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BEACHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

2017 INDUCTEES



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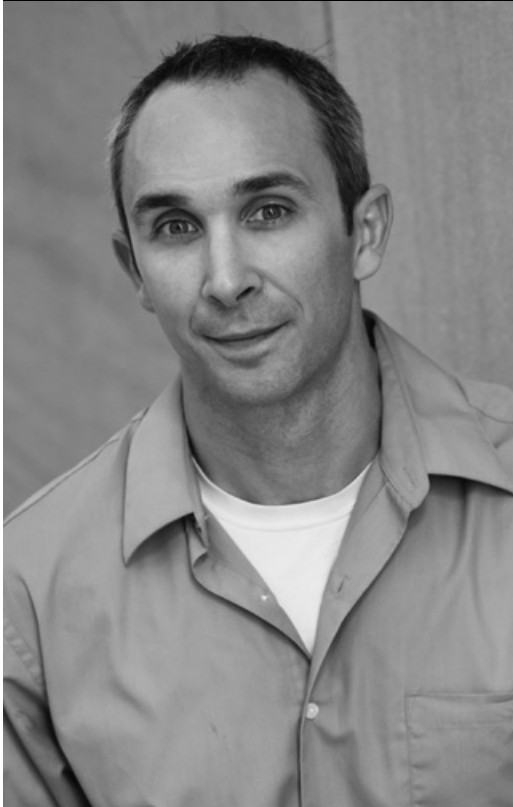


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JEFF IS A PROFESSIONALLY ACCREDITED COACH

who works with leaders and teams to act on what they can affect. Complementary to coaching, he designs and facilitates team meetings, leadership enhancement workshops and retreats. His background in special operations and management consulting brings an unparalleled perspective into optimal performance at the individual, team, and organizational leadership levels.

As a Navy SEAL at the highest level, Jeff has been recognized with top military awards, including four bronze stars with valor, two purple hearts, two presidential unit citations, and six combat action ribbons, among others. As a management consultant, Jeff worked directly with leaders to align their businesses to work toward one common purpose under a shared definition of success.

A weekly contributor to both Forbes and Entrepreneur who has been featured by Inc., BBC, Raytheon, Task and Purpose, The Examiner, Talent Culture, The Morning Standard, Business Insider, ExecutiveCoaches.com and CEO.com, Jeff is a founding team member of the SEAL Future Fund (non-profit), holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from The Ohio State University, a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Norwich University, and a certificate in Leadership Coaching for Organizational Performance from George Mason University.

Jeff is co-founder of The Adaptability Metric, a proprietary tool that measures individual disposition toward change, as well as a business advisor to a Miami based tech company, PropelU. He is certified in administering, interpreting, and implementing the Hogan Business Reasoning Inventory (HBRI) as well as the Emotional Quotient Inventory (EQ-I). Finally, Jeff both educates and entertains by way of speaking engagements through the prestigious Harry Walker Agency speaker's bureau, where previous speeches entailed "Navigating Organizational Chaos," "Driving Change," "The Adaptive Mindset," and "Adapting To Chaos."

A busy man, Jeff is a recent author of the books *Navigating Chaos: How To Find Certainty In Uncertain Situations* and *Managing The Mental Game: How To Think More Effectively, Navigate Uncertainty, And Build Mental Fortitude*.

**ROGER C.
HOLSTEIN**
Class of 1970



ROGER HAS MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

developing transformative new businesses in healthcare, digital media and telecommunications. Currently, he is a Managing Director at Vestar Capital Partners, a 30-year-old private equity firm. There, he leads investments in healthcare information companies and serves on the board of several, including Healthgrades, Staywell Corporation and Mobile Technologies, Inc.

Prior to Vestar Capital Partners, Roger served as the CEO, President and Director of the WebMD Corporation and helped establish it as a leading source of healthcare information for consumers and physicians. Prior to WebMD, he was the President of Medco, now Express Scripts, where he helped create the business of prescription benefit management.

Much of his life's focus came to be following the death of his younger sister, Barbie, a Beachwood High School graduate, who died in 1979 from primary pulmonary hypertension. Barbie was misdiagnosed with epilepsy for 12 years of her life. To this day, in her honor, Beachwood High School provides an award in her name to graduating students who have overcome challenges. Since Barbie died, Roger has been actively involved in promoting consumer access to objective, credible and transparent health information. His major contributions are WebMD, which is the primary source of health information for both consumers and doctors in the U.S. today, with more than 200 million monthly visitors to its websites. His second major contribution is Healthgrades, which is fast becoming the way consumers can find a physician on the Internet, evaluating everything from the physician's experience with specific disease and conditions, patient satisfaction scores, as well as hospital outcomes on more than 31 different diseases and procedures. Today, Healthgrades is visited by more than 30 million Americans every month.

Roger is a contributor to numerous charities, notably Women's Health Project (founded by Beachwood graduate Terry Fromson), Swarthmore College, Doctors without Borders, ThancFoundation, Alyn Hospital, Long Island Holocaust Center, Larchmont Temple and the Jewish National Fund.

