEY, MHA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC, Executive Director & Associate Chief Nursing Officer, Stanford Medicine Children’s Health
Nominated by: Rick Idemoto, EVP, Chief Strategy Officer, Stanford Medicine Children’s Health

Luanne Smedley is a result-driven executive nurse leader with a long, successful career in managing operations and developing people in academic medical centers. She is a licensed registered nurse by background, currently holding the position of Executive Director & Associate Chief Nursing Officer in the Johnson Center for Pregnancy and Newborn Services @ Stanford Medicine Children’s Health. Luanne holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing as well as a Master’s Degree in healthcare administration.

LISA TAGUCHI, Chief Executive Officer, U-Key Career Solutions
Nominated by: Priyal Shethna, Co-Founder, U-Key Career Solutions

Lisa Taguchi is the Chief Executive Officer of U-Key Career Solutions, a company that provides coaching, staffing, and recruiting services nationwide. Previously, Lisa was the Chief Operating Officer at Power Personnel and the Operations Manager to the Chief Medical Officer at Stanford Health Care. Lisa also served as a Board member for the Women of Health Care Executives from 2016 until 2020. Recently, she was elected to be a Global Advisor for How Women Lead, an organization that brings like-minded women leaders together from all over the world. Lisa is a huge advocate for empowering women and men to help achieve and find their passion in what drives them to enjoy their career.
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Ann Fleishell
Managing Director, Head of Global General Procurement
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley Emerging Leader

Sarah Bobek
Manager, Process Engineer, Semiconductor Products Group

At Applied Materials, our innovations Make Possible a Better Future - a future that includes a strong local community.

LESLE E. THOMPSON, Head of Silicon & Enablement, Semiconductor Technology & Services, IBM Research
Nominated by: Bulent Kurdi, Sr. Manager, IBM

Leslie has been a Research Scientist for almost 20 years, using electron microscopy, surface analysis, and other materials techniques. She’s studied memory, advanced logic technology, superconducting qubits for quantum computing, and more. Her previous roles include Technical Assistant to Mukesh Khare, GM of IBM Semiconductors, and Manager-Materials Characterization at IBM Research-Almaden. She’s currently leading the offerings and delivery of a wide portfolio of technology & consulting for IBM Semiconductors. Leslie holds 4 U.S. patents and over 30 publications.

AVINA VERMA, Group Director, R&D, Synopsys
Nominated by: Aveek Sarkar, VP, Engineering, EDAG, Synopsys

Avina Verma is an experienced leader in Electronic Design Automation with over 20 years of expertise in the industry. She is an advocate for innovation and modern technology and leads development of next-generation custom and analog solutions with a focus on productivity, performance, and improved methodologies. Avina is passionate about education and serves on a nonprofit board dedicated to providing STEM education opportunities to underserved communities. She is an ardent supporter of women in STEM and is committed to driving diversity and inclusion initiatives in her local community through mentoring and sponsorship.

MARI WELLS COYLE, Executive Winemaker, One Hope Wine
Nominated by: Kristen Shroyer, Founder, One Hope Wine

With an unparalleled passion for chemistry, biochemistry, and nature, Mari was eventually guided to the one thing that encompassed all of these disciplines: winemaking. When she graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a degree in Viticulture and Enology, her wine pilgrimage began. Today, Mari has found her home as the Executive Winemaker of ONEHOPE, a Napa Valley world-class winery where every bottle gives back. Mari lives in Santa Rosa with her husband and two sons.
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**DR. ANNE Y. WOO**, Engineering Director, Lockheed Martin Space
*Rominated by: Sonia Phares, Program Management VP, Lockheed Martin Space*

Anne Y. Woo is the Missile Engineering Director of the Defend, Deter, and Defeat Product Portfolios at Lockheed Martin Space overseeing programs such as Next Gen Interceptor program, Fleet Ballistic Missile and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense. She has worked in all parts of the product lifecycle including proposals, development, validation and test, and production. Her degrees include a BS, MS, and PhD from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Electrical Engineering.

**WENDY XING**, Senior Director of Global Commodity and Contract Manufacturer Management, NVIDIA
*Rominated by: Debora Shoquist, EVP Operations, NVIDIA*

Wendy Xing is Senior Director of Global Commodity and Contract Manufacturer Management at NVIDIA. With 20 years of experience in her field, she leads global strategic-sourcing teams supporting all of the company’s product segments. Wendy is also a mentor and “Learning Champion” at NVIDIA who has bolstered the growth of many new managers across teams.

**DR. CHARLENE M. BLAKE, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology, Department of Anesthesia and Perioperative Care, University of California San Francisco

Following a degree in Chemistry from Fisk University, Dr. Charlene Blake entered the Medical Scientist Training Program at Duke University School of Medicine, additionally earning a PhD in Genetics and Genomics. She then completed internship, residency and fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis before joining the UCSF faculty in 2015 as a John A. Watson Scholar. Dr. Blake focuses her energy on holistically delivering the highest quality clinical care, educating learners of all levels, and championing diversity, equity and inclusion.

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