**JOAN B.
HORNIG**
Class of 1973



JOAN BEGAN HER CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER for Harvard University and Columbia Business School before spending 19 years on Wall Street. In 2003, Joan again changed course, combining her love of jewelry and design, business skills and experience with non-profit organizations and created a philanthropically-driven company, Joan Hornig Philanthropy Is Beautiful® Jewelry.

Joan has been honored by non-profits, educational institutions and the media for both her designs and social enterprise business model. She allows customers to designate any charity of their choice to receive 100% of her profit on each piece sold. Joan's designs have been shown by The National Jewelry Institute in New York and Paris. In 2012, the New York Stock Exchange invited Joan to ring the closing bell. In 2014, Joan was honored by the Fashion Institute of Technology and received the NECO Ellis Island Medal of Honor. She was also honored in 2015 by United Cerebral Palsy of New York City. In 2016, Joan received awards from the Museum of Art and Design and the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Pioneer Award at the United Nations.

All selected by customers, Joan's donations have exceeded \$1 million and are spread among more than 900 nonprofits worldwide. She has designed limited edition pieces for UNICEF, HELP USA, ASPCA, the Girl Scouts of America and other nonprofits. Her jewelry designs are worn by stars, business leaders and government officials, including First Ladies Laura Bush and Michele Obama and Former Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton. Joan's work continues to be a favorite gift from the U.S. State Department to visiting dignitaries.

Joan serves on the Boards of the Fashion Institute of Technology and the Museum of Art and Design and holds a B.A. magna cum laude in Fine Arts from Harvard College and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Joan and her husband George live in New York City. They have two daughters, Julia and Jessica, and two dogs, Hazel and Luna.

STEPHANIE
Klempner
Class of 1994



STEPHANIE KLEMPNER IS THE VICE PRESIDENT of a literacy curriculum company and children's book distributor, where her responsibilities include the strategic direction and management of all sales and business development initiatives as well as overseeing the sales team. She is passionate about empowering youth to be readers and writers, while also empowering them to change the world.

She is the co-founder of The Pollination Project and since its inception in 2013, she has been a board member and grant advisor, specializing in reviewing applications focused on education projects. The Pollination Project makes daily \$1000 seed grants to inspiring individuals who are committed to a more socially just, environmentally sustainable and compassionate world to all beings.

As her nominator, Sharon Elinsky Robertson, BHS Class of 1974, had to say, "Stephanie represents the best that Beachwood has to offer. She should serve as an inspiration to current students that a person can be successful in business while leading an active life and, perhaps most importantly, changing the world, one project at a time!"

Stephanie has always had a great love for animals, participating as a foster parent for stray dogs and volunteering with programs aimed to help the welfare of pets. After connecting her love for animals with her food choices, and also being at the World Trade Center on 9/11, she began to open her heart to both suffering and compassion in the world and connecting the choices we make in life to a more blissful life. She realized the power that one person truly has to impact the world, and thus teamed up with her brother-in-law to create The Pollination Project.

Stephanie lives in NYC with her partner Josh and their son Odin. She enjoys spending time with her family in the city she loves, practicing yoga and meditation (and indulging in poker from time to time), as well as traveling the country to be with her extended family and friends.

**EDWARD
LEVENTHAL**
Class of 1964



ED'S YEARS AS A BISON QUARTERBACK of the football team, a member of the track and basketball teams and as President of the senior class was a predecessor of the leader he would become in his community.

After graduating from The Ohio State University, he returned to Cleveland where he taught for two years in the Cleveland City Schools. He continued teaching when he moved to Springfield, Ohio with his wife Laurie, BHS Class of 1964. In Springfield, he would eventually join the family business, which at the time was Vining Broom.

After the company was sold in 1993, Ed spent two years as a consultant for the Weisman Group, a human resource consulting firm. He then became the president of the Small Business Development Center of Springfield. During his time there, he helped entrepreneurs realize their dreams of owning their own business, while promoting economic development in Springfield.

The pull of manufacturing remained strong and an opportunity to become President of Valco Industries, a metal fabricating business, became available in 1999. Eddie eventually bought Valco, which he still owns today, along with two other businesses, A & E Powder Coating and LevCoat Powder Coating. All three businesses have grown exponentially over the years.

Although his professional career has revolved around business and manufacturing, Eddie has never stopped supporting young people, education and the economically disadvantaged. One of his greatest achievements is his continuous and ongoing work to improve the educational opportunities for all children in Springfield. Ed continues to find the time to serve on several boards in Springfield, including the City School Board, The Springfield Career Technology Center, and The Global Impact Stem Academy. He was a founding member of Springfield Big Brothers/Big Sisters and for more than 20 years served as a Junior Achievement board member and volunteer. He also was a board member of The Springfield Foundation and Past President of The Springfield Rotary Club.

**ALAN
ROSSKAMM**
Class of 1968



ALAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN, as his nominator Jeff Stein pointed out, "destined to do something special. He was someone you just wanted to hang out with." In high school, Alan was an outstanding student and student leader. He was class president for all four years.

Following high school, Alan attended Swarthmore College, then University of Chicago Law School, and later the EMBA Program at the Weatherhead School at CWRU. He practiced law for several years at Thompson Hine before joining Jo-Ann Stores in 1978, where he rose to become CEO, serving in that capacity from 1985 until 2006. During that time, Alan led Jo-Ann to become one of the largest fabric and craft chains in the U.S., operating more than 800 stores.

After Jo-Ann, Alan embarked on a second career. Following his passion for education, he was named as the founding CEO of Breakthrough Charter Schools, a non-profit charter management organization created to support the operation and expansion of several of the leading free public charter schools in Cleveland. Over the past six years, the network has grown from four to 12 schools serving over 3,600 students, with plans to grow to 5,000 students by 2020. Under Alan's leadership, Breakthrough is making a difference by locating the City's highest performing network of K-8 public schools in underserved Cleveland neighborhoods that might not otherwise have quality school options for their children. All Breakthrough Schools are either sponsored by or officially partnering with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District.

Alan has spent his lifetime giving back to the Greater Cleveland community. He is a lifetime trustee of the Northeast Ohio Diversity Center and was honored with their Humanitarian Award in 2004, served as President of the Board of Hawken School from 2006-2010 and continues to sit on their Board of Directors, was the founding Chair of the CWRU Corporate Visiting Committee, and has chaired various campaign divisions and committees for the Jewish Federation of Cleveland.

**STEVE
SICHERMAN**
Class of 1983



AN ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY VETERAN OF 25 YEARS, Steve Sicherman has developed, produced or served as studio executive overseeing multiple award-winning television projects for all the major networks.

After moving to Los Angeles as a freelance writer in the early 90's, Steve shifted career tracks, working for a producer at Columbia-TriStar Television. While there, Steve helped launch a number of television careers and projects, most notably the WB's defining series, "Dawson's Creek."

Steve was then hired by MTV Productions as Director of Series Development, charged with finding and developing new projects for MTV and outside networks under the MTV banner. Steve developed with music industry notables from Eminem to Busta Rhymes to Carmen Electra, while also producing two long running reality series – "WWE Tough Enough," the first series to go inside Vince McMahon's world wrestling empire and ABC's "Making the Band," the series that created and launched multiplatinum recording artists O-Town.

In 2001, Steve joined 20th Century Fox Television as Director of Comedy. In 15+ years at Fox, he's added stints in Drama Development and Current Programming, rising from Director to Vice President and presently, Senior Vice President. Series under his care have included some of the most critically acclaimed, profitable and popular of the American TV landscape, including This is Us (NBC), Speechless (ABC), The Mick (Fox), How I Met Your Mother (CBS), Arrested Development (Fox/Netflix), Glee (Fox), American Horror Story (FX), New Girl (Fox), Last Man Standing (ABC), Life in Pieces (CBS), Carmichael Show (NBC), Raising Hope (Fox), Reba (WB/CW), among many others.

Additionally, his responsibilities have extended to Fox's International division, consulting on programming throughout South America, Europe, and Asia.

All in, Steve has 1700+ episodes of television under his belt, with a remarkable 15 series achieving 4+ seasons.

And finally, Steve has also become a trusted mentor and panelist for the studio's diversity initiative, increasing education and opportunities for underrepresented voices.

**RON
SIMMONS**
Class of 1976



AS AN ACCOMPLISHED U.S. ARMY soldier/athlete and U.S. Team athlete in the Biathlon and road cycling, Ron went on to pursue careers as a product designer, interior designer and ultimately as an architect -- his lifelong passion which had been discouraged in his youth due to his struggles with Dyslexia.

Once retiring from athletics, Ron first returned to school and became an accomplished designer, whose award-winning work spanned many fields, established new professional standards, and touched millions of lives, mostly in the music retail and healthcare design industries. Amongst his work, Ron designed and developed the flagship prototype for Camelot Music, setting them ahead of all other music retailers who soon followed the examples he created. Not long after, Ron created what was known as the Customer Listening Center for Warehouse Entertainment, which again changed the entire music merchandising industry. His design contributions in Healthcare also left their mark. When most healthcare environments still seemed sterile and intimidating, Ron created projects that evolved trends toward much more meaningful and healthy experiences that provided better outcomes.

Beginning while still a varsity athlete at The Ohio State University, Ron has continually demonstrated a commitment of paying forward through multiple public service efforts. Some of these efforts include mentoring at-risk youths and emerging athletes, designing healthcare centers for the underprivileged and helping establish economic rebuilding strategies for the City of Long Beach, California, an effort for which Ron was inducted into Leadership Long Beach.

In pursuit of his biggest dream of becoming an architect, Ron demonstrated his high level of commitment and courage by returning to college at age 55, this while being a single parent of three young boys and overcoming many obstacles as a fulltime graduate student for nearly four years.

Ron exemplifies the spirit for lifelong learning, dedication, excellence, commitment, creativity and contribution, regardless of the different challenges or struggles we all face